My thanks to the many parents and children who attended last Saturday’s very productive Working Bee. Much was achieved to assist in enhancing our wonderful school environment.

The first organisational meeting for those in our school community who will be coordinating the new structure for parent engagement at St Joseph’s through JETs (Joeys’ Engagement Teams), occurs this afternoon. Information on avenues for parent engagement at St Joseph’s in 2015 will be disseminated in the very near future. I know that many are keen to receive this information.

A reminder that the annual Parent Information Night occurs next Wednesday 11 February, commencing at 6.30pm in the school hall. After a brief welcome, parents will be invited to move to classrooms for teacher information sessions. These will run for 20 minutes and be repeated 3 times by teachers to cater for families with more than one child at St Joseph’s. I implore parents to make it a priority to attend this night.

The first instalment of 2015 Prep screening occurs next Tuesday, with auditory assessment for a number of students. Vision and Occupational Therapy assessments are also planned for Prep students and these greatly assist staff to direct early intervention as necessary.

Punctuality has been a pleasing aspect of the new school year. I thank parents for the importance they have placed on this element of school life for their children and I trust that this continues. A reminder that staff supervision commences from 8.20am each day between the hall and the administration block, before movement to the oval. It is expected that students arriving earlier than 8.20am attend Outside School Hours Care (OSHC). Please note that afternoon staff supervision in the Mango Tree Area and the Tobruk Street Pick-Up Area concludes at 3.20pm each day. Students not collected by this time are escorted by supervising staff to the school office for their safety.

A strategic approach is always undertaken regarding resource acquisition for the educational benefit of students at St Joseph’s. Given this, new 65” LED Full HD Touch Display Screens will soon arrive in Year 2, 3 and 5 classrooms, to complete functioning screen roll-out at the school. This technological resource acquisition has been enabled by funds from parents and friends of the school, and I offer my thanks for this significant financial contribution. Of course, not all resource at St Joseph’s is of a digital nature, and contemporary bibles, atlases and dictionaries have arrived at the school to support new curriculum requirements across all year levels. Acquisition of these hard copy resources has been enabled by Student Resource Levies. My thanks to the many mothers who have worked together to contact cover these books over two days this week.

Music is certainly in the St Joseph’s air at the moment with yesterday’s woodwind, brass and strings demonstration, and choir auditions, and next week’s pending commencement of private instrumental lessons.

Next Tuesday we look forward to an afternoon visit by Indigenous and All Star NRL players in the lead up to their Gold Coast match on Friday 13 February. My thanks to Mr Armstrong for his organisation of this visit.

A reminder to parents that student swimming lessons and our school swimming carnival now occur in Term 4. One of the many benefits is that this allows a more settled and organised commencement to the school year.

The 2015 Parish Sacramental Program is being launched tonight and I ask that you please pray for the families involved. Please also pray for the Herbst and Regeling families, after the recent passing of Elizabeth Herbst, mother to Deb, mother-in-law to Peter and grandmother to Jade. Eternal rest grant unto Elizabeth, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS
All application forms for instrument music lessons were due back this week on Wednesday. Lessons will commence next week - WEEK 3. Timetables will be given to class teachers and students on Monday 9 February.

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CHOIR
Auditions were held on Wednesday. Thank you to all students for their enthusiasm and willingness to try out for the choir. Due to numbers, unfortunately, only some students were successful. They will be notified by letter next Monday 9 Feb.

LIBRARY NEWS - LYN GIEBELS & KAREN COLE

Nothing can equal the power of an adult who puts the right book in a child’s hands at the right time.  

Nancie Atwell

I need to give an enormous thank you to the many mothers who attended our covering morning (which went all day!) Madeline, Angela, Jackie, Evette, Ali, Alison, Bev, Tracey, Gweneth, Kim, Leonie, Gena, Jenny, Tracey and Kylie generously gave up their time and covered around four hundred books in the day! A determined group also returned the next day to finish the job.

