12 November 2015

From the Principal

The new Tuesday afternoon Coding Club is proving to be highly successful as its student members hone their skills as creators of digital solutions. My thanks to Mrs Burgess and Mrs Hall for this initiative.

National Rugby League (NRL) development personnel will be visiting St Joseph’s on upcoming Monday’s to provide skill sessions for a number of classes. Organisational thanks to Mr Armstrong.

Unfortunately, the Brisbane Roar Soccer Program for Year 3 to 6 students has had to be cancelled due to limited registrations. Pleasingly, the same program for Prep to Year 2 students, commencing 20 November, is looking viable. Registration can be completed at www.roaactive.com.au

Year 6 staff and students have been busily preparing for their Fair Day next Wednesday, through which they hope to raise funds for their 2015 Legacy Item and Orange Sky Laundry. A reminder that an Orange Sky Laundry representative will be visiting our school next Thursday at 9.00am, and parents are invited to join our senior students, as they learn more about this outreach Organisation that supports the homeless.

Teaching staff are currently at a particularly busy time of the semester as they strive to complete student reports, which will be available in the final week.

Tomorrow marks to commencement of a series of Transition Meetings that will enable staff to collaborate and create 2016 class lists, which will also be available in the final week.

Best wishes to Mrs Dillion who tomorrow, commences a period of Long Service Leave until year’s end. We trust that Mrs Dillion enjoys this well-earned leave.

Staffing for next year is steadily taking shape. Please find 2016 teacher year level allocations in a latter section. You will see that current teachers, Mrs Rees, Mrs Walker, Miss Fletcher and Mr McBride are not included. Mrs Rees is expecting her third child in March; Mrs Walker is moving to Jubilee School, Pacific Pines; Miss Fletcher will be focusing on targeted projects at St Joseph’s throughout 2016; and Mr McBride has had the privilege of being selected to return to Nauru for Semester 1 as part of another Brisbane Catholic Education teaching delegation.

Advertisements are currently running in search of Miss Fletcher and Mr McBride’s replacements. Please note that Mrs Dair will job share in Year 3 with Mrs Buckley from April 18.

At next Monday’s assemblies, parent, Tracey Shore, will launch the school’s Annual Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Ice Bucket Challenge Fundraiser. For the next three Thursdays, monetary collections will occur in classrooms for MND. Please give generously, if possible, and look out for the MND fundraising thermometer in the front office. The challenge is scheduled for 2.30pm on December 3, i.e. the Student Fun Day.

Another reminder that the JETS Annual General Meeting (AGM) occurs next Tuesday, when voting will occur for 2016 Strategic Coordinators (nomination forms available in the office). A reminder also, that a brief JETS Special General Meeting (SGM) will be held to endorse a new JETS Constitution (available at the office, as well!). Please note that any proposed amendments to the Constitution, as presented, are to be forwarded to me, in writing, prior to the SGM.

The adjacent ‘What’s happening this week?’ column is a good way to stay up-to-date with all upcoming events. We look forward to many parents, relatives and friends of the school, joining in on all that is offered, commencing with the duel November 20 events, i.e. the Swimming Carnival and Pink Ribbon Fundraiser.

For strategic planning purposes, another request for parents to please inform the school as a matter of priority, if the enrolment of their child/children is to be discontinued for the 2016 school year.

In the month of November, we remember those who have been born to eternal life, particularly parent, Stewart McCormack, whose funeral occurs tomorrow.

*May the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

With Courage, Faith and Love

Stephen Johnson

What’s happening this week?

