Dear Parents

At this time, our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been affected by the recent rains and flooding. For some, flooding is an all too recent memory after the Australia Day long weekend inundation. We pray that those who are dispirited and downhearted, be buoyed and supported by one another and a generous, caring and compassionate community. I encourage you to contribute to St Vincent de Paul, a Catholic agency helping people in need.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Each classroom has a Project Compassion box. Children and families are encouraged to contribute to Caritas Australia through the classroom collection. It is more meaningful for children to do without something at home, and to bring in a donation as a result of their action. Some children might do extra jobs around the house for which they might receive a donation towards the charity.

PREP 2014 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

I will begin the enrolment interview process for Prep 2014 during March this year. Families must submit an enrolment application for their prep-aged children for 2014 even if they have siblings at St Joseph’s already. A number of families were ‘caught out’ during previous years as they had not submitted an enrolment application. If you haven’t put in an application, please do so immediately. Applications are available at the office or online through the school website (www.stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au). Please note that children must turn 5 before 30 June in the year of enrolment to be eligible for Prep.

YEAR 2–7 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The School’s annual swimming carnival will be held next Friday 08 March at Aqualogan Pool in City Road, Beenleigh. The carnival is for children in Years 2-7. Prep and Year 1 children do not swim in the carnival nor do they attend for the duration of the event. Teachers of Prep and Year 1 classes may bring their class to the pool to give the children a taste of what the carnival is like if they believe their class is ready and able to walk responsibly to and from the carnival, and if the weather permits.

There will be no admission cost on the day to families coming to watch their children swim. Children are to bring their morning tea and lunch as they would for any normal school day – there is no P & F BBQ. Please do not give money to children to buy things from the canteen. There simply isn’t time for children to go to the canteen. We also promote healthy living choices at St Joseph’s. Children need to be in their team area at all times unless they are going to the toilet with staff permission. Please ensure that children have sun screen on and that they have sunscreen with them to reapply during the day.
Children **come to school** on Friday dressed in their sports uniform with their house T Shirt. Roll call will take place at the classrooms at 8.30am. Teachers will walk the children to the pool at 8.40am. Togs should be worn underneath, thongs on the feet and hat on the head. Please make sure that children have their shoes and socks in their bag for when they return to the school after the carnival. Children will also need underwear in their bags. Between races children must wear their hats and shirt. With the recent rain, the grounds could still be wet so a garbage bag or extra towel for children to sit on would be advisable.

Parents will have a designated area in which to sit. Please do not go to the children’s area. There is a Child Protection reason for not allowing parents into the children’s area.

As this is a normal school day, **please do not take your child from the carnival until the carnival is completely finished.** This will be after the war cries and the presentation to the winning team at approximately 2.30pm. It is hoped that Age Champions will be announced on the day of the carnival, but this is not always possible. After the presentation, children may go home with their parents. You will need to tell the class teacher if you are taking your child home. All other children will then return to school with the class teacher.

If your child doesn't have a house/team T-shirt, these are available from the school uniform shop.

**A list of things to bring:**

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**YEAR 7 CAMP**

We wish our year 7 students and staff all the very best for their camp at Lake Ainsworth next week Monday 04 March to Wednesday 06 March. Let’s hope the weather improves so that they can better enjoy the coastal experience!

**DISTRICT AND REGIONAL TRIALS**

A number of trials are taking place at district and regional level for a variety of sports. Children must listen to announcements from their class teachers and at assemblies so they do not miss out. Permission booklets must be completed, signed by parents and in turn signed by the principal. These permission booklets must also be brought to the district trial. **NO BOOKLET = NO TRIAL.**

**LATE TO LINE = NO PLAY**

Just so that parents are aware, (in case children come home and say that they missed out on play today), if children are late to the class line after lunch or snack, they will miss out on their next play time. This is to ensure that we are not losing teaching and learning time.

Associated with this is a tendency for children suddenly to find out that they have an injury or an issue that has to be solved after the bell. Children need to address these concerns when they happen during the break time and with the teacher on duty.

