Dear Parents and Caregivers

Special Notice: Our Parents and Friends AGM is on Tuesday 10 November at 7.00pm. Following the Parents and Friends Federation advice I am asking our parents to consider nominating for a position on our P&F Executive. The positions to nominate for are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Nominations for these positions are open until the meeting. Please find in this newsletter a nomination form. I would ask parents to confidentially nominate for a position or alternatively nominate another. You can either drop this nomination form into our front office or scan and email to pbardon@bne.catholic.edu.au. If there is more than one nomination for a position on the evening a secret ballot will be conducted. Our P&F Executive team are highly valued by our school community and will need to work closely with myself. It is a very important part of our school life and I will be asking for the successful team to join with me in partnership as we work towards the 2016 – 2020 Master Plan. Early in Term 1 2016, I will be requesting the P&F Executive to meet with me to go through our roles and responsibilities and it is my goal that in 2016, our P&F Executive team can meet with me prior to the P&F meetings on a monthly basis. St Joseph’s is entering a new phase and chapter. I look forward to a close working and collaborative partnership with all parents and friends.

A wonderful way to start this week was together as a school community we celebrated our truly generous and dedicated teachers we have at St Joseph’s. Many thanks to Amy Luscombe and Amanda Gardiner for the organisation of this special assembly and our creative students who made a special “STAR” award acknowledging how our teachers let their light shine. Thank you also to Mrs Scarcella and Mrs Gibbons and their team for the delicious lunch, cake and coffee supplied by our P&F.

On Tuesday, our Senior Classes of Years 5 & 6 enjoyed a “conference” style event: Our Senior Literature Festival. The students began the day in our hall, where they had to sign on, received a name badge and goodies bag. The students enjoyed a key note address from Christine Bongers. From her presentation it was clear the passion, excitement and pleasure that writing can bring. Throughout the day, the students engaged in a Writing Skills Workshop with Brian Falkner, Write a Book in a Day with Angela Sunde, Performance Poetry by Josh Donnellan and Storytelling with Jenni Cargill. The students’ feedback was overwhelming positive. A big thank you to Amanda Gardiner for her organisation and creativity in bringing this event to fruition.

This week a survey was emailed home in relation to class placement for 2016. Our teachers are highly professional and have the students’ needs always at heart. This optional survey was sent home to provide an opportunity for you to share any confidential information that the teacher may not be aware of. It was also clearly explained that it is not an avenue to ask for a specific teacher. At present, a number of parents are emailing me directly and ringing up asking for me to meet with them. It would give me no greater pleasure than to have an opportunity to speak and meet with parents, however, these requests are just not possible. For fairness in deliberations to set students up for the best possible success. I am writing to seek your understanding on my position. Teachers do take into consideration positive relationships of students to help with transitioning. In our Early Years there is great benefit of students being mixed also with students outside their usual circle of friends to help develop their social skills. As a parent myself, I do understand that our children are the most important person in our lives so we care very deeply about them. Please know, we do too and therefore we take considerable time in deliberations to set students up for the best possible success. Please complete the survey.

At present, we have advertised teaching positions for 2016, this includes an Arts Specialist. For this Arts Specialist I am looking for strengths in the areas of music, dance, drama, visual and media arts.

Tomorrow our Year 5 students will be attending “AgForce Day” at Brisbane Boys College.

Please note: This coming Monday 19th October is a Professional Learning Day for our staff. There is NO school for students on this date.

Michelle Johnson will be going on maternity leave next Tuesday. We wish Michelle all the very best for the birth of her second child.

Date claimer: Celebration of Learning Day Friday 27 November. Timetable will be sent home prior to the event. That afternoon students will take home their Semester 2 Report Cards along with Evidence of Learning Folders.

School Fees for 2016: It is my hope to send an overview of School Fees in the coming week. Please note: we will be introducing a Stationery Levy of $100 per child for the year. This $100 will cover all stationery items your child will require. My experience of having a stationery levy ensures that teachers can purchase throughout the year items that are required as guided by the students’ interest and the engagement of the Curriculum. It is also more cost effective and efficient as by the school buying in bulk, it is cheaper and we can also claim back the GST. It is amazing to think my first year as principal of St Joseph’s is only 7 school weeks away. At present, I am working diligently to put in our Block Grant Application for consideration as part of our Master Plan 2016 – 2020. Thank you for your continued support and please do consider nominating for the upcoming P&F AGM.