**NOVEMBER**

17 JETS Special General Meeting (6.30pm)
JETS Annual General Meeting (6.40pm)
18 Year 6 Fair Day
19 Orange Sky Laundry rep. visit
Final 2015 swim sessions
20 St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival (P-6); Pink Ribbon Fundraiser
24 Volunteers’ Thank You Morning Tea
26 Year 2 - Paradise Country Excursion
27 Dads’ Day in the Tuckshop
28 School/Parish Mass 6.00pm - Prep

**DECEMBER**

1 Year 6 Graduation
3 Student Fun Day
MND Fundraiser - Ice Bucket Challenge
Carols Night
4 Term 4 concludes

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

Mon: Fitness/Runners Club (7.45-8.15am, shed all welcome)
Assembly (P - Yr 2, 8.45am)
Assembly (Yr 3-6, 2.15pm)
Tues: Homework Help (8-8.30am, Yr 2-6)
Uniform Shop (8-8.45am and 2-3pm)
Wed: Fitness/Runners Club (7.45-8.15am)
Homework Help (8-8.30am, Yr 2-6)
Thurs: Uniform Shop (2.15-3.15pm)
Swimming (P - Yr 6)
Fri: Sr Jenny’s Cuppa (8.40am)
Student Banking (8.45am)

**SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS**

Mon: P, 3, 4 Tues: P, 1, 2
Wed: P, 5, 6 Thurs: P
Fri: P - 6

**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon: - Thurs: 8.00am - 3.45pm
Fri: 8.30am - 3.30pm
FROM THE APRE - PETER LOVEGROVE

ANNUAL TWILIGHT MARKETS – A Country Fair - 11 March 2016

Thank you to Kylie Drum (mum to Keyana and Chay) who has agreed to be our sponsorship co-ordinator for next year. We appreciate her offer to help in the lead up to our Country Fair as she knew she wasn’t going to be here on the night. The success of the night will be dependent on our great community pulling together behind our co-ordinators. We are still seeking people to help fill some important roles. If you are keen to assist please let me know.
We need people to guide a team in the following

- Advertising/ Promotion
- Food Stalls
- Craft Stalls
- Finances/ Ordering
- Raffles
- Competitions

ST JOSEPH’S TWILIGHT MARKETS
COUNTRY FAIR
FRIDAY 11 MARCH 4:30-9:30
Rides, Art, Food, Drink, Entertainment, Prizes

PREP MASS – Saturday 28 November at 6pm in the church

We look forward to the Prep students leading us in the Mass to be celebrated in the church in two weeks’ time.
We are hoping to see as many students and their families from all classes join us as we celebrate with the parish.

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each year Catholic schools all over Australia ask their community to donate some long life foodstuffs to “Vinnies” so that they can make up hampers to help out families who are doing it tough over Christmas. It would be great if our community was able to donate Christmas treats as well as everyday food. Examples of seasonal donations may include a pudding, Christmas cake, long-life custard or fruit mince pies. Everyday items may be canned food, packet food, UHT milk, tea or coffee.

Our school family is very generous and the people in our local area can do with a hand each Christmas.

Let’s bring some joy to people this Christmas who may not enjoy what we have this Christmas.

GORDON WALLACE – Our Rat of Tobruk – Turned 93!

We welcomed Rat of Tobruk, Gordon Wallace, to our ANZAC Day commemoration this year. He came along and helped us to have a truly memorable experience by speaking to the students and reciting poetry.

He celebrated his 93rd birthday on the weekend. He said that he had a lovely birthday surrounded by family. Some travelled from South Australia to celebrate with him. He will be presenting the Rats of Tobruk awards with fellow rat, Jock Hunter, a British veteran., at the Year 6 awards night.

DAD’S DAY in the TUCKSHOP

One of the ideas we had earlier in the year was to have our dads host a day in the tuckshop. If you would like to help organise this please contact Peter in the office. With only a few weeks to go until the end of the year we need to get moving to make this happen.
TEACHER YEAR LEVEL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2016 COMMENCEMENT

Prep – Sarah Baker and Kate Willmot
Year 2 – Philippa Burns and James Buckley
Year 4 – Nicolle Birks and TBA
Year 6 – Matthew Armstrong/Alison Wood and TBA

Year 1 – Margaret Hatzis and Sarah Robertson
Year 3 – Chris Pangbourne and Katia Buckley
Year 5 – Dianne Kibble/Sameera Rattansay and Leonie Phillips

LIBRARY NEWS - LYN GIEBELS

In our library at lunch time, we have many students who choose to use our computers to do school based activities or play games. It has recently come to my attention that one of the most popular games used by our students “Animal Jam” has come under the scrutiny of Office of Children’s E-Safety Commission. For this reason, students are no longer permitted to use it at school.

