Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 3, Week 2 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! Our newsletters look toward the coming week when we announce the Term and Week in the opening sentence. We hope you enjoyed your break and have returned refreshed and enthused! Chris Pangbourne has taken 2 weeks of Long Service Leave and will return to school on Monday 23 July. During that time, Bernadette Adams will be taking 3C. Dianne Pennings is away also this week and is replaced by Sahara Marks. Dianne returns on Monday 16 July.

Julia and I attended Dianne Pennings’ (4F teacher) and Brant Kibble’s wedding on the middle weekend Saturday, and then spent the second week at home. The fireplace certainly got a good work out and we made a severe dent in the wood pile! The weather has been quite chilly! I managed to get back on the bike with a few rides over the holidays – not as many as I had hoped due to the inclement weather in the first week.

THE YEAR OF GRACE
Pondering on the Year of Grace, I have tried to find a concise definition of what a Catholic understanding of the term is. I asked Fr Tony who said to me that Grace is the revelation of God, that is, God revealing God’s self to us. This act of God is freely given, God reaching out to us unconditionally in love. We are invited through this act of God to respond or to allow God’s love to penetrate our lives. When we do allow God into our lives, we are transformed. We become more like Jesus. God’s gift of Grace is always there for us. It is a constant stream inviting us to a deeper relationship. We need only open our hearts to God and allow ourselves to be immersed in God’s loving presence. Then we shall reach out unconditionally to others, like Jesus, and like Saint Mary MacKillop.

WELCOME TO PETER LOVEGROVE
As mentioned in the last newsletter, Tony Barron has been appointed Acting Assistant Principal at Marymount Primary School at Burleigh Waters for the second half of 2012.

We welcome Peter Lovegrove to the role of Acting APRE at St Joseph’s Tobruk. This appointment commenced on Monday, 9 July, and will run through until Friday, 7 December, 2012.

Peter brings to the position 24 years of successful teaching experience, mostly in Catholic schools. He is currently finishing his Educational Leadership Studies and has completed the Leaders of the Future Course and the Out of the Box program.

Peter has already met all of the staff and children both at assembly on Monday and through class visits. He has met several parents through the P & F Meeting on Tuesday last and at Sr Jenny’s cuppa this morning. I trust that you will make Peter most welcome at Joey’s.
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
This is a special week during which we acknowledge the great work done by Catholic schools in promoting the mission of the Church. Catholic Education Week runs from Sunday 22 July to Saturday 28 July. This year’s theme is community. There will be a display in our school foyer for the duration of that week. Our Monday assembly and Thursday mass will also be opportunities for us to celebrate.

EKKA HOLIDAY 2102
Late last year the Queensland Government made changes to existing holidays in Queensland. As you know, we were able to have a two week break at Easter time as part of this new arrangement. However, also because of the new system, there have been changes to other holidays.
All schools are now entitled to only one show holiday which is based on the show in their particular region. For example, for us in Logan City, we have one show holiday which is on Monday 13 August. There is no traditional public holiday on Wednesday 15 August. In other words, the staff and children have a holiday on Monday 13 August and are at school on Wednesday 15 August.
For schools in the Gold Coast region, there are no Brisbane show holidays at all. Their show holiday is associated with the Gold Coast Show held in late August (31 August).
There will be no OSHC on Monday 13 August because this day is a public holiday for people in Logan City. Families with work commitments will need to make other arrangements.

APPOINTMENTS WITH TEACHERS
Please be aware when trying to arrange meetings with teachers, that teachers have school commitments before school on Monday and Friday (staff prayer and briefings), and after school on Tuesday (staff meeting). Teachers have been asked to avoid making appointments during those times.

NEW WEBSITE
Over the past 6 months we have been redeveloping our school website through technicians at Brisbane Catholic Education. Our new site is now ready to go! Our new web address is: www.stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au
If you go to our previous address out of habit, you should be automatically redirected to the new site in the future. Unfortunately we have just recently printed new promotional materials which contain the previous address, so there will be a period of adjustment! We hope you enjoy using the new website!