Yours in education, Fran
I nominate .................................................................

As ..............................................................................

(Nominate - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Committee Member)

For the St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Parents and Friends’ Association 2016.

PROPOSER
(Name)..............................................................................

(Signed)..........................Date..............................................

SECONDER
(Name).................................................................

(Signed)..........................Date..............................................

Note: This nomination MUST be lodged with the school office in person or by email on pbardon@bne.catholic.edu.au by 7pm on Tuesday 10th November.
From the APRE

**Consistency of Teacher Judgement**

As part of our ongoing goal to develop a common understanding and language of learning, our teachers are meeting this afternoon to share and discuss their judgements when assessing a sample of student’s work for both Religion and English – Comprehension with teachers from Mater Dei, St Ignatius and St Peter Chanel. These ongoing, cross-school conversations assist with ensuring consistency of teacher judgement across our schools and open up professional conversations around curriculum.

**Student Free Day**

Monday 19 October is a Student Free Day. On this day, our staff will be participating in professional learning as we continue to build their professional capacity. In line with the Religious Life of the School, our Teaching Team will engage in a workshop deepening their understanding of Franciscan Spirituality and Christian meditative prayer. The teachers will come away with many resources and strategies that can be used in our classrooms to further develop our students’ understanding of Franciscan Spirituality and start our school’s journey with Christian meditative prayer practices. Our School Officer Team will work with Peter Miles, an external behaviour support specialist who has previously worked with our teaching staff, to further develop their skills and strategies for ensuring our STAR behaviours are met by all students.

**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. Parents and Parishioners are most welcome to join the leadership team and class parent representatives after Mass for a Cuppa and Conversation.

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Amy Luscombe
Assistant Principal (Religious Education)

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**From the Prep Teaching Team**

We have all come back from our holidays fresh and ready to take on our Term 4 learning! Next week, Ngutana-Lui will be visiting us in Prep. Ngutana-Lui is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Studies Centre. In preparation for their visit, we have been exploring Dreamtime stories and learning that Aboriginal people tell these stories to describe their understanding of the world and of Creation.

We are continuing to learn our “tricky teens” in Maths this term! We are learning to recognise teen numbers, to place them in order and to count out the correct number of items to match.

This week, we have been learning about the features of 3D shapes and finding 3D objects in our environment. For Show and Share, we have to guess mystery 3D items – we must listen to the clues very carefully!

Throughout Term 4, we are focusing on sharpening our organisational skills in readiness for Year 1. Oscar Organisation from the “You Can Do It Program” teaches us how to be organised.

Here are some reminders for Prep:

- **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings:** Mums and Dads are very welcome to help with parent reading
- **Wednesday:** Specialist lessons (including library borrowing)
- **Thursday:** Swimming
Student Absentee Line

If your child will be absent from school due to illness or any other reason, please call the Student Absentee Line to inform the office on 3876 3701 or use the Attendance Variation tile in the Parent Portal.

Have you changed your contact details?

If you have had a change of details, please contact the office via the Parent Portal or email pbardon@bne.catholic.edu.au to ensure that your details are up to date.

Ice Creams Ice Creams

Year 5B will be selling ice-creams next week

Year 2-6 Thursday 22 October
Year Prep – 1 Friday 23 October

$1

Please support us, we are saving for our Canberra trip!!

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

PIZZA PARTY TO BE WON FOR YOUR CLASS!!!

If your class is the best active travel class for the next 4 weeks, you will win yourselves a PIZZA PARTY!!

One class from Prep to Year 2, and one class from Year 3 to 6 will enjoy pizza, fruit juice and cake courtesy of the P&F for one lunch break before the end of Term 4.

To win the pizza party, your class will need to:

- Encourage as many people as possible to walk, park and stride, cycle, scoot, bus or car pool to school on Wednesday mornings.
- Have the teacher count the number of active travellers in the class, enter the results on the Walking Wheeling Wednesday survey form and return the form to the office
- The results will be averaged at the end of the 4 weeks, and the 2 classes with highest number from each group will win the prize.