For your information I thought that I would share this communique from Brisbane Catholic Education:

*In the process of delivering the Virtual Classrooms Activities in 2015, the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has become aware of an online game that is potentially a cause of some concern in school communities. These Apps are Animal Jam and Subway Surfer. One of the main concerns with these Apps is that they contain an in-built global chat facility. This facility enables anyone in the world to make contact with users of the Apps. The potential for children to be exposed to phishing scams, grooming and cyberbullying is substantial.*

The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner maintains an excellent resource page that assists parents to better understand these Apps amongst a range of others.

This resource may be accessed at: https://esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking

Please visit the above hyperlink to check out the recommended sites and apps. But be aware, any computer activity at home (particularly if there is any online chat facility) needs to be carefully monitored by carers as they are prime sites used by unscrupulous adults for the grooming of potential victims.

We do not want to scare students about using online resources, but we need to educate them to be aware of potential risks and how to avoid them.

Regards,

Lyn Giebels

2016 BOOK LISTS

BOOK LISTS – LUCKY CHARM NEWSAGENCY HOLMVIEW

Lucky Charm Newsagency at Holmview (Ph: 3807 9675) is our book list provider in 2016.

Orders can be placed online at:
- www.TLHolmview.com.au from 1 December; alternately
- forms will be available at the school office, please complete and return directly to the Lucky Charm Newsagency at Holmview, or the school.

Please note: the cut-off date for all orders is 24 December.

A temporary store is being set up to fill parents’ “Back to School” shopping needs and book list orders. It will be located at the Bill Norris Oval Multi-Sports Centre, Boundary Street Beenleigh (between the BMX and Soccer clubs) and will be opened from 4 January to 25 January 2016.

Orders will be accepted until 8 January; however these will not be ready until 21 January.

Pick up times are strictly between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 1.00pm Saturday unless prior arrangements have been made. If these trading hours do not fit your schedule please contact Lucky Charm Newsagency Holmview on 3807 9675 or 0467 321 635.

A home delivery service is also available. The delivery dates for this service are: Monday 4 January, Wednesday 6 January and Saturday 9 January. Delivery will be between 9.00am and 3.00pm.
Swimming Carnival & Lessons
We have another 2 weeks of swimming lessons this term. These lessons will culminate with the St Joseph’s 2015 Swimming Carnival on Friday 20 November. If your child is intending on participating in any full length races, can you please ensure their participation form is returned no later than this afternoon.

No nomination no full length events: Forms are available from the front office.

Brisbane Roar Soccer Program
Brisbane Roar will again be offering a soccer program to the students at St Joseph’s in term 4. The dates we will be hosting here at school are;
Prep – Yr2 - 20/11, 27/11, 4/12 this will be after school starting at 3:15pm until 4:15pm.
Unfortunately due to lack of interest the scheduled 3-6 program will not be running in 2015.
Registration is now available online at www.roaractive.com.au and information notes are available from the office.

Runners/Fitness Club
Runners/Fitness Club is continuing in Term 4. Students from all year levels are invited to attend. The sessions run on a Monday and Wednesday from 7:45am-8:15am. Permission notes are available from the office.

Gala Day Sport
Congratulations to the students who participated in the Semester 2 Gala Days. It was a very quick learning curve for our teams, but all enjoyed their days on the field/court. Our next opportunity for interschool sport will be Term 1 2016. More details for students involved early next year.

