Welcome to Term 4. I trust that the recent holidays were all that families hoped for and that the school term ahead delivers rich rewards for all in our community.

This week we welcome new student, Tracy Said (Prep Waterdragons), and her family to the St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School community. We hope that they experience a true sense of connectedness with our community over the coming years.

This week we also welcome Miss Willmot as Mrs Anderson's long service leave teaching replacement for the term, in the Prep Possums classroom. We also welcome Mrs Witham as a replacement for Mrs Giebels in the library as she embarks on her teaching practicum over the next 6 weeks. As well, we welcome Mrs Connors and Mrs Regan as replacements for Mrs Wynn this term during her period of leave. Please note that Mrs Pangbourne continues to recover at home after her serious injury in June and we are pleased that Mrs Rattansay is able to continue with 4C teaching duties as Mrs Pangbourne's replacement.

Our new morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up arrangements have commenced after Logan City Council staff signed and marked the new area over the holidays. The early feedback from users has been most positive, especially regarding safety and convenience. Negotiations are currently underway for the construction of a sheltered area adjacent to the drop-off/pick-up gate.

Mr Lovegrove has now collated results from the school’s recent homework survey and publication of these will commence in next week’s newsletter. Thank you to those in our community who took the time to respond to this important survey.

Term 4 swimming commenced today for students in Year 1 to 7 and it was evident that they all enjoyed the chance to improve their confidence and abilities in the water.

Tomorrow, Gala Sport occurs for students in Year 5 to 7 and we hope that all of our competitors enjoy the healthy competition that will be on offer.

The Term 4 Working Bee is being held this Saturday from 8.00am to 11.00am. Please consider coming along to lend a hand with the planned tasks and enjoy the healthy banter, camaraderie and hospitality that always accompanies these events.

Please note that this month’s P&F Meeting occurs next Tuesday 14th from 6.30pm in the staffroom. As always, all parents and friends of St Joseph's are most welcome.

Students across the school are very much looking forward to the upcoming Disco and Creative Dance Showcase on the late afternoon/early evening of Friday 17 October. Further information is included in a latter section of this newsletter.

Year 6 and 7 students look forward to their graduation preparations moving into full swing over coming weeks under the guidance of Mr Lovegrove, Mrs Hatzis, Mr O'Keeffe and Mr McBride.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our own families remain united in deep mutual love and be places of communion, prayer and healing. May our families be living witnesses of the love and presence of Jesus in the world.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
Swimming permission notes were sent home last term. They should now be returned to your child’s classroom teacher. Years 1-3 will be completing a swim safety program and the Years 4-7 will be completing a stroke correction program. Lessons will take place every Thursday in Term 4 – Week 1 to Week 7.

### Swimming Lesson Timetable:

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### Years 1-7 Carnival Date:

- **21/11 Friday Week 7**

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**LET’S TALK ABOUT DYSLEXIA SESSIONS - MRS HALL**

You are invited to a session LET’S TALK about DYSLEXIA on Wednesday 22 October at either 9am to 10am or 6.30 to 7.30 in our staff room. Please email the session time to sehall@bne.catholic.edu.au if you are attending. See next weeks newsletter for more information.

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**QLD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK - DAVID HIGGINS**

Mental Health Week takes place in the week of World Mental Health Day, which is on 10 October each year. It is a chance to reflect on mental health and take some positive steps to highlight the importance of mental wellbeing.

This year, the theme in Queensland is “MIND-CLICKS – where minds meet”

MIND-CLICKS is a campaign under which individuals and organisations can generate a groundswell of thought-provoking outcomes.

MIND CLICKS focuses on the moment you click with a person, activity or group and find a sense of understanding and support that helps you feel more positive, more in control and more aware of your mental health. It’s the ‘ah-ha’ moment where understanding the importance of proactive mental health clicks into place.

Share your MIND CLICK today and be a part of our Where Minds Meet Project.

**GOLD COAST WELLNESS FESTIVAL**

Venue: Pratten Park Kurrawa (across the road from Oasis Shopping Centre, Broadbeach)  
Date & Time: 9:00am, Saturday 11 October 2014  
Investment: Free

The event will feature stage entertainment, a jumping castle, animal farm, face painting, raffles and rock climbing.

**WALK FOR AWARENESS**

VENUE: Captain Bourke Park, Kangaroo Point Brisbane (Under the Story Bridge)  
DATE & TIME: Sunday 12 October 2014. Registrations start at 7am  
INVESTMENT: $20 (includes a t-shirt and goodie bag)

A great opportunity to raise some money for Mental Health Awareness. As the official Grand Finale of Brisbane’s Mental Heath Week, The MAF Walk for Awareness in open to everyone. There is no required age or fitness level. This is an opportunity for the community to come together to support each other, to break the silence on mental illness and to contribute to the funding of the Mates In Constructions and GROW programs for people with mental illness. The morning begins with an inspiring opening ceremony, where we remember those lost to depression and mental illness and honour those continuing the battle. After a quick warm up and stretch, walkers will take off on an 8 km walk around Brisbane's winding river and beautiful scenery.

