Dear Parents and Caregivers

In my 27 years of priesthood countless people have come to the front door of the presbytery looking for money. Normally they say they want some money to buy some food. It is a fatal mistake because, if it is food they want, I tell them, then I am happy for them to sit down while I make them a sandwich. The sudden change of expression on their face reveals either they were not expecting my offer of a sandwich or they have heard that I am a pretty bad sandwich maker.

Whatever the case, when I return with their sandwich, neatly packaged in a brown paper bag, without fail I receive one of three different responses. Some open the bag and eat the sandwich immediately. Others take the sandwich gratefully, and, hopefully, eat it later. Sadly, some open the bag, look at the sandwich, complain bitterly about its plainness, and toss it away.

Subconsciously I wonder if we don’t also have the same response to God’s gifts as my front door visitors have to the sandwich in the brown paper bag!

Do I appreciate or even make the time to appreciate the blessings of my life now? Presented with the opportunity today and this week to live and love and make a difference, do I grab hold of and devour the chance that this moment brings? And the most profound and significant life changing opportunities can so often be found in the simple, messy and mundane aspects of our lives.

I have found, if you are like me, more likely you make the mistake of putting off doing what you know you should do. A bit like the person who takes the sandwich away for later, the mistake is thinking you have all the time in the world to grow and change and make things right. All too often the chance is forgotten and ends up being thrown out.

Or I wonder if sometimes we are like those who look inside the paper bag and just see a plain sandwich and discard it. The plainness and ordinariness of what we see disguises its true worth and beauty. We write off the gift because of its simplicity and because it is given free.

Instead we waste our time and energy looking for the glamorous, the spectacular the extraordinary.

We are about to begin our Sacramental Programme to prepare our young men and women to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The challenge for us as a parish, as a school and as families will be to convey that a life of true joy and meaning is driven not by “perishable” material things and fleeting experiences but by the “nonperishable” values of God. Sometimes what we are looking for can be found even in a simple paper bag!

Wishing you and yours every blessing,

Fr Peter Brannelly
Parish Priest

Any child baptised Catholic, in Year 4 or older, and who has received their First Reconciliation is invited to be part of the Sacramental Programme.

All parents wishing to enrol their children in the Sacramental Programme for Confirmation and First Holy Communion are invited to the information and enrollment night at Sacred Heart church, Rosalie, 7pm this Monday night (August 3rd). The meeting goes for no more than one hour and it gives us a chance to deal with the practical details, answer questions and provide some preparation. If you cannot make the Monday night meeting then the second option to enrol your child is on Saturday, August 8th at 3pm for a preparation session at the Atrium of the Good Shepherd, located at the Parish Office, 333 Given Terrace, Rosalie.

During the 5 weeks of the Sacramental Programme, during our Sunday Masses we will be running a special “children’s liturgy” for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion. It is a simple recap on what they have learned the previous week – if we have a couple of volunteers at Sunday Mass this important part of your child’s preparation can take place. Please contact Jenny Donnelly at jend@donnellys.net.au to volunteer.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week has been one of great celebration as we acknowledge and focus on what it means to be Catholic. Catholic Education Week is an annual celebration that celebrates and promotes our Vision and Mission. At St Joseph’s we are a Christ centred community and that certainly has been highlighted this week with the numerous Social Action & Justice initiatives and in our engagement in Prayer and Worship. Many thanks to Mrs Luscombe for her organisation and promotion of this important week of celebration as together we Engage Minds, Ignite Hearts and Serve Others. Read more news in the APRE section.

This week, our “Walk Throughs” of classrooms have been enlightening. Students are reflecting on the dispositions of a good learner and the language of learning. Our continued whole school focus is around the 3 key questions mentioned in last week’s newsletter.

1. What are you learning? (Learning Intention)
2. How are you going? (Success Criteria and Effective Feedback)
3. How do you know? (Success Criteria and Effective Feedback)

At our staff meeting this week, Miss Lorenzo presented how as a teacher she is reflective of her own impact on learning and how she maximizes learning for each student. Her modelling of creating Learning Intentions and Success Criteria, both teacher led and student negotiated, was informative. This week our teachers will be focusing on developing a common language and understanding of learning within the context of Reading Comprehension.