AST STALL AT THE BARDON MARKET

Many thanks to Lisa Q and Danielle H for so enthusiastically (wo)manning the Active School Travel stand at St Joseph’s Bardon Market at the end of last term! Lots of information was passed on, questions answered about Active School Travel and many forms handed out for the Walking School Bus. Apparently it was lots of fun.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS: EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

The Walking School Bus for the walk from school to Bowman Park is still going strong. 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 – DATE TBA

The meetings are held at 2pm on one Wednesday 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
SPORTING SCHOOLS GRANT
Earlier in the year, St Joseph’s was successful in their application for the Australian Government’s Sporting Schools Grant. With the money from this grant in Term 3, the students in Prep to Year 6 participated in 2 weeks of PE lessons basketball skills taught by a Queensland Basketball player and coach. If your child is interested in continuing to learn more basketball skills, Basketball Queensland are running a 6 week Aussie Hoops Program on a Wednesday afternoon in the hall. Please see flyer for more details.

Library News

Carnival Book Fair
All orders for the Carnival Fair have now been distributed. Please see Mrs Gardiner in the Library if you believe you still have an outstanding order.

Book Club Issue 7
This is our final Scholastic Book Club for the year. The school no longer accepts cash orders for Book Club. All orders must now be done online using the LOOP system. Information on how to do this is set out on all student order forms.

Scholastic Book Fair
To finish off the year, we will be having another Book Fair in place of the final Book Club. This will be held during Week 6 and 7 of this Term and will be a good opportunity for some early Christmas shopping. More information about location and times as we get closer to the date. This will be a Scholastic Fair.

Amanda Gardiner
Teacher Librarian
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program and we would love your support!

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs.

Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, your child(ren) will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. We will emphasise the importance of regular physical activity and the importance of healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle.

Jump Rope for Heart is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and support Australia’s leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation. The Jump Rope team provides us with lots of resources and support to implement the program and in return we ask that students help by seeking sponsorship for their involvement.

Sponsorship is easy – simply go online to www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope, click on the green ‘Kids Join Now’ button, and register your child today!

- A secure fundraising page will be created as soon as you register; all you need to do then is click the ‘Email Sponsors’ link to send your family and friends an email asking them for their support… It’s that easy!
- This is an easy, safe way for your child to monitor their progress, receive bonus prizes and even receive sponsorship from family and friends who are further afield.

At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off, an event to celebrate and culminate the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program. This will be held in Week 5 in HPE lessons. The Jump Off day is a great opportunity for you to witness how much fun skipping can be, come along and pick up a rope!

Let your teacher know when your child(ren) has finished fundraising online. You may like to print out a copy of the donations received online.

Thank you for joining us in the fight against heart disease.

Yours sincerely,
Christie Lewis
St Joseph’s Bardon Jump Rope for Heart School Coordinator
I DREAM OF A BEST FRIEND FOREVER.......SUPPORTING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS, PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Please join the St Joseph’s Parents and Friends Association for an evening with child expert, author and speaker Michelle Mitchell from Youth Excel as she discusses how to support healthy friendships for your child.

Date: Wednesday 28 October 2015
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: The Ray Lyons Hall, St Joseph’s Primary School, Cecil Rd, Bardon

Michelle worked as a teacher before establishing Youth Excel in 2000. The Youth Excel Centre is a multidisciplinary private practise who employ professional psychologists and mentors that specialise in the health and wellbeing of young people. Michelle is the case manager at the Centre.

I Dream of a Best Friend Forever (Supporting Healthy Friendships) will cover topics including:

• Ideal verses real – Our dream creates expectations • Imperfect relationships are better than no relationships at all • The difference between friendship dramas and bullying • Every child needs self-control • Helping parents cope with friendship dramas • Choosing healthy relationships • using my words positively • Top ten friendship tips and more.

www.youthexcel.com.au

St Joseph's Parents and Friends Association
St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School
41 The Drive
Bardon 4065
** TUCKSHOP NEXT WEEK **

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TUCKSHOP WILL BE OPEN ON **TUESDAY** NEXT WEEK (OCT 20) DUE TO THE PUPIL FREE DAY ON MONDAY

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THERE IS ALSO A MEAL DEAL AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY (OCT 23) - FIRST BREAK ONLY

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ORDER ON FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU
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.stjosephsbrandon.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.

