Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 3, Week 4 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! This week we celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Please see below for more details about our celebration. We also send to Sr Jenny and all of the Sisters of St Joseph our congratulations and best wishes. Thank you to Sr Jenny for the wonderful work you do within our community. You are indeed the head, heart and hands of Mary MacKillop, alive in our school, bringing us closer to God and to one another.

Prayer

Most loving God we thank you for the example of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who in her living of the Gospel witnessed to the human dignity of each person. She faced life’s challenges with faith and courage.

We pray through her intercession for our needs …

We also pray for all Sisters of St Joseph throughout Australia and the world, especially our Sr Jenny who works at the school in the role of Pastoral Work-er. May we support the Sisters of St Joseph in their educative work amongst the poor and needy. May we never see a need without trying to do something about it. We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord. Amen

THURSDAY MASS

Due to Fr Tony celebrating Mary MacKillop’s Feast Day with us on Wednesday there will be no Thursday mass. 7C will be helping lead the Wednesday Mass.

SCHOOL DISCO

Sincere thanks to the P & F and to all parents who helped out at the disco yesterday at school. I also acknowledge the generosity of staff who stayed after school to offer supervision during the disco. The children had a great time and there certainly were some spooky costumes! Congratulations to all involved in making the disco such a success.

ACARA INFORMATION SURVEY

ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) has requested the school to provide information to it about children and their families for formulating national reports and/or for the development of policies in relation to education matters. A notice was sent home during the week giving further information about this request. The information gathered by ACARA will not be disclosed to any third party. Parents who do not want the school to provide the information to ACARA are to advise us at the school within seven (7) days of receiving the notice.

WAKAKIRRI

ARTWORX2012—St. Joseph’s ‘not-to-be-missed’ art exhibition. Save the dates: Opening night & auction 6pm 19/10/12 Children’s exhibition 20/10/12 10am-3pm.
The Wakakirri Team will compete in the story dance competition this Thursday. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to the Wakakirri experience. The children performed for their peers and families at two concerts last Tuesday. Everything about their performance was simply outstanding – props, costumes, make-up, dancing, expression... Congratulations! We wish you all the very best at the evening performance at the Logan Entertainment Centre on Thursday 09 August.

Thank you by supporting the team with the gold coin entrance donation. $180 was raised.

SCHOOL FEES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES
We recently received an email from Brisbane Catholic Education regarding the distribution of school fees accounts, financial statements and other financial information to families. All school have been requested to review their processes to ensure that fee statements, collection letters and any financial information provided to parents, are only delivered by mail or email. Unfortunately, the option of delivering fee statements via a student does not guarantee the fee statement etc will be delivered to the person it is addressed to and consequently may contravene privacy legislation according legal advice given to Brisbane Catholic Education.

This will mean a major cost increase to the school in postage. We estimate that to mail all accounts and reminder letters to our families would cost approximately an extra $3000 a year! For us to cover that cost we would need to increase school fees or levies. We are reluctant to do that and hope that families would assist us in providing up to date email addresses so that accounts can be emailed. This means that families are urged to let the school know when such contact details change so that our records can be accurate. Please forward to the school (pbeenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au) your current email address so that we can check this against our records and make amendments where necessary. We will try in the first instance to email accounts, trusting that this will be successful!

The August school fees will be sent to families via the post. Ros Mendo will include in the school fees mail out in August a brief note asking for your permission to send your school fees account via email.

WINTER UNIFORM
At assembly last Monday I reminded the children about wearing the correct uniform at all times. During the colder months there appears to be an increase in the habit of mixing and matching the winter jackets with the formal and sports uniforms. In other words, several children are wearing the green fleecy jacket with the sports uniform or the sports jacket with the formal uniform. I have asked the children to make sure that they do not do this. Please help us with this at home. As well, we do get a serious increase in the number of items coming to lost property in winter particularly when children remove their jackets as the day warms up and they forget to collect them afterwards. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled so that lost items can be retrieved.

NEW WEBSITE
Our new website is up and running. We are still having some trouble diverting people away from the previous site to the new one. Direct access is straightforward however. Please spread the news! Our new website address is www.stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au.

SKOOLBAG APP
Skoolbag is a school to parent communication tool. It provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications. No more lost paper in school bags!

You can install it on your Smartphone by pointing the Smartphone Web Browser (eg iPhone Safari, android web browser) to:  http://www.skoolbag.com.au/stjoeysms

You can then add it as a shortcut to your Home Screen by following the “add to homescreen” prompt on your iPhone, or by creating a shortcut to your desktop/home screen, if using an Android powered phone.

There is no cost to parents or children, but it does use a small amount of internet download on your phones. It is a ‘ubiquitous’ (anytime, anywhere) app, and is something that is proving to be very useful.

Peter Lovegrove has been busily updating the information on the Skoolbag app for St Joseph’s.

EKKA HOLIDAY 2012

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.

**ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS 2012**

To celebrate St Mary Mackillop’s Feast Day (8th August) this year St Joseph’s will be hosting the following activities:

* 9:00am – A whole school liturgy in the hall
* 1:30pm – A sausage sizzle
* 2:00pm – A mini-concert – The students will be performing a song dedicated to the life and works of Mary Mackillop in their grade level.
* **Gold coin collection** – which is to assist with the establishment of a memorial park on the site of the first Catholic school in Penola, South Australia.

Parents and friends of St Joseph’s students are encouraged to attend the liturgy and concert. Students who are unable to eat sausages due to allergies or other reasons are encouraged to bring along an alternative to be cooked at the time of the sausage sizzle. If you are able to assist with the BBQ your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

PC: Hayden Van de Langen, Cara Bowe, Declan Vickery  PF: All Possums

**APP of the WEEK by ST J’s APPSTARS**

Green Room girl, Melissa Burgess has been working hard putting together a collection of educational apps for Ipads. The whole collection can be found at www.applepieces.com or try the QR code. You might like to add it to your homepage on your phone or Ipad.
ART WORX 2012

This is St. Joseph’s very own biennial art exhibition, showcasing the many talents of our students, together with innovative works of many local artists.

OPENING NIGHT: Friday, 19 October 2012 starting 6pm, including auction of many art pieces.
CHILDREN’S EXHIBITION: Saturday, 20 October, starting 10am – 3pm.
The Exhibition will continue the following week during school hours, concluding Friday, 26 October.

Tickets will be available to purchase prior to the exhibition.

LITERACY PLANET-MELISSA BURGESS

LITERACY PLANET APP AVAILABLE ON APPLE AND ANDROID TABLETS.
As of this week, St Joseph’s are moving ahead again, maintaining points on 12th position in Australia. What great work you must all be doing! Keep up the great work!
We have also been sent some medals to give to students that have reached a top 50 position in Australia this year.
We will give those out on assembly. If parents wish to stay up to date with things happening with Literacy Planet, you can also have a look at their Facebook page. Just type in ‘Literacy Planet Facebook’.
10-20 minutes a day is all that is needed.

CLASS LEADERS from 23rd - 29th July:
PC – Keegan Rorke           PF – Jack Fenech
1C – Naomi Joelle Mataia   1F – Locky Buchbach
2C – Flynn Wickens (2nd School Leader) 2F – Goldie Martin
3C – Carla Buttigieg       3F – Jayden Schipplock (1st School Leader)
4C – Andrew Assaad         4F – Tain Burgess
56D – Jacqueline Falani   56L – Tamika Buttigieg (3rd School Leader)
6C – Olivia Wey           6F – Alex Elford
7C – Leah Thompson       7F – James Rea

As of 24th July, our school is in 9th position in Australia. What a great achievement by the whole school.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The weekly tally for Woolies Earn and Learn is an amazing 32,650 points, two and a half times more than last year! We still have 10 days until the close of the promotion, so please keep sending along your stickers to school.

P&F NEWS

MAVERICK NIGHT

If parents, family or friends in the school community know of any businesses that would like to sponsor a prize at the Maverick night please phone or email Belinda Thompson 0412 478870 or bjt66@bigpond.com.au hope to see at the Maverick night 24/8/12.
Sponsors to date so far for the Maverick night: Beenleigh Marketplace News
Beenleigh RSL Club          Currimbin Wildlife Sanctuary
G & V Autos, Gold Coast Marine Aquaculture Mark Thompson Plumbing & Backflow
Oz Kleen                     Hyperplex Cinemas.
Please support these Companies when out and about.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SETON COLLEGE INFORMATION AND OPEN SCHOOL MORNING

On Tuesday 7 August the morning will start promptly at 9am with an information session and tour. The morning is expected to conclude at 10.30am. 1148 Cavendish Road Mt Gravatt East.
P:3291 5333. W:http://www.seton.qld.edu.au. E: smtgravatt@bne.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY’S COLLEGE, ANNERLEY—OPEN DAY

Our Lady’s college welcomes you and your daughter to Open Day on Friday 24 August 2012 from 9.15am to 11.00am. We are enrolling now for Years 7 & 8 in 2015 (currently girls in Years 4 & 5) and Year 7 2016 (currently girls in Year 3). We have limited spaces available for Year 8 in 2013 & 2014. Office on 3848 7462.

SOUTHPORT SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB AT MAIN BEACH  Nipper Sign On for 2012-2013

AGE: 6 to 13        WHEN: Sunday 19th August 9am – 12 or Saturday 25th August 12 – 3 pm
WHERE: Trinity Luther Primary, Cotlew St. Campus (Car park and pool entry via Southport- Nerang Rd)
BRING: Bathers and towel, Proof of Age (passport or birth certificate), Parents will also require identification
Office on 5665 3939
Email nippers@sslsc.com.au