Borrowing has resumed this week. Please remember that if your child still has outstanding books they will be unable to borrow until they are returned or you have contacted the library to discuss it. Thanks
2015 Homework Help will begin on February 17, and continue each Tuesday and Wednesday in the library from 8 am to 8.30am. In term 1, Homework Help will be available for any student from year 2 to 6. Year 1 students will be included from term 2. We offer these sessions for students who may need access to Mathletics or Literacy Planet or further direction or support researching or completing their homework.

THE PREP WATERDRAGONS GET A VISIT FROM A WATERDRAGON

St Joseph’s School has been chosen by NRL Development to be one of very few visited by players from the NRL and Indigenous All Stars teams in the lead up to their match at Cbus Super Stadium on Friday, February 13. The players and NRL Development staff will be promoting the game, and also delivering the NRL One Community Mental Wellness program to students. These players and NRL Development staff will be visiting the school on Tuesday 10th February from 1:45pm. On this day we will make some slight changes to our snack timetable to enable students to attend the presentation and visit from the NRL and Indigenous All Stars players.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Parents who drive their students to and from school may be eligible for a subsidy payment from the Department of Transport. The QLD Conveyance Allowance is paid in most instances when you travel more than 3.2km to school. To apply for this payment visit the link below, fill in the application form and send your application to the Southport Office of the Department of Transport. Payment is made twice a year and is dependent on the distance travelled. https://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/Forms/QF3647

ST JOEY’S MUMS AND DADS BEENLEIGH FACEBOOK GROUP

With the vision of improving communication amongst our parents we are offering the security of a closed Facebook group. This group is used to share information, promote school events and allows parents the opportunity to ask school related questions and invite feedback from other parents and some staff. To join this group on Facebook simply search St Joey’s Mums & Dads Beenleigh and click Join Group. As this is a closed group and only for school families, membership and posts to this group are monitored and must be approved by an administrator. This serves to give privacy for families and to ensure the page operates within the spirit of our school community.

ALL IN STITCHES ST JOEY’S CRAFT GROUP

Our craft group will again operate this year on Wednesday mornings from 8:45am - 11:30 am. This group last year was fundamental in ensuring both high quality and quantity of goods for our annual Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day Stalls. We are constantly welcoming new members. Many material are supplies or you may simply want to work on that little project or share a tip or two. Our group is open to all parents and friends of St Josephs, so please, if you are crafty or would like to be or simply want to build your social network within the school come along and meet some new friends and make and create masterpieces and fun in doing so.

CONGRATULATIONS

Youth Masses: 9am Feb 15th, practice at 8am; 6pm March 1st, practice at 4pm.
United Youth: Friday, Feb 20th – we begin at 5.30pm at St Joseph’s School Hall. The younger group (age 10-14) finish at 7.30pm; the older group (15+) finish at 9pm. Band practice: Every Tuesday night in the parish office from 7 – 8pm.
Ignite Live: starts back up for this year on Feb 15th. We’ll meet at the shack at 6pm. Please let me know if you’d like to join us! Cathy 0400 494 943 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

COAT HANGERS
I would be grateful for donations of unwanted coat hangers for the ongoing garage sales to raise $12,000 for one of our mum’s operation. If you are de-cluttering your home please consider donating items to the sale. 0416 165 340.

JUNIOR/YOUTH SIGN ON DAYS Beenleigh Australian Rules Football Club
7th & 8th February 10am – 2pm @ Beenleigh Sports Club or at any Training Session.
Teams U6’s to U17’s, U15’s Girls Team, Seniors & Reserves.
For further enquiries please contact: Kylie Jordan (Secretary) 0450 330 124 beenleighjuniors@aflbj.com
We are looking for Players in all age groups 5 to 17 Years & Seniors. Please remember - Girls play AFL too.

LOGAN CITY RUGBY UNION CLUB Do you love rugby union? Come down and join the Logan City rugby union club. We are based in Slacks Creek and cater for under 6’s to colts to seniors. With some of the best recreational facilities in the Brisbane region the club is growing from strength to strength and is a club for the whole family. Registration days are Saturday February 14th, 21st & 28th 10am - 2pm. A: 200 Queens Road Slacks Creek. P: 07 3299 4793 E: logancitregistrar@hotmail.com F: Facebook logancityrugbyunion.