Meetings 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.
Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisor

Two casual positions exist for a School Crossing Supervisors at St Joseph’s Bardon. The School Crossing Supervisor position is for 2 - 5 days a week however you may be required to work up to 10 days per fortnight in all weather conditions. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor are 1.5 hours a day and comprises 60 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon.

The current rate of pay is $27.49 per hour.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:
- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer.
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (If recommended for the position, you will be assisted through this process by the Road Safety Office)

Completed applications should be returned to:

The APRE
St Joseph’s School Bardon
The Drive
Bardon Qld 4060

Applications close Monday 30 October 2015.

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Invitation from Dr Steven Miles MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef, Member for Mount Coot-tha

Understanding Domestic and Family Violence Forum, 20 October 2015, 7.00 – 8.30 pm, Lavalla Centre, 52 Fernberg Road, Paddington

Domestic and family violence continues to affect people of all ages, faiths, and circumstances across every community. The Queensland Government recently accepted all 140 recommendations in the Honourable Quentin Bryce’s Not Now, Not Ever report into domestic and family violence, with its response providing the framework for wide-ranging legal, social and cultural change. During 2015-16, government funding to tackle domestic and family violence, including existing programs and new measures, will total more than $66 million. In this regard I have arranged a forum to assist the community to have an informed perspective for comment on the State Government’s draft Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy, released by the Queensland government on 18 August 2015. The draft strategy can be viewed at https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/resources/end-violence/dafv-prevention-strategy.pdf. It sets the direction for collaborative action to end domestic and family violence in Queensland, outlining a shared vision and a set of principles to guide action across government and the community, including a staged 10-year plan on how we will get there.

The Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth Minister for Child Safety Minister for Multicultural Affairs and the Hon Kate Jones MP, Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events Small Business and the Commonwealth Games and key professionals will be assisting me to run a Domestic and Family Violence Forum giving you/your organisation the opportunity to discuss local issues and local solutions and provide input about how this draft strategy can work for our area.

I am looking forward to you joining with me in discussing behaviour and attitudes that allow domestic and family violence to continue. Please arrive at 6.30 pm onwards for a cuppa and a chat.

Your RSVP by COB 10 October to my electorate office on 37032100 or email mount.coot-tha@parliament.qld.gov.au would be most appreciated.

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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL REBATE
Semester 2, 2015

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2015.

Late applications cannot be accepted.
Mums and Daughters
Time to Chat

This is an opportunity to take some special time out with your daughter & talk about her girlhood journey.

Lots of great information about growing up & puberty changes.

Activities for the girls around friendships, strengths & body image.

Great chat for mums about connection & self care.

Guests speaker
Tracey Siepel
(Naturapath, nutritionist and herbalist)
will chat about teenage nutrition & diet for girls. There will also be an opportunity for some gentle relaxation & light afternoon tea.

Saturday 31st Oct 1pm -5pm
St Ambroses School
Davidson Street, Newmarket

Cost $80
For mother and daughter
(or significant female)
Recommended age: girls 8-12 years

Let's Chat
EDUCATION

For more information and bookings go to
www.letschateducation.com.au
or call Mandy Stephens
on 04125634229
8:00AM - 3:00PM
SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2015
DOWNEY PARK
NETBALL COURTS
NORTHEY STREET, WINDSOR

NETBALL FOR A CURE

MIXED SOCIAL NETBALL COMP
PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED TEAM
JUMPING CASTLE | RAFFLES
FACE PAINTING | LIVE MUSIC
BREAKY BBQ | LUNCH & MORE

$200 A TEAM
minimum 7 players per team ages 13+

register online @ http://www.curebraincancer.org.au/my-fundraising/91925/netball-for-a-cure
via the 'donate' link

please ensure you complete all details including contact email address to ensure full registration and provide a team name in the donor message

registrations close 31st October

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