Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 9 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! David has been away this last week with bronchitis, so it has been extra busy for me in the office. Hopefully we see him back on deck soon!! Report writing for teachers is nearing completion, as is preparations for Celebration of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation on Sunday. I have also spent some time preparing for my move back to Marymount. With only 2 weeks left in the term, there is still a great deal to do.

Another reminder to make sure that you are using our new smartphone app. This is regularly updated with events and important information. Should we have wet weather for our upcoming Athletics Carnivals; the information will be posted on the App.

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 home screen" prompt on your iPhone, or by creating a shortcut to your desktop/home screen, if using an Android powered phone. Thanks, Tony.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST – 10 June

On Sunday 10 June at St Patrick’s Church, children from St Joseph’s will be confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time. Fr Tony Girvan – our parish priest – will be the celebrant at this special celebration which begins at 10.30am. This year, due to the large number of children making their Confirmation and First Eucharist, this celebration will take place in the school hall. Congratulations to all of these children, to their families and to everyone who had a hand in preparing the children for these sacraments. We pray that the Holy Spirit will be constantly active in their lives and that the children will deepen their relationship with Jesus through their regular celebration of the Eucharist throughout their lives.

Monday 11 June
School Closed

Tuesday 12 June
School Photo Day. Yr 1-7 Formal Uniforms
7pm- P&F Meeting. All welcome

Friday 15 June
P-2 Athletics Carnival at St Joseph’s

Monday 18 June
Yr 3-7: Athletics Carnival at Eagleby

Monday 11 June
SCHOOL CLOSED—QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY

Tuesday 12 June
7.30am: Band practice
School Photos: Envelopes to class only
7pm: P&P Meeting. All welcome

Wednesday 13 June
2.05: MI Smarts Last week
2.05: Choir
3-4pm: Wakakirri Rehearsal

Thursday 14 June
Mass Readings: 5/6L
Yr 6: Celebration of learning

Friday 15 June
P-Yr 2: 9am-12pm Athletics Carnival at St Joseph’s
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Yr 7: Hotdog day for Olivia Jones
50c Iceblock day for Olivia Jones

Monday 18 June
Yr 3-7: Athletics Carnival. Eagleby

Tuesday 19 June
7.30am: Band practice
Yr1: Firefighter visit

Wednesday 20 June
11.30am: Talent Extravaganza
No Wakakirri Rehearsal

Thursday 21 June
Liturgy Readings: 1C
2.10pm: Instrumental Concert. Hall

Friday 22 June
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Tuckshop Day
2.55pm: End of Term 2

Monday 7 July
8.55pm: First Day of Term 3

Tuesday 10 July
7pm: P&P meeting.

RECEPTION
Mon: 8.30-3.45
Tues-Thurs: 8.15-3.45
Fri: 8.30-3.15

UNIFORM SHOP
8:15-9:15am Tuesday
2:15-3:15pm Thursday
CONGRATULATIONS MR BARRON!
Tony Barron, APRE, has again been offered an Acting APA position at Marymount Primary at Burleigh Waters on the Gold Coast. Tony accepted the offer and will start back at Marymount at the beginning of next term. Congratulations Tony! We wish you all the very best!
Following the appropriate BCE process, Expressions of Interest in the Acting APRE position at St Joseph’s will be circulated amongst Catholic Schools early next week. The Area Supervisor, Trevor Doyle, Fr Tony and I will then short list applicants before conducting interviews. An announcement should be expected before the end of term.

QEII and QAS Visit
Last Monday a group of 34 students and their parents were lucky enough to take part in a tour of the training facilities of the QAS. They were also fortunate to see two of our country’s top athletes in Mitchell Watt and Matt Cameron. Mitchell will compete in the Long Jump at the London Olympics, while Matt will compete in the 100m T54 event at the Paralympics. It was a great day for all involved and a chance for our students and parents to see what our top athletes go through on a day to day basis. Many thanks to Mr Matt Armstrong, for coordinating the event, and to Garry Bourne (Australian Jumps Coach) for helping with the tour and speaking to the children.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
St Patrick’s Catholic Parish are inviting children over the age of 10 years to be trained as altar servers. Luke Watts will be training the children. If your child is interested, please contact the parish and leave your child’s name and family contact details (Parish Office: 07 3287 2282). Obviously, the child will need to attend mass and will be placed on a roster to serve at weekend masses.