PLEASE NO PARKING IN TRINITY COLLEGE TRADE TRAINING CENTRE
The new car park at the Trade Training Centre has unfortunately become popular with parents who are collecting children from St Joseph’s. Parking is for Trade Training Centre personnel only. As part of the lease agreement with the two companies who will use the centre, Trinity College has allocated parking to them, so effectively they have paid for them.
On another note regarding the Trade Training Centre, Highway Auto Group from Springwood will be servicing vehicles there as a satellite service centre with two service bays (hence the need for customer car parking spaces). Matters in Gray, a Hairdressing training organisation from Mt Gravatt, will be opening their salon and are looking for clients for their qualified hairdresser and senior apprentices to work with in order to build a client base for Trinity students to commence their course in Term 3. Discounted hair services will be available one day per week, building to more days as the need arises.

SPORT-MATTHEW ARMSTRONG

Trinity Coaching Sessions
Our Yr 6 and 7 students will be working with Yr 11’s from Trinity College this Term to participate in their coaching development program. Students from Trinity will be learning coaching and umpiring techniques and will then use these newly acquired skills to teach the sport of Touch Football to our students. This will be a weekly program, on either a Tuesday or Wednesday morning (alternating each week). No permission note is required. It is advised that students wear their PE uniform on the day of their session.

Congratulations
A huge Congratulations to Phransis Sula-Siaosi on his selection in the Queensland Primary Schools Rugby League team. Phransis was also a part of the South Coast regional team who played in the state final over the holidays. Phransis will now compete in the National Championships to be held in Mackay from Sunday 5 August – Saturday 11 August 2012.
In support of Phransis there are raffle tickets available at the office for $1 a ticket. The top 3 prizes are signed Cowboys, Broncos and Titans jerseys. 4th & 5th prizes are DVD & CD sets. 6th is an origin night print and 7th a signed titans football.

WOOLWORTHS & COLES VOUCHERS.
The WOOLWORTHS total is now 19580. The promotion has been extended until the 12 August. The COLES voucher are pouring in as well.
This is a great support for our school. We thank all who have helped us with this promotion.

St Joseph’s Beenleigh Newsletter 13 July 2012
WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3. It was great to see that a lot of children were still using Literacy Planet on the holidays. Wonderful to see. Keep up the great work.

10-20 minutes a day is all that is needed.

CLASS LEADERS from 1st – 8th July
PC – Keegan Rorke  PF – Juliette Barreras  1C – Mikayla Heagney  1F – Maddison Schipplock
2C – Natalie Fenwick  2F – Dylan Schipplock  3C – Hannah Marsh  3F – Jayden Schipplock
4C – Grace Fairbank  4F – Jacqueline Pele  56D – Jorjah Sulusi  56L – Tamika Buttigieg
6C – Ashleigh Fairbank  6F – Georgia Dudley  7C – Courtney Leadbetter

BAND PRACTICE
Commences this Tuesday at 7.30am in the Music room. I look forward to seeing all our musicians in Term 3.

CHOR
The school choir is participating in the Beenleigh Eisteddfod on Thursday 19 July. Thank you to Mrs Lyn Giebels and Mrs Alison Harbottle for accompanying the choir on the guitar and piano. We wish the choir good luck.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Lessons commenced this week. Parents are asked to make sure that all fees are paid to the teacher for the previous term. Private lessons are not free and it is the livelihood of the teachers who give the lessons.

WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH’S?

TUCKSHOP DAY
Thank you to those families who were able to support this fundraiser.
If you had placed and paid for an order and your child was absent please contact Ros at the office for a refund.