**NO EATING AFTER SCHOOL**

Because all bins have been emptied and put away for the evening, children are not to eat snacks while they are waiting to be picked up after school.

**ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

The adventure playground is out of bounds to St Joseph’s children before and after school. Parents are responsible for their little ones. Joey’s children are directed away from the adventure playground as they are not to be the designated supervisors of their younger siblings.

**CAR-PARK AND DRIVE THROUGH**

Please do not block the entrance to the car-park as you wait for a space to become available. This holds up traffic and causes illegal queues into Kokoda Street. Parents could be booked for holding up traffic in Kokoda Street if police came by at this time. If there are no available car parks, parents are asked to drive through the school and around the block. If you were to arrive at 3.10pm, you would be able to drive straight into the car-park without any delay.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

PC: Ethan Unsworth, Cohan Pitts, Maddelyn Marston, Paige Burke
PF: Tate Toovey, Lauren Conley, Sean Bailey, Nikki Lucas
1C: Kira Finlay, Duncan Fekete
2F: Megumi McMillan, Jess Miller
3C: Goldie Martin, Shanay Crang
4C: Jewel Mitchell, Whole class
5C: Maya Wilson, Kent McMahon
5F: Alex Allison, Eve Classen
6C: Lachlan Lahrs
7F: Jessica Platell
7L: Lachlan Scharneck, Madison Clark

Golden Gnome: 1st: Yr 3 & 7’s. 2nd: 3C, 4C, 4F. 3rd: 2F.

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FROM THE APRE-PETER LOVEGROVE

Gotcha!
Starting next week the students at St Joseph’s will be part of a new rewards program in the school. Staff will be on the lookout for anyone who is doing a good deed or going above and beyond in the way they conduct themselves around the school and while representing the school. If they are noticed doing things for others, making our school or community a better place they will be handed a “GotchaCard”. They put their name and class on it and place it in the “GotchaBox”. Each week a winner (or maybe more) will be drawn from the box. They will win a prize. The children are also asked to show their GotchaCard to their teacher so they can keep a tally of good work and good deeds they have done.

This initiative is to focus the students on positive achievements which can happen around the school but are often not acknowledged because the behaviour management focus is on dealing with negative behaviours. This program supports Mary MacKillop’s view of helping others and creates a positive outlook within the community. I hope you will support us as we get the kids with a “GOTCHA!”

A MUSICAL NOTE—RENUKA HARAN

School ensemble rehearsals will commence next WEDNESDAY 6 March at 7.30am. Instrumental students have been invited or have expressed a desire to be members of the school band. A note will be given this week to the students. Mrs Kylie Chivers will be conducting the ensemble and we expect all band members to be tuned and ready to start at 7.45am sharp. A commitment for the year is expected by all. Thank you for your help in ensuring that the children arrive on time every WEDNESDAY at 7.30am.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB-LESLEY SOLAR

At St Joeys we offer 4 out of 8 Scholastic Book Club issues. 1 per term. We skipped the first one since Holidays, Christmas and Back to School have all been very hectic.

Issue 2 was sent home earlier this week and will be due back on Monday 11 March. This is a short turn around to try and get the order in and back before the end of term on 28 March.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

The Seasons for Growth Program is an Australian based program for children who are experiencing grief and loss in their lives. These losses can include the loss of a parent or significant other (e.g. grandparents, siblings, etc) through death or separation. It also includes the loss of a parent or significant other through separation or divorce. This program aims to educate children who are experiencing grief to assist them to understand that the reactions associated with their losses are normal. It also helps children to develop skills for coping, problem solving and decision-making and for building peer support networks thus aiding the restoration of self-confidence and self-esteem. The Seasons for Growth Program is a whole school program catering for children who are experiencing grief in Years 2-7.

Sr Jenny will offer this program starting the week beginning 11th March. Which year levels it will be offered to will be determined by parent response to the permission form below.

I will contact parents/caregivers to let them know which year level will be involved. Please sign the signed permission form in an envelope marked for Sr Jenny’s attention and return it to the school office.