WAKAKIRRI TICKETS
Important Ticket Information!!!!!! A note went home to children performing in this year’s Wakakirri on Wednesday. This newsletter note is addressed to the families of performing children, not all families.
Each school has been allocated a certain number of tickets. Each child performing in Wakakirri has been allocated two tickets only. This is to ensure that all families of performing children have the opportunity to view the show. If however, families of performing children would like to purchase additional tickets please indicate this choice on your ticket order form. If a family decides not to attend or another school does not fill their allocated number of audience members, you may have a chance to purchase extra tickets. Please be aware that at this stage there are no guarantees that additional ticket orders will be filled.

Tickets cost $30 each.

Ticket purchase forms and merchandise order forms are due strictly by Monday 18th June (last week of term.)

ABSENTEES
If your child is away from school, please contact the school on the morning of the day of absence. Dial 1 when prompted and leave a message. Remember, if you don’t let us know, we can only assume that she is away sick. We won’t know that she might have walked to school and did not make it – a possible scenario. AND you would not know that she did not get to school until someone came to pick her up that afternoon. Please let us know as soon as possible on the day of absence.

LATE ARRIVALS
It is concerning that we can have on any given day up to 30 children arriving late to school. The time varies but some can regularly be late by 20 minutes. Over a term, a semester or a year, that’s quite a lot of school time missed! Please endeavour to have children at school on time. Thank you to the families who consistently do this! If children are arriving late consistently, you will receive a letter from the school outlining our concerns, and parent’s duty of care.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
PC: Keegan Rorke, Cruz Sula-Siaosi, Joshua Witham  
1C: Megumi McMahon, Naomi Mataia  
2C: Jackson Shaw, Jai Charlton  
3C: Alex Cleeland  
4C: Dylan Pulifico, Grace Fairbank  
56L: Tayn Wilson, Kacee Te Hau  
6F: Sarah Downing, Ameé Snoodyk  
Golden Gnome: 1st: 7F, 4C, 5/6L. 2nd: 2F, 5F. 3rd: 3C  

PF: Oliver Malcolm, Ryan Wey  
1F: Joseph Johnson, Jeshuran Curley  
2F: Tayla Eichmann, Joseph Rose  
3F: Erik Balint  
56D: Eilish Mairhofer, Jakob Rawlings.  
6C: Filloreta Shala, Olivia Wey  
7F: Josie Shala  

WAKAKIRRI—SEWING COSTUMES
We need mums/grandmothers who can help us to sew costumes for our very talented group of performers who are again representing our school in the Wakakirri competition.
The costumes will need to be ready by early August, so if you are able to help out please contact Mrs Giebels or Ms Dair.
Our school was treated to a visit by author Mark Greenwood and illustrator Frané Les-sac last Friday. Frané spoke to our P-3 children and enthralled them with the stories she has written and illustrated for children and demonstrated her illustration techniques. Mark addressed the 4-7s and had them on the edge of their seats with his stories of our country’s history. I have included an order form at the back of the newsletter if anyone would like to purchase any books. Judging by the children’s enthusiasm for them, they would make excellent Christmas and birthday presents!

ATHLETIC CARNIVALS

PREP—YEAR 2. FRIDAY 15TH JUNE 9AM-12PM
This year the Early Years are having their own Athletics Carnival at the St Joseph's School Oval. Students in Prep, Year One and Year Two will participate in modified athletics events including running races, high jump, long jump, shot put, ball games and some novelty events. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are welcome to attend to encourage and support the children's participation on the day.

Timetable:
9.00 – begin rotations. 3 x 15min rotations.
10.00 – munch’n’crunch, drink, toilet.
10.15ish – finish rotations. 3 x 15min rotations.
11.10ish – snack/lunch, drink, toilet.
11.30ish - running events. Begin with prep 60m, yr 1 60m, yr 2 80m. DB/TB to hand out participation ribbons at end of each running race.
11.50ish – conclusion of carnival. Lunch.