This week, Peter Miles, an external Behaviour Specialist visited our school. In the near future, our staff will engage in a twilight professional learning session focusing on positive behaviours for learning.

Thank you to our parent community for their engagement with both our Parent Portal and our Strategic Resourcing Survey. In the near future, we will be emailing out a link to an important survey that will seek feedback on our annual school goals and the 2015 Master Plan. This reflection of the past six months will help support our External Review.

NAPLAN Reports will be sent home via your child in an A4 envelope tomorrow. Please advise the school office if you don’t receive this report.

Today as a school community we said thank you and farewell to Jan for her incredible contribution to St Joseph’s. At Jan’s humble request we kept this simple with our staff community. Cate Clifford, our P&F president presented Jan with a gift from our parent community and Fr Peter presented Jan with a gift from our Parish family. Jan’s legacy of 29 years will be remembered as her generosity, commitment and support of staff, families and students alike has been outstanding. Jan will enjoy a well-deserved overseas trip and family time.

Next week, our Year 5 students along with Miss Lorenzo and Mr Deegan will be going to Camp at Mapleton on the Sunshine Coast. Both Mrs Luscombe and I will be visiting the students on this camp.

Yours in education
Fran

**Updating Family Details**
Please ensure the school office has your up to date family details. Any changes can be made via our Parent Portal.

**TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES**
Fee statement for Term 3 have been posted to families. Please note the cost of the musical t-shirt and contribution towards props for the musical, is included in this invoice. Payment would be appreciated by 21 August, 2015. Thank you.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Brisbane Catholic Education has received the annual request from the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC), on behalf of the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to provide selected student and parent information. Refer to the attached ACARA Privacy Notice which outlines the purpose and intended uses of the data collected.

This information is requested for all students with a current enrolment at each school and includes:

- the student’s
  - school
  - student identifier
  - year level
  - date of birth
  - gender
  - indigenous status
  - country of birth
  - language background
  - Australian Citizenship status
  - Permanent Residency status (if not Australian Citizen)
  - Visa Subclass Number (if not Australian Citizen)
  - Arrival Date in Australia (if not Australian Citizen)

- the parent’s
  - language background
  - occupation group
  - school education
  - non-school education

Please note that student names have not been requested.

ACARA has requested this information under the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008.

Brisbane Catholic Education will be supplying the information on behalf of all BCE schools. It will be sourced from an automatic data collection that will be taken on the night of the Commonwealth Census (Friday 7th August 2015).

- If parents / legal guardians make a request to withhold their child’s information, please advise the school by Wednesday, August 5th, 2015.

Many thanks for attending to this annual request which is used by ACARA in support of statistical analyses used on the MySchool website and for funding purposes.
Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, school, year level, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage, Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency Status with Visa sub-class number and arrival date in Australia, parental occupation, parental education and main language of parents.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do **not** want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.
From the APRE

HAPPY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK!
This week we are celebrating Catholic Education Week. The theme we have been exploring is: Engaging Minds. Igniting Hearts. Serving Others.

On Mindful Monday our Year Six leaders launched Catholic Education Week with assembly prayer asking God to open our minds, open our hearts and open our hands. During the day, classes participated in a mindfulness or meditation prayer experience.

Together Tuesday saw the entire St Joseph’s student and staff community gather for a whole school lunch picnic on the school oval. It was fun to sit with friends from other year levels including our brothers and sisters. The highlight for Prep was playing with their Year Five and Six buddies who had organised games and music in the hall.

The Spirit was alive on Washing Wednesday when students learnt about the work done by Orange Sky Laundry and then responded to their call to action by bringing in socks to donate to the homeless. With a simple prayer offering, thinking about the person who will one day walk in the socks donated, the socks were pegged onto the washing line (tennis court fence) in a colourful show of solidarity and support. In the coming weeks, a representative from Orange Sky Laundry will come to St Joseph’s and we will proudly handover our donation of over 500 pairs of socks. Today, Thoughtful Thursday, classes have negotiated and started to take part in an Act of Kindness showing thoughtfulness for someone else.