If you have any queries on anything sport, please get in touch with me on matthew.armstrong@bne.catholic.edu.au

MATHLETICS

MATHLETICS Certificates: 02/11/15 - 08/11/15

Students earn Points through completing Tasks and in Live Games. They get 10 points for every answer they get correct completing tasks and 1 point for every Live Games question they get correct. Students need to earn 1000 points to gain a Certificate and can only receive one Certificate per week.

SILVER
Prep C: Anna Lucas
1C: Don Le
6C: Alisha Souvannasing

BRONZE
PC: Elyse Curby; Connor Dougherty; Laylah Higgins
1C: Jayleigh Barnes-Wilson; Charlotte Galvin; Henry Madsen; Frankie Surace; Harrison Taylor; Abigail Witham
1F: Lucas Emmett; Jace Higgins; Dominik Serek
2C: Casey Allison; Sophia Jean Dougherty; Sean Ranieses; Ryleh Whyte
2F: Aaliyah Brandsen; Finn McGovern; Savannah Paniagua
3C: Cody Bayliss; Jophin Boby; Archie Dougherty; Olivia Fitzgerald; Lucinda Phelan; Montana Ruhland
4F: Zoe Allison
5C: Olivia Barnes
5F: Elsa Boby; Ronan Dougherty; Aaliyah Fawcett; Lucy McCallum
6C: Allyssa Boyd; Keegan Bradley; Kate Murton; Alisha Souvannasing
6F: Graicyn James; Jasmine Le Billion

2016 CONTINUING STUDENTS

Parents are asked to inform the school as a matter of priority, if the enrolment of their child/children will not be continuing in 2016.
A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN

Year 6 musicians are practising every Wednesday at 8.00am in preparation for their graduation performance.

DATE CLAIMER

St Joseph’s Musical Showcase ‘Get in the Game’

Date: Wednesday 25 November
Time: 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Venue: School Hall

Costume lists for all classes were sent home last week. Please contact me for further information.
All costumes, along with a hairbrush, must be brought in a named bag as soon as possible.

A big thank you to all the parents who are helping with costumes and props - Sandra and Dominic Barnes, Alison Kidd, Holly Marshall, Belinda Thompson, Yvette Morrissey and Jacqui Hall.

We would also like to thank Kylie Drum along with AFL Gold Coast for supplying the sun visors and to Jezebel Jewellery at Beenleigh Market Place for the pearl bracelets.

BOOK CLUB

The last Book Club for the year has been handed out to students, please hand all orders in to the office by 8.30am on November 16.

We hope to deliver the orders on Monday, 30 November.

Thank you for your support of Book Club this year.

Raelene and Susan

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS TREE

Over the coming weeks, until Friday 27 November, Sr. Jenny with the help of the Student Council, is organising a St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper and Wish Tree Appeal.

We are hoping that all students in the school will donate canned or packaged food which can be added to Christmas hampers for the less fortunate in our community. **We are unable to accept fresh or frozen food.**

All classes have been divided into three groups with each group being responsible for certain items.

Prep-Yr 2: tinned ham, beetroot, corn, peas, tinned fruit, lollies, fruit cake, savoury biscuits (e.g. BBQ, Shapes, Sakata, etc)

Yr 3-4: pretzels, crackers, sweet biscuits, plum pudding, nuts, cordial, soft drink, Milo,

Yr 5-6 jelly crystals, bonbons, serviettes, chips, fruit cake, pancake mix, popcorn, long life custard.

There is a marked container in the office in which to place the food items.

The Wish Tree will be displayed at the office.

Similar to the tree the parish displays in the Church, we are asking families to come in, take a tag from the tree and buy a gift for a child in need this Christmas. Please attach the tag to your gift.

HOMEWORK HEPLERS

Please remember that if your child attends "Homework Help" on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in the library, they need to be working on either:

- Literacy Planet
- Mathletics
- any current assignments or projects

Students may arrive any time after 8.00am and before 8.30am.