YEAR 3—7. MONDAY 18TH JUNE. 8 – 8.30am arrival. 2.30pm pick up.
Our school sports carnival takes place at Olivers Sporting Complex, 293 Logan Street, Eagleby. Parents who would usually drive their children to school during the week, will drop the children at the Sporting Complex in Eagleby. Children who attend St Patrick’s OSHC and children who usually catch a bus to school will travel to the carnival by a bus booked by the school. This bus leaves the school at 8.30am sharp and leaves the venue at 2.30pm to arrive back at school by 2.45pm. It is important to note that this bus is not available for other children. As you would appreciate the cost of taking all children to the carnival by bus would be prohibitive and we would have to charge parents a fee for this to happen. There will be staff present at the Eagleby grounds from 8.00am. Children arriving from this time onwards are to assemble in their house (team) area, designated by coloured tents. Children must wear their blue sports shorts, school house colour team shirt, blue sports hat and have a water bottle with them. The school will provide water for topping up water bottles. We will not provide cups. Please ensure that sunscreen has been applied and that children have sunscreen that they can reapply during the day. Children need to wear sports shoes and socks. Children wearing spikes must carry spikes to their lane before putting them on. When they have finished their race they take the spikes off in their lane. It is important that children have their school tracksuit in their bags in case it gets cool during the day. Lunch at the sports carnival is to be brought with them.

NO CHILDREN WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE CANTEEN THROUGHOUT THE DAY.
The canteen will be open for parents, but we ask that you do not buy anything from there for your child. Parents are more than welcome to attend the day and support their child/ren and the school. However parents will NOT be permitted in to the student area (centre of the running track). Parent designated seating is on the hill in front of the canteen. Should the weather be unpleasant, a decision will be made by 7:30am and placed on the School App as to whether or not the carnival is on. (please see info above regarding the App.)
Congratulations to KASEY LEADBETTER who this week reached 15th place in Australia. Well Done Kasey.

With the LITERACY PLANET APP recently coming out I was hoping to get some feedback from parents whose children might have been using it at home. If you have any comments good or bad I would love to hear about it. If any bugs are still found please let us know and I can contact Literacy Planet.

My email is mkburgess@bne.catholic.edu.au.

20 MINUTES A DAY

CLASS LEADERS AS OF 7th June

PC – Elise Sulusi
2C – Sophie Vickery
4C – Kasey Leadbetter
6C – Charlotte Hasenkam

PF – Zac Utratny
2F – Ronan Dougherty
4F – Nicholas Houghton
6F – Kobe Stephens

1C – India Seeto
3C – Jasmine LeBillon
56D – Liam Hoban
7C – Bianca Chua

1F – Jade Regeling
3F – Erik Balint
56L – Tamika Buttigieg
7F – Alec Digal

The feedback from the mums and dads who took time out to come along to one of the WONDER WORD Parent WORKSHOPS this term was overwhelmingly positive. It has been great to hear stories of how parents have been able to use the activities and strategies to support their child as they learn their Wonder Words with such success.

We know from research and our own practice, that there are great benefits when parents and schools work together. Children’s learning is optimised when they receive encouragement and support from home. Parents increase their own confidence and skills as they gain more information and insight into supporting their child’s learning. Where there is a positive relationship between school and parents, there are benefits for all.

It’s the Year 5/6 students who visit Beenleigh Nursing Home. What a big difference a few minutes of time has made to the lives of our elderly neighbours! The weekly visit by the Year 5/6 students and their teachers, Mrs Hatzis and Mr O’Keeffe is a highlight of the week for them as well as being a highlight for the students who give their respect, consideration and concern so readily. Staff at the Nursing Home have commented on how the students look forward to the weekly visits and that it truly makes a positive difference to their well being. Well done, Year 5/6 students and teachers.

Students are to wear their correct formal uniform and jumpers on Tuesday the 12 June for photo day. Prep students are to wear their sport uniform. Neat and tidy hair with school colours ties. Black school shoes.

Photo envelopes can now be handed in at the office. Envelopes will not be accepted at the office on photo day. The student will need to take it to their class teacher in the morning.
iMovie is an app that our aspiring movie makers have been working with under the direction of Mr McBride. These students worked collaboratively to choose a theme, script their movie, as well as add in sound effects and music. The kids in this SMART are looking forward to showing their movies to others.

So You Think You Are Fit teacher, Mr Armstrong has been given a new title from his fit team, Mr Awesome! Olivia Vickery and Jaz Smith told us how fit they feel. “It gets our heart pumping and it is a lot of fun.”

Almost all book club orders have arrived and been sent out to children in their classes. If you have an item on back order, you should have received a note letting you know. There is 1 order in the office that had no name or class on the order form or envelope... If you are missing your order, please contact the office and we will help you.

