Prep to Yr 5 Parents: To assist our future planning please advise the office if your family will not be returning to St Joseph's in 2015.

DECEMBER
4 Carols by Candlelight (6-8pm)
5 No banking
End of Year Mass (10.30pm)
End of Term 4 (12.00noon)
24 Cut off date for booklist orders

JANUARY
22 Uniform Shop (2-5pm)
27 Uniform Shop (8am-12pm)
28 Beginning of Term 1 2015 (8.35am)
30 Sr Jenny’s Welcome Cuppa

WEEKLY EVENTS
Tues Uniform Shop (8-8.45am & 2-3pm)
Thurs Uniform Shop (2.15-3.15pm)
Fri Sr Jenny’s Cuppa (8.40am)
Student Banking

TERM DATES
2015
Term 1 Wednesday 28 January - Thursday 2 April
Term 2 Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June
Term 3 Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September
Term 4 Tuesday 6 October - Friday 4 December

2016
Term 1 Wednesday 27 January - Thurs 24 March
Term 2 Monday 11 April - Friday 24 June
Term 3 Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September
Term 4 Tuesday 4 October - Friday 2 December

I knew that last week’s Treasure Island Musical Showcase was a quality primary school performance, but if DVD sales of this musical are any indication, it was of Broadway quality! DVDs have been running out the door, with sales totalling $495. This is a full profit amount due to the generosity of time, effort and DVD donation by parent, Dominic Barnes. We thank Dominic for his generosity and the resultant boost to music resources that will be received at St Joseph’s.

Monday’s Ice Bucket Challenge provided much excitement for those at assembly and it was an excellent way to round off our 3 week Motor Neurone Disease fundraising. The fundraising total has continued to increase since the challenge, with $825.00 being our final figure, achieved through the generous support of our school community. Congratulations to parent, Nicky Hooker, on winning the Mrs Jan Burns artwork raffle.

Sister Jenny passes on her sincere thanks for the generous support that was also received over recent weeks for the St Vincent de Paul Hamper and Wish Tree Appeal. This support will now allow Christmas hampers to be distributed to the less fortunate in the wider local community, along with some Wish Tree gifts.

Tuesday night’s graduation ceremony was a wonderful tribute to our Year 6 and 7 graduands who have enjoyed many years of primary education at St Joseph’s and who have been excellent 2014 student leaders. My congratulations to all Year 6 and 7 students on their graduation from primary school, and to all students who were special award recipients on the night.

The combined school/parish Carols by Candlelight occurs tonight from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, and I look forward to joining many of our school community members/parishioners on the school oval with picnic rugs and fold up chairs. Please note that food, soft drink, poppers and water will be for sale, and that the evening will now conclude with a laser show, instead of the previously advertised fireworks.

At tomorrow’s End of Year Mass in the school hall, farewells, best wishes and votes of thanks will be offered to relevant staff. As previously informed, Mr O’Keeffe is leaving St Joseph’s and moving to St Bernadine’s, Regents Park. Mrs Anderson has taken a full year of leave from Brisbane Catholic Education and in 2015 will be teaching Year 1 at St Mary’s College, Broome, in Western Australia. Mrs Buckley will commence 12 months of Maternity Leave and await the birth of her, and Mr Buckley’s, first child in February. We will thank Mrs Rattansay, Ms Ellis, Mrs Witham, Mrs Regan and Mrs Connor for their work this semester as replacements and supports for Mrs Pangbourne, Mrs Hall, Mrs Giebels, Mrs Wynn and Mrs Burgess, respectively. Thank you also to Ms Adams for her work in Year 2 to allow Miss Mitchell to engage in learning support across the school this year.
**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE continued**

In other staffing news, I am delighted to be able to inform that Mrs Dair and her husband, Michael, are expecting their first child in the new year. Mrs Dair plans to teach until the end of Term 1 next year, before taking Maternity Leave. As well next year, we welcome back Mrs Kibble to the teaching staff after her 12 months of Maternity Leave. Please note that Mrs Kibble will now not share a Year 5 class with Mrs Schloman in 2015, due to the late inclusion of English as a Second Language (ESL) teaching duties being added to Mrs Schloman’s role. Interviews for Mrs Schloman’s Year 5 classroom teaching replacement are currently being held. Also next year, we will welcome Mrs Carmen Rees to the St Joseph’s teaching staff. Mrs Rees will be coming to us from St Vincent’s School, Clear Island Waters, and will join Mr Armstrong and Mr McBride on the Year 6 teaching team. Mrs Rees will provide Mr Armstrong with his 3 days of classroom release for PE teaching.

A reminder that the St Patrick’s Outside School Hours Care Holiday Program is now available for your perusal via our school app, parent portal and website. I commend this excellent program to you.