Mrs Hall, Mrs Carroll and Mrs Vargas-Malby.
YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 Fair Day
Wednesday 18th of November
Lots of Games and Prizes
Prices 20c to $1.50

All proceeds will be donated to
Orange Sky Laundry & The Year 6 Legacy Item
Please bring in your spare change and help these great causes!

PINK RIBBON FUND RAISER

KEEP ABREAST
TO
FIGHT THE FIGHT

JETs Fundraising Night
St Joseph’s School Hall
Friday, 20 November
6.00pm
Entry: $10.00 Adult  $5.00 Children
Pre order your tickets through the school QKR App
or at the school office.
Food, fun, games, trivia and
Fashion parade by Fashion Is
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 5

PC: Connor Dougherty
1C: Nate Moskwa
2C: Sienna Classen
3C: Macey Buttigieg
4C: Ella Thompson
5F: Taylah Vickery & Matthew Bristol

Week 6

PC: Eva Zajac
1C: Jayleigh Barnes-Wilson
2C: Danni Drescher
3C: Joshua Witham
4C: India Seeto
5C: Dylan Schipplock
6C: Chay Drum

PF: Chloe Bound
1F: Jace Higgins
2F: Justin Downs
3F: Elise Sulusi
4F: Jack King

ST PATRICK’S PARISH - NEWS

‘Together In Faith’ parish group would like to invite you to a movie morning.

The movie, about the reluctant saint, is ‘Francis of Assisi’, filmed on location in Italy.

A nominal cost of $1.00 per adult. Children are free if accompanied by an adult. Proceeds from the morning will be for Christmas Vouchers for the needy of the parish.

Please come and support this good cause.

When: Saturday, 14 November
Where: St Patrick’s Church
Time: 9.30am
Cost: $1.00

Coffee/tea and biscuits provided.

ST PATRICK’S PARISH - YOUTH NEWS

United Youth:

The next United Youth meeting is on Friday 27 November as there is a Cancer Fundraiser on the 20th in the hall. The following meeting, on 11 December will be our Christmas Party! Youth Group members and their families are welcome to join us.

Youth Masses:

9am Sunday 15 November, with practice at 8am; 6pm Sunday 6 December, with practice at 4pm. Come and join us!

Band practice:

Tuesday nights, 7 - 8pm in the parish office.

Cathy 0400 494 943 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

GOLDEN GNOME

1st: Mr Johnson’s Office
2nd: Sr. Jenny’s Room
3rd: Art Room

This is an award given to a class or classes who leave their area tidy ready for cleaning - e.g. chairs up and everything off the floor. Acknowledgements are published every week and overall points are tallied at the end of Term 4. The class or classes with the most points, earn themselves a pizza lunch day at year’s end.
COMMUNITY NEWS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A NEW BIG BAND?

We’re looking for people of all ages who are looking for a new challenge. You’ll love being part of a pipe band!

Expert tuition will be provided by experienced bagpipe players and drummers who have competed in pipe band competitions all over the world.

All ages welcome.

To express your interest in learning the bagpipes and being part of a new band contact David Hinds 0411 162 542

Follow us at Scenic Rim Pipes and Drums

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THE IONA PASSION PLAY

AUDITIONS

The Iona Passion Play

Experience Easter 2016 as part of the cast or crew of The Iona Passion Play.

All are welcome - you can involve the whole family!

Plenty of speaking, non-speaking and support roles available.

All 2016 performances will be in Brisbane.

Sunday Nov 22nd @ 1pm (Wynnum West)

If interested please contact Veronica on 3333 1993 or info@ipp.org.au

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Sensory Santa

Sensory Santa was created for families with special needs children that had sensory disorders and couldn't have a photo with Santa because of the sensory barriers.

Sensory Santa offers No Background Music, No Lines/queues. S敏 bookings, No spotlights, Chair next to Santa, an understanding Santa & Photographer, before Shopping Centre opens (Quieter time)

8am-10am Sunday 6th December
8am-10am Sunday 20th December

Bookings are required.
Please contact the information desk on
(07) 3807 6949

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 Beenleigh Marketplace

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