Due to the overwhelming response, we are able to offer families the opportunity to have a family portrait taken on Saturday 21 July 2012. Each family will receive a framed portrait at a cost of $15.00 and the option to purchase more photos in various package deals. Please keep an eye open early next week for the promotional material. The flyer will be sent home with the eldest child ONLY. Families are asked then to return the included booking slip and money and then a time will be allocated. Bookings start at 9.00am Saturday and will continue throughout the day according to demand. For any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0403 834 112. Thank you. Remember this is a fundraiser and our school receives the whole booking cost of $15.00

Here are some free dictionaries that you may like to download. All you need to do is say the word and these clever apps will find the word for you. This is very helpful if you are an adult or child with poor spelling skills.


Last Friday we held our first School "Tuckshop Day" in the new Canteen. It was a great success with almost 300 orders completed on the day. We had a lot of feedback from families saying how nice it was to have a "day off" making lunches. I know the Barnes Family did! The P&F would like to thank all families for getting behind the idea and making it a success. A huge thank you to the Tuckshop Day Co-ordinator Annette Lahrs and the other volunteers on the day. We made a profit of $893 which was above expectations, these funds will go directly to your school and we will update you as money is used within our school. Tuckshop Days will be a regular once a month event for the remainder of the year. The next one will be on the last day of school Friday June 22 with an order form coming home soon.
Who operates the Uniform Shop?
With the weather cooling down I’ve had some questions from parents about the uniform recently. Some people may not be aware, at St Joseph’s the uniform shop is run by the school from the office and not the P&F. We are always happy to talk to parents any time and listen to feedback, but if you have any uniform enquiries you will find the school office more than happy to help you.

NEXT P&F MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 12

Next P&F Meeting Tuesday June 12, 7pm to 8.30pm
You are welcome to come along. Personally as President I like to have new people at meetings so we can listen to different points of view and get instant feedback from parents. We will be discussing all sorts of topics from Tuck-shop Days to Discos. We also get "behind the scenes" information from Mr Boulton and other staff on the running of the school and how our kids are doing which is always interesting as parents. Meetings always start on time at 7pm and always finish at 8.30pm sharp. Some how we fit all this in and have a few laughs too. If you are interested in coming you will be most welcome to join in on discussions or just listen if you prefer.

Thank you to everyone sending the stickers in. The new total is 5150 pts.

JAPANESE STUDENTS
Trinity College is having 25 visiting students from Myojo Gakuen High School in Tokyo from Thursday the 19th of July to Tuesday the 7th of August. Are you able to be a host family? Families have the option of hosting one student for three weeks (20 days), hosting two students for ten days each, or hosting one student for ten days only (providing another family can be found to host the student for the remaining ten days). Host families receive a weekly allowance to cover food, transport and weekend activities. Families will need to have blue cards for every member over 18 living in the same house as the student. These cards are free to all applicants and the applications can be found on the following website

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EMBRACING FAMILIES IN 2012: Riding the Waves of Faith, Love and Life
Fr. Chris Riley and Melinda Tankard Reist
are coming to Brisbane!

Topics: Fr. Chris Riley ‘Pressures of Family Today’, and Melinda Tankard Reist ‘Sexualisation of Children and how we respond’

Where: St. Edward’s School, 104 Chatswood Rd, Daisy Hill, (new entertainment hall)
Date: Saturday 7th July
Cost: Only $10 per adult – under 18 years free (register online or hard copy)
Time: 9.00 am – 5.30 pm (come along for part of the day or the whole day)

In addition to our guest speakers there are 18 amazing presentations on offer, including a children’s stream for Prep to Year 7. Topics include Cyber Safety, Impact of Social Media on families, Forum for young people, Marriage, Parenting, Grief and Loss, the joy of ageing gracefully, Navigating the two halves of life...for men, and much more! Please visit www.embracingfamilies.org.au to read the full program of presentations and choose your three favourites! There is something for everyone.

The experience of family affects all people in a most profound way, from the miracles of love to the moments of brokenness. Today the word “family” implies many combinations of people, including friends. All are part of a network of relationships through their family of origin or as a significant person within other family networks.

Each generation receives the beliefs of the previous generation wrapped in the concepts and framed in the language, style and actions that made sense to that earlier generation.

EMBRACING FAMILIES is a message of hope, an opportunity to really open our hearts and minds to discover and rediscover the call to live in happiness and peace.

For hard copies of the registration form or further information please contact:-
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