Sr Jenny can be contacted at the school should you wish to know about this program.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE: Attention SR JENNY

PERMISSION FORM FOR THE SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

Child’s Name ____________________________ Year Level _____________Class ____________

Grief Situation (e.g. Divorce, death) _____________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________________________

I give permission for my child to attend this program. Parent Signature ______________________________
Forms will be coming home soon with the information we currently hold for your child and family. Please check all details are correct or complete. Sign the form and return to the office as soon as possible.

Any child who needs help with their homework will have time to talk about their homework concerns and be given support in the Green Room from 8am to 8.30am each Tuesday and Wednesday. We thank Mrs Holman, Mrs Carroll and Mrs Hall for this service.

P & F Tuckshop Day:
Our first tuckshop day for 2013 will be on Friday March 15th. We will be offering a sausage roll, popper and packet of chips. Keep an eye out for order forms coming home with your child this week. Each child if ordering must return their own order form and money in an envelope clearly marked Tuckshop Day, their name and their class. Additional order forms will be available at the office should yours go astray! Orders by Wednesday 13th March PLEASE.

Easter Raffle:
The P & F are again holding their annual Easter Raffle. Donations of Easter Goodies (not only eggs) are now being accepted at the office or can be sent to class with your child. Each class will hold their own raffle and depending on donations we try to offer 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. Ticket books will be sent home next week with EACH student. Books will be 10 tickets at a cost of $1 each. We are greatly appreciative of the generous support given to this event each year and look forward to a successful raffle again this year. Thankyou.

JOIN “G.I. JOEYS” for TOUGH MUDDER!
Here at St Joseph’s we are putting a team together for TOUGH MUDDER on the Sunshine Coast in August!!! We have 7 people signed up including Mr O’Keefe and Mr Lovegrove and we have two Joey’s Mum’s on the team! Our team is for both WOMEN and MEN (minimum age 18). Our team’s plan is for everyone to stick together and help each other finish. Tough Mudder is not a race, it’s about finishing and helping your team mates. You just need a bit of fitness under your belt, and you want to take on a challenge too big to chew! Most of all we are doing it for “fun”.
So what is TOUGH MUDDER? It’s a 20km obstacle course (with 25 obstacles in total).

For more info or to join our team go to toughmudder.com. Be quick as the price increases each month!
When: Sunday August 18, starting at 9:00am
Where: TBA, somewhere on the Sunshine Coast
Logon Details: Team Name: “G.I. Joeys” Team Password “Joeys”
For more info please contact Dominic Barnes 0447 710 730.

ST PATRICK’S DAY – Come celebrate with us! On Sunday, March 17th come down to the Shelter Shed from 10am till 2pm for a day of family fun hosted by St Patrick’s Youth. The main event happens at 11am, when Paddy’s Saints are taking part in the World’s Greatest Shave to support the Leukaemia Foundation. There will also be a barbecue, games, stalls, raffles, trivia quiz and a good old Irish Sing-along. All the proceeds of the day are going to charity. If you would like to ‘shave or colour for a cure’, please contact Cathy Korzeniewski on 0400 494 943.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE TEAM holding its next weekend from Friday evening 26th to Sunday afternoon 28th April 2013 at QCCC Brookfield. The weekend offers widowed, separated and divorced people who have moved through the initial shock phase of grief to work through their pain and move into the future with renewed hope. It is a live-in weekend with meals and accommodation provided.
Enquiries: Kathy 0438 300 659 Paul 0428 428 977 Claire 0410 601 031 Terry 0411 142 557
Look us up on the web. www.brisbanebe.org.au

ALL STARS BASKETBALL CLUB are offering FREE training for all age groups on Wednesday Nights at Cornubia. All players who are interested in joining a team for the winter season commencing in April please come along and enjoy some great Basketball.
When: Wednesday Nights
Where: Cornubia Park Sports Centre
Time: 4pm - 5pm (Thunderball 5-8 year old boys & girls, Under 14 Boys)
5pm - 6pm (Under 12 Boys and Girls & Under 16 Boys and Girls)