Tomorrow, for Franciscan Friday, students will come to school dressed as a Farmer for a gold coin donation. They will learn about St Francis and Pope Francis and their messages of being stewards of creation and, in particular, our responsibility to attend to the plight of our drought-stricken farmers and their families. A cheque will be presented by our Year Six leader, Ellen, to the School of the Air as part of EKKA celebrations later in August.

It has been a FANTASTIC week of celebration at St Joseph’s. Catholic Education Week is a terrific opportunity to annually reflect upon and celebrate our unique Catholic identity. It’s truly wonderful to be part of this Christ-centred learning community of St Joseph’s Bardon, but even more wonderful to know we are part of the wider system of schools that is Brisbane Catholic Education with a vision to “Teach – Challenge – Transform” all students across the Archdiocese.

St Mary Mackillop Feast Day
Saturday 8 August is the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the first Australian Saint and Patron of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. To mark this most important Feast Day, our whole school community will gather for Eucharist on Friday 7th August at 9am in the Church. Families and friends are most welcome to join us as we celebrate and honour the life of this amazing Australian and Catholic.

Parish Confirmation and First Eucharist – NEXT WEEK!
Our Jubilee Parish Sacramental Programme for Confirmation and First Eucharist is due to start very soon. It is open to any baptised Catholic child who is in Year Four or above and have made their First Reconciliation. On Monday 3 August there will be an Information Night at Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie at 7:00pm for parents wishing to enrol their child/ren in the programme. Please contact our Jubilee Parish Sacramental Coordinator Jenny for further information via email jend@donnellys.net.au

Upcoming Class Mass Times
As part of the Religious Life of our School our students and teachers lead Parish Mass on Tuesday mornings at 9am.

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Upcoming Community Prayer
As a Christ centred and welcoming learning community, we invite all who are part of St Joseph’s to join in prayer on the first Friday of the month (during school term). Term 3 Community Prayer dates are listed below. We encourage students, parents, friends, parishioners and staff to join us for these sacred prayer times.

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Woolworths Earn and Learn
Please keep those Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker charts coming in! A Sticker Sheet attached to this newsletter. Our collection box is in the office – please send your completed Sticker Sheets through your class message bag.

Parent Portal
A reminder that you are invited to complete the Strategic Resourcing Survey now open through the Parent Portal. Click the message in the Announcements tile and follow the link to participate.

Feature of the Week: Update Details
The Update Details tile of the Parent Portal will take you to an online form where you can securely update any family details including change of address, phone numbers, emails etc. This information comes directly to the school office to be updated on our administration systems.

Amy Luscombe
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

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

- 4W – 68%
- 3B – 41%
- 1G – 22%

The Star Class trophy is awarded at the Monday assembly once a month. 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 - danielleheenan73@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.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – 2PM NEXT TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST
If you are interested in helping out, please come to our next committee meeting. The meetings are held at 2pm on one Tuesday per term (meet at the office), and we would love to see you there. For more information please contact Christine Brown (AST Coordinator) on 0406 425561 or mickandchris@mail.com.au
Farmer’s Friday Dress Up

On Friday the 31st of July we would like you to dress up as a farmer. Make sure to bring a gold coin donation.

We are raising money for iPads for the “School of the Air” students. This will help them have a better education.

School of the Air helps students living and working on farms learn over a “walkie talkie” with their teacher.

Thankyou 6B!!!
Music News
“Creativity now is as important in education as literacy, and we should treat it with the same status.” Ken Robinson: Author/educator

‘Aladdin Trouble’
Not long now for our school musical ‘Aladdin Trouble’. All students will be involved in our production with the Year 1’s performing only on Thursday night and our Preps performing only on the Friday night. All other classes will be performing on both nights – Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September.

Tickets will become available from school in the next few weeks – stay tuned for information about costing.