Maintenance is always an important holiday undertaking at St Joseph’s and apart from the regular grounds work, cleaning, pest control and safety checks, this summer will see plumbing, construction and external painting projects undertaken. Keep an eye out for the new shelter structure near the drop-off/pick-up area and the fresh new look the school will have in 2015 after being painted.

Tony, from Lucky Charm Newsagency, Holmview, continues to offer excellent service to the school regarding 2015 book/resource lists for parents, and consumable items for teachers. Again, related information can be found in a latter section of this newsletter.

Please note that our Uniform Shop Coordinator, Mrs Kerry Fenner, will be trading in the school’s Uniform Shop prior to the commencement of the 2015 school year. Kerry will have the shop open on Thursday 22 January from 2.00pm to 5.00pm, and Tuesday 27 January from 8.00am to 12noon. Her new 2015 weekly Uniform Shop hours will be Tuesdays from 8.00am to 8.45am; 2.00pm to 3.00pm, and Thursdays from 2.15pm to 3.15pm.

It has been a privilege to fulfill the role of principal at St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School this year. I am appreciative of the support that I have personally received and that which has been provided to staff throughout the year. Our school community has achieved success and made progress in relation to the broad strategic goals that were set earlier in the year in the priority areas of Mission and Religious Education, Learning and Teaching, Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships, and Strategic Resourcing. With the assistance of members of the P&F and our remarkable band of volunteers, a holistic, inclusive educational experience, based on Christian values, has been delivered by our highly professional and dedicated staff, to the students this year. My sincere thanks to each and every member of our school community who has contributed in 2014.

Families are asked to please note that school concludes for the 2014 school year at 12.00noon tomorrow, Friday 5 December. The St Patrick’s Outside School Hours Care service will operate from this time and duty teachers will be at the Mango Tree and Pick-up Areas until 12.15pm.

Finally, I warmly invite all members of our school community to the End of Year Mass from 10.30am tomorrow, Friday 5 December, in the school hall. This Mass will provide opportunity for our community to come together to give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received this year. For those parents who are unable to attend the Mass, I take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting the St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School staff with the Catholic education of your children throughout the year. For those families who will be concluding their association with St Joseph’s tomorrow, I offer my prayers and best wishes to you for a prosperous future.

May the current season of Advent, see you wait patiently and prayerfully for what I hope for your family is, a holy and peace-filled Christmas, followed by safe and happy holidays.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson

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**LIBRARY NEWS - LYN GIEBELS**

Many thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who have helped out in the library this year. While you are too numerous to mention individually, some do warrant a special mention. Susan McGovern has been volunteering one day a week and has proved invaluable. Raelene Marston who has been covering our books for us. A very special thank you has to be given to Jo Hoban who, for the last decade, has been shelving our returns for us. As her youngest child, Liam, has just completed year 7, Jo will be leaving our ranks and will be sadly missed! Leslie Solar who has been doing our Book Club for the last few years is also moving on as Decklan has also completed year 7. Lesley has also had a long involvement with the library and has been busy this year training up Susan and Raelene as her Book Club replacements.

Calling all library books……

Once again, it is that time of the year where all of our library books are due back. Please make sure that all school library books are returned this week, so we can get them cleaned, repaired and shelved already for the new year. Overdues will be sent out and lost books are expected to be paid for.

Don’t forget that any books lent to you by Sr Jenny or your child’s class teacher also need to be returned before the end of the year as these are either library books or the personal property of the teacher.

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St Joseph’s Beenleigh

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SCIENTIST DAY - YEAR 3

On Friday, students in Year 3 enjoyed a crazy 'Scientist Day' where they investigated solids, liquids and gases. Students really enjoyed experiments involving goo, inflating balloons, static electricity, bubbly drinks and some other crazy mixtures. A big thank you to the many parents in both classes for volunteering their time to assist with the experiments.

2016 & 2017 PREP ENROLMENTS

Applications for enrolment of Prep 2016 students will begin to be processed over the Christmas holidays.

2016: Child born between 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.
2017: Child born between 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

BOOK LISTS - LUCKY CHARM NEWSAGENCY HOLMVIEW

Lucky Charm Newsagency at Holmview (Ph: 3807 9675) is our book list provider in 2015. Orders will now need to be placed online at www.TLCholmview.com.au from 1 December.