LIBRARIAN–LYN GIEBELS
This is the library’s biggest term! We have both Book Week and our Scholastic Book Fair coming up. Book Week runs from Monday 20th to Friday 24th August. This year’s theme is ‘Champions Read’. The Book Fair will run from Tuesday 21st to Tuesday 28th August. Our character parade will be held on the Friday. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. Feel free to come in to the library and look at some of our books for ideas and inspiration.
We had the Indigenous performer Tjupurr in to help us celebrate NAIDOC Week. All the students and staff were just blown away by his playing of the didjeribone (didgeridoo and trombone)! More can be found out about Tjupurr on his website: http://www.myspace.com/tjupurru
OLD MOBILE PHONES

Please forward old mobile phones to the office for recycling to help out our school and the environment.

P&F NEWS—LESLEY SOLAR

Yee-Ha!!! It’s Back — It’s been awhile so we are holding a MAVERICK NIGHT!!

Friday 24 August - We advertised during last term to save this night for some fun and laughter! Maverick Night is like nothing you have been to anywhere else and we’re going “Wild, Wild West”. We will be having the function here in our hall so please keep an eye out for more information! You are guaranteed a night to remember! It’s food, drinks, horse racing, golf, lucky door prizes and much much more! What will you be wearing?

Book Club

Term 3 book Club was sent home on Wednesday. Due date for orders is Friday 10 August. From here orders will be collated and placed and when delivered, unpacked and sorted. It should be ready to hand out in Week 10 (2nd last week of term) and this gives us a week to chase up and fulfil any back orders.

Chocolate Drive

WOW!!! Your support has been fantastic! We have had money coming back in and 2nd and 3rd boxes going out!! Please keep selling your chocolates and handing the money back in to the office. REMEMBER. You can also pay by EFTPOS at the office or phone through and pay by Credit Card if this is easier. There are only a few boxes and half boxes left to sell, so if you would like another one to sell at a workplace or to family and friends, we would LOVE to send it home to you, but you need to get in quick! We would ask that you please send in a note, or phone or email the office. (Sometimes children come in asking for another box, because THEY would like it, not because mum or dad has asked for it!)

The due date for chocolate money is Friday 3 August please, which gives us another 3 weeks.

Disco – Thursday 2 August

It’s on again!! This will be the last disco for the year as Term 4 gets very busy with our Artworx and Christmas concert and Graduation.

It will start at approximately 3:30 for the P-3 and 5:00 for the 4-7. More details to follow on a separate note.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TRIPLE P SEMINAR SERIES

St Matthews is pleased to invite the Brisbane Catholic Education and parent community to attend this free parenting seminar series. We encourage you to make the most of this opportunity. Each seminar will be held at St Matthew’s Primary School, 180 Bryants Road, Cornubia, Loganholme from 7.30-9pm.

The Power of Positive Parenting-  Mon 30 July 2012
Presented by Professor Matt Sanders (Clinical Psychologist, founder of the Triple P program)

Raising Confident, Competent Children-  Mon 6 Aug 2012
Presented by Sylvia Simmonds (Registered Psychologist) & Daphne Bryan (Intern Psychologist)

For catering and seating purposes, please RSVP by Friday 27th July 2012 at St Matthews on 3209 6155.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date : 10th – 12th August,2012
Venue : Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD

For bookings/details contact : Terry and Rhonda Boyle tel. 07 3352 3328 or boyletj@powerup.com.au  Information website:  www.wwme.org.au

ENCOUNTER

A retreat for young people organised by the Ethnic Youth Ministry Council, facilitated by Frassati Ministries.

Saturday, 21 July 2012  9:00 am - 4:00pm (Mass at 3pm)  Sacred Heart Community Centre, 80 Nemies Road, Runcorn


Contact: Michael on 0403 144 881 or Dino at  ethnicyouthministrycouncil@googlegroups.com

The Ethnic Youth Ministry Council (EYMC) is a group of young people representing youth from Catholic ethnic communities in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It operates under the guidance of the Ethnic Ministers Group and the Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care.

BEENLEIGH COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOLING CENTRE OPEN DAY

10am-2pm Saturday 14 July 2012  41 Kent Street Beenleigh.