After school rehearsals: Years 4 – 6 only are involved in after school rehearsals on a Thursday starting next week – Thursday 6th August, 13th August, 20th August, 27th August 3.00 – 4.15pm in the school hall. Please pack a small snack to eat at 3.00 pm – rehearsals start at 3.15pm on the dot. All students will be taken up to the roundabout / tennis court car park at 4.15pm for pick up. I understand that students have lots of commitments after school – it would be appreciated if they could attend these four rehearsals before the musical. No after school rehearsal on the Thursday 3rd of September - performance day.

Congratulations to all the Year 4 students who have enrolled in the instrumental program starting this term and continuing next term. I hear there was much excitement when instruments were tried. Start a good habit of practicing a bit each day and you will gain the rewards. Many thanks to Mrs Pendrith and Miss Versace for all of their hard work and enthusiasm to get this program up and running in the middle of the year. Many thanks to the Parents and Friends association for their support of this music program in the school.

Stay tuned!
Rosemary Zorzetto
Music Teacher

Student | Class
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Alexander G | Prep B
Madeleine D | Prep G
Eloise F | Prep W
Daniel W | 1B
Matthew S | 1G
Annabel H | 1W
Finlay K | 2B
Prue H | 2G
Max Q | 2W
Harry W | 3B
Lilly M | 3G
Finny O | 3W
Zoe A | 4B
Ava F | 4G
Flynn H | 4W
Sofia M | 5B
Charlotte D-M | 6B
Some interesting studies show:

- Babies raised in bilingual homes demonstrated superior cognitive ability—specifically the ability to seek new stimuli more quickly—as early as seven months old. (And according to the National Academy of Sciences, that’s an early indicator of a high IQ.)
- People who know more than one language are able to pay attention for 20% longer on average than their one-language speaking friends.
- In one study, children who knew two languages scored an average of 23 to 34 points higher on both math and language arts standardized tests than kids who only spoke one language.
- People who know two (or more) languages can impress their friends with extraordinary feats of vocabulary as they discern new words from second-language roots. They are just plain smart!

Thank you to all students who entered the Calligram competition “Le quattro Stagioni” (The four seasons) run by the Italian Language Centre (ILC). I spent many hours choosing the best 5 from each class to send into the ILC for judging. It was a very difficult task as all entries were amazing. Thank you children! All entries will receive a certificate and if there are any winners from our school the ILC will advise us and send the prizes.

Many children are keen to improve their Italian by doing optional activities at home. There are two websites that we use at school from time to time and these are available for use at home on computers and iPads. The first “Linguascope” http://www.linguascope.com/ bought by the school is available for all students to use at home until the end of January 2016. It needs a user name and password which have been given to all students. The second is Languages online which does not need a password. http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/italian/italian.htm Students have been shown these websites during Italian lessons on the topic the class is learning this term. Please refer to the term overview for the topics covered for each grade level to learn the relevant vocabulary found in either of these websites.

- Prep – pets and animal names: Elementary in Linguascope
- Year 1 – fruit and vegetables: Elementary and Beginners in Linguascope
- Year 2 – simple animal descriptions/emotions Elementary and Beginners in Linguascope
- Year 3 – healthy eating Beginners in Linguascope
- Year 4 – descriptions and family; Beginners in Linguascope
- Year 5 – Clothing and fashion. Languages online topic on clothing and Beginners in Linguascope
- Year 6 – Italy in Brisbane, ordering food in Italian. Intermediate in Linguascope.

They will also be beginning to make a mosaic tile.

There are many apps for the iPad which are also very good to consolidate work covered at school. Years 4, 5 and 6 are able to sign in to the Catholic education portal and use “My site” and the Italian “Life” page to access work, links to games, YouTube songs and videos, join in blogs and posties and other online activities. There are optional homework suggestions on “My site” for years 4, 5 and 6 students.

Please see me for any other suggestions to help your children consolidate work covered at school.