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 Multisports Centre, Boundary Street Beenleigh (between the BMX and Soccer clubs) and will be opened from 5 January to 27 January 2015. Orders will be accepted until 9 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 5 January, Wednesday 7 January and Saturday 10 January. Delivery will be between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

2015 TEACHER LEVEL ALLOCATIONS

Prep- Sarah Taylor and Kate Willmot
Year 2 – Philippa Haley and James Buckley
Year 4 – Rebecca Fletcher and Nicolle Ford
Year 6 – Matthew Armstrong/Carmen Rees and Rory McBride

2015 HOLIDAYS:
2.00pm- 5.00pm Thursday 22 January
8.00am-12.00pm Tuesday 27 January

2015 SCHOOL TERM:
Tuesdays 8-8.45am & 2-3pm
Thursday 2.15-3.15pm

PARISH NEWS

Youth Masses: 6pm Sunday 7th Dec; 9am Sunday 21st Dec, with practice at 8am; 8pm Christmas Eve, with practice at 6.45pm.

Faith on Tap: Mon 8th of Dec: Latin Mass at St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Anglesey Street, Kangaroo Point 7.00pm then around the corner to The Pineapple Hotel, 706 Main Street, Kangaroo Point at 8.30pm.

‘United’ Youth Christmas party! - Friday 12th Dec, 5.30 till 9pm at St Joseph’s Hall.
If you’d like to know more about youth ministry in our Parish, please contact me.
Cathy 0400 494 943 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

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2014 has had its fair share of ups and downs but through all our trials and tribulations we have as a community walked this journey together. We have reached out, leant on, held hands, done lunch, whipped up a quick cake, shared a cuppa and stopped to chat. We have come together as a community to share with each other and support each other - we have strengthened the bonds of family.

To our children, the heart of St Joeys! Thank you for your Thank You!!! Nothing in this world gives us greater pleasure than to see your bright smiling faces as you say thank you to those mums and dads who help you choose a gift or pass you your tuckshop order. You are why we do what we do. Your smile and your wave is what keeps us coming back each year. Thank you.

To all parents, grandparents, carers and friends of St Joeys’ you are what makes all we do a success. You are the ones who support the discos, the tuckshop days, Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day stalls, various fundraising and social initiatives, that generate not only the funds to be spent on improving our children’s educational journey but also nurture the bonds of community that deepen our sense of spirit and our own personal journey here at St Joseph’s. Without your continued support and efforts we could not together achieve improved outcomes for our children. Thank you.

To all families who are now finished their St Joseph’s journey, we say a special thank you. Many of you have been long term dedicated members of the P&F and you have always been generous with your time, support and energy to assure all initiatives are reached to their full potential. We ask our God to bless those who are leaving, and to walk with them always wherever they may go.

To all staff, we say a huge Thank You!!! Without your support, commitment and assistance we could not achieve the milestones we do each year. You keep the enthusiasm, and information flowing, you are always there to lend a hand and offer support at just the right moment.

To the P&F executive for 2014, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support throughout this year. We have had a year of challenges and change and the future ahead of us promises to be challenging yet exciting. To Michelle, David, Karen, Lesley, Dominic and Belinda thank you and may God Bless you and your family this Christmas. To Stephen Johnson and Peter Lovegrove, thank you for your continued support and confidence in both myself and our team. Your ongoing commitment to the P&F is greatly valued and your endless support for both our initiatives and on a personal level is appreciated beyond measure. Thank you.

To all of our St Joey’s family, the P&F thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. May God bless you all and keep you safe these holidays. May you and your families have a very Merry Christmas filled with friends, family and fun and may 2015 be as wonderful as you all are.

**GARAGE SALE—BRONWYN MOORTON**

The first garage sale in support of Melony’s operation is this weekend. Please tell all your friends and family.

**WHEN:** From 6am-2pm Saturday and Sunday  
**WHERE:** 7 Laura Court Mount Warren Park

I will continue to run garage sales as I get more donations through the holidays. Please call me on 0416 165 340 if you are able to donate or help.

**GRADUATION PHOTOS**
FREE back to school health check for kids!
13, 14 and 15 January 2015

Foot checks
- Footwear and orthotic advice
- Foot pain
- Hand pain
- Knee pain

Vision screening
- Squinting
- Headaches/vertigo
- Difficulty concentrating

Nutrition assessments and dietary advice
- Picky eaters
- Healthy lunch box tips
- Allergies or intolerance

Education and development assessments
- School readiness
- Reading ability

Bookings essential
Phone 3138 9777 for further information or to make a booking.

www.healthclinics.qut.edu.au
44 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove QLD 4059

Oral Health Services

FREE DENTAL CARE AVAILABLE NOW

Dear Parents of Children in Year 6 & 7’s

We would like to offer your children a dental appointment before they finish their primary school years, to ensure they have optimal oral health for high school.

Once they attend for this appointment we will register them with Metro South Oral Health, and recall them every year to ensure their oral health is maintained in High School.

Telephone 1300 300 850 to arrange an appointment at a public dental clinic near you.

A list of dental clinics that are currently open are listed on the back of this flyer. You can attend any clinic that is conveniently located near you.

Great state. Great opportunity.