Jeanette Vanderzee (Maestra Jeanette)
Languages teacher - Italian
Hello Parents of Year 2 and 3 students

As part of Library Learning this term, students are exploring the books of our Book Week author, Peter Carnavas. This week we shared his book ‘The Children Who Loved Books’ discussed the inferential and inferred meaning of the text. As part of the follow up to this activity, I have sent home a Family Tree today that I would appreciate you helping your child fill in. For each family member on the Family Tree I would like a favourite book and author to be listed. It would be great if these books were ones from the family members childhood. As a class we will then locate and explore these titles and learn some more about them.

Could this work please be returned to school in time for our lesson next Wednesday so we may follow up.

Thank you for your support.

Amanda Gardiner
Teacher Librarian
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

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 meeting’s agenda items. We encourage you also to provide any suggestions/feedback to the Committee on the agenda items. Come along to our meetings if there is a particular agenda item that might interest you.

Meeting are held on the second Tuesday of term months at 7.00pm.

You can access the past minutes from P&F on the School website under the Parents and Friends Tab.

If you have any suggestions/feedback for our future agendas please email Denise Kerr on kerrdn@gmail.com.

Barista Training
Carolyn and Andrew Keogh would like to sponsor 5 parents to be trained as baristas for the school coffee machine. The course will be held from 9-12pm on Tuesday 25th August. If you are interested in being trained as a barista and would like to volunteer for the coffee cart at school, please email Andrew at andrew@calibrerealestate.com.au.
ST JOSEPH’S PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 11 August 2015

1. Welcome and Open Meeting
   Cate Clifford

2. Opening Prayer
   Fran Burke

3. Attendance and Apologies
   Denise Kerr

4. Acceptance of Business of the General Meeting held on 9 June 2015

5. P&F Federation Presentation
   John Beaton

6. President’s Report
   Cate Clifford

7. Principal’s Report
   Fran Burke

8. Treasurer’s Report
   Erin Hancock (as Acting Treasurer)

9. Correspondence
   Denise Kerr

10. Parent Interest Support Groups

   a) Tuck-shop
      Jackie Beauchamp

   b) Tennis Courts
      Catherine Myers

   c) Netball
      Chantelle Daveson

   d) Active School Travel / Road Safety
      Christine Brown

   e) Music/Drama
      Erin Hancock

   f) Uniform
      Clarissa Turner/Carolyn Keogh

   g) Care and Concern
      Cath Hargreaves

   h) Sport
      a. Athletics’ Club
      Kath Gett

10. General Business

   · Coffee Trolley
   · Michelle Mitchell
   · Trivia Night
   · Donations to School

11. Close Meeting
Club News

Team photographers – don’t forget team and individual photos should now be organised!

Team News

St Joseph’s 1 – U12 Gold (Div 1) v Valleys
Up against a very tall and undefeated Valley’s team the Joey’s girls went out strong. Chloe and Lucinda worked really hard in defence to minimise the damage from the accurate and tall Valleys shooters. Centre court Lily and Ella both fought hard whilst the shooters persevered and converted several great shots. However at the end of the match Valley’s maintained their winning record. Valley’s 45 def St Joseph’s 6

St Joseph’s 2 – U12 Brown (Div 3) v AHS 36 (Sat); v Arana (Sun)
An impressive game was played by the St Joeys girls on Saturday with a 16-6 lead going into half time. Our girls were certainly on fire with their shooting and attacking skills. Both were outstanding. This game was an exciting game to watch with great combinations resulting in goals. St Joseph’s defeated AHS 36-12. The game on Sunday was tough for the girls - backing up from the earlier win. The height of a few opposition players proved a little difficult for St Joeys. Arana Hills played a great attack game. St Joeys fought hard with a ‘never die attitude’, however, were defeated by a stronger Arana Hills team.

St Joseph’s 3 – U11 Gold (Div 3) v Flugel 5 (Sat); v Raiders 19 (Sun)
The Saturday game against the Flugel had the Gold team in defence mode most of the time and even some occasional good team moves did not manage to get the Golds’ score up with their opponents. However, on Sunday, whilst coach Hannah was enjoying Splendour in the Grass, our girls performed Splendour on the Court. With the good practice game on Saturday under our belt, the game against the Raiders on Sunday delivered a very exciting game, keeping everyone guessing at the outcome. Some huge improvements in ball passing and excellent team work showed just what our girls are capable of. This was a great game to watch, and a fun game to play. Sunday was Splendour all around! A big thank you to our fill in coach Edwina!

St Joseph’s 4 – U10 Blue v AHS 45 (Sat); v Gap 41 (Sun)
What a fast-paced game against, undoubtedly, the top team in our division, on Saturday. Some truly valiant efforts were made to break down the cohesion of the AHS team - particularly by our defenders in their goal circle. Our girls fought hard to draw play down to our own goal third, and managed a number of hard-earned goals. Despite a loss on the scoreboard, our girls finished the game off with smiles on their faces and great sportsmanship! Day two of the double-header saw us facing a tough game against spirited and formidable opponents. After a bit of warming up during the first quarter, our girls responded assertively and gained momentum. Topping off a great match was a goal scored at the final hooter, sealing a well-deserved win for St Joseph’s.

St Joseph’s 5 - U10 Orange v Flugel (Sat); v Raiders (Sun)
The girls played brilliantly over the weekend. We thought they may be a little tired and weary from their trip to Underwater World, but they didn’t show it! They showed great defence, and lots of fast, attacking plays. Our centre passes have greatly improved and there were some amazing intercepts, once again! The girls played wonderfully as a team and worked to help each other out. Congratulations girls on 2 well deserved victories!

St Joseph’s 6 - U8/9 Red v Cannons (Sat); v Raiders (Sun)
After training during the week the girls showed marked improvement on Saturday with a fantastic performance. Highlights were our shooting and defence. The opposition helped with some undisciplined play. Well played girls! With having played the day before it was a tough ask, particularly for the parents, to rock up on Sunday morning and have to face a team that would have given the Firebirds a run for their money. However our girls played magnificently particularly in the 3rd quarter with some accurate shooting and all round play. They put in an amazing effort against very strong opposition and should all be proud of their efforts. Well done!

St Joseph’s 7 – U8/9 Green v St Margarets (Sat); v Q of A 10 (Sun)
A jam packed weekend of netball didn’t slow the girls down at all with Sunday’s game filled with with as much enthusiasm as Saturday’s. All the elements of teamwork in place meant a weekend filled with great passes, catches and goals and of course lots of smiling faces all round!

St Joseph’s 8 – U8/9 Maroon v Arana Hill (Sat); v The Gap (Sun)
The girls were focussing on driving the ball forward in this game. With a boisterous cheer squad the girls put together some fantastic combinations against the Arana Hills team. All of the girls defended well, particularly in the goal third. A great game! The team were very excited by the double header and backing up on Sunday to play The Gap. The girls were warming up in the first 2 quarters but by the third quarter, the girls were on fire, demonstrating their agility and brilliant ball skills. With some excellent passing in the goal third, the girls crawled back to make it a nail biter. Well done Maroons!

St Joseph’s 9 - U8/9 Purple v Raiders 37
Whilst the brass monkeys stayed at home this week, our girls sure did turn up the heat on the court. Their general confidence and overall ball play has showed a lot of improvement throughout the season and this was apparent over the weekend. The first and third quarters were nail biters and the team showed great tenacity to keep the opposition at bay. Lots of great attacking raids on the opposition’s goal area with the girls peppering the goal ring and testing that their opponents defensive lines out in the middle. Alas, the opposition regained the ascendancy in the final quarter and they got the chocolates …this time.
Valley District Cricket Club
Sign On
Saturday 15 August 2015 &
Sunday 16 August 2015
3.00pm to 5.00pm
Venue: Ashgrove Sports Ground, Yoku Rd Ashgrove
Note: you can also sign on by visiting our website www.valleycricket.org.au
Under 8/9 (Super Sixes) played under lights Friday evenings
Saturday games for all other age groups
Coaching events for all age groups – including specialist program for girls
Successful junior pathway program in place

Additional Information
For additional information check our website www.valleycricket.org.au
or email junior.registrar@valleycricket.org.au