For more information go to www.mentalawarenessfoundation.org

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**JUNIOR JOEY’S PLAYGROUP - ANGELA HOUGHTON**

The P&F will be starting a school based playgroup at St Joey’s week 3 this term. Junior Joey’s will meet every Friday in the hall from 9am to 11am. All children from birth to school age are welcome to attend with their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or carers. Donations of toys and craft/collage items are needed to help get us started. Included on our wish list is play dough toys, dress ups, baby toys, Tonka trucks, matchbox cars, dolls, sand toys, stove, large rug and floor cushions. It would be awesome if you could help us. Our first meeting date is FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER FROM 9-11AM. Please bring a hat for outside play, water bottle and morning tea. Due to allergy concerns Junior Joeys is a Nut Free environment.
I would like to express my gratitude towards all of you on behalf of the Downs family. The support and generosity that has been shown to our family has been overwhelming. There are no words to describe how thankful we are to everyone for their prayers and kindness. Yours sincerely, Sally.

This Saturday is our final working bee for this year. Please come along and help to spruce up our grounds ready for summer. Gardens need love with weeding, turning, pruning and mulching to be done. There is also some timber work around garden edges to be completed as well as a general tidy up of the whole grounds. The kitchen is in need of a spring clean and there is always the preparation of food to feed the hungry troops! So no matter your skill or expertise there is something for everyone. Please bring along gardening tools, pruners, rakes and shovels, wheelbarrows and a smile. The fun will start at 8am and conclude at 11am with lunch. See you all there.

On Friday 24th of October St Joeys will be holding their annual Pink Cuppa fundraiser. This year for something a little different, we will be holding this event in the evening starting at 6pm with a fashion parade hosted by Leah from Beenleigh’s own ‘Fashion Is’. Guests will have the opportunity to purchase items on the evening with 10% of sales going to breast cancer research. Volunteers are needed to model on the evening, so if you have what it takes, please contact me on 0403 834112, you will be rewarded for your efforts!!! We challenge all mothers, daughters, sisters and wives to bring along family and friends and together we will have fun as we share some breast cancer facts. Gentleman are also welcome to attend. This is not a female only disease so please men come along because we have some great tips for you too! Come one, come all, don your best pink attire and join in the fun of this evening, as together we raise awareness and work towards a cure.

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $25/week* on fares to and from school (*$20/week with a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2014. Late applications cannot be accepted.

ST PATRICK’S YOUTH. YOUTH MASSES: 9am Sunday 19th Oct, with practice at 8am; 6pm Nov 2nd, with practice at 4pm. Ignite Live: Sunday 19th Oct at ACU. We’ll leave from the shack at 6pm. Please let me know if you’re planning to come. ‘UNITED’ YOUTH MEETINGS: Friday, Oct 17th, 31st. We start at 5.30pm; the younger group finish at 7.30pm, and the older group finish at 8.45pm. The night includes dinner and is held in St Joseph’s School Hall. The YOUTH BAND will be participating in the Logan Deanery in Harmony choir concert on Saturday 18th October. If you’d like to join us, please come to band practice this Tuesday night in the parish office from 7–8pm. If you would like to know more about youth ministry in our Parish, please contact me. Cathy 0400 494 943 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH. Trash and Treasure
In aid of the orphans at Blessed Mother Teresa Home for the orphans in India
Sat 6pm mass 11 Oct and Sunday 6.30am 12 Oct

DESTINY RESCUE. Save 1 November for a ‘Galloping Games Night’. More information next week.

BEENLEIGH SWIMMING CLUB INC (Juniors 4-17 years)
WHEN: Every Wednesday at 6pm. Time trials start 6.30pm
WHERE: Beenleigh Pool - City Rd WHO: Previous Members and New Members Welcome
COST: Pool Entry Fee of $2 per swimmer. Membership Fees include affiliation with Swimming Qld & Brisbane Swimming Ass. 
Contact Angela on 3804 0680 / 04101 90831 /sasoutham@bigpond.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 31 Oct – 2 Nov 2014 for married couples
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston (QLD)
For bookings/details contact: Tamara and Scott Menteith, ph (07) 4634 3559, stjmen@aapt.net.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au

St Joseph’s Beenleigh
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An exciting school social/educational event is happening next week for all families. After a term of learning to dance as part of the Australian Curriculum the St Joseph’s School students are to present their learning at a school event next Friday, 17 October, evening. As well as this, the night will include a mini disco and sausage sizzle. Students are expected to attend this night as a school function and showcase their skills at this culminating activity.

Dance Curriculum Showcase will start with Prep to Year 7.
Parents are welcome to take their children home after they have completed their performance/s.

SCHOOL DISCO / CREATIVE DANCE SHOWCASE

Dancing with the Stars of St Joseph’s Friday 17 October
Official school function for all students

5:30 BBQ and Mix & Mingle
6:00 Disco
6:45 Dancing Showcase

Sausage sizzle, drinks, ice-blocks and flashing LED products for sale
See map below for the new ‘2 minute drop off’ zone in Tobruk Street that starts on the first day of term 4.
Patrick Pace car says “Stop, Drop & Go are great”

Here’s how they work:
- Stop, drop and go zones are a safe place to be dropped off or picked up outside your school.
- Signed as 2 minute loading zone and are enforceable by Council’s Local Law Officers.
- They operate like a fast moving taxi rank picking up students from the front of the zone.
- There is a two minute limit for stopping in the zone.
- Two minutes gives kids time to get in or out of the car without holding up the traffic too much.
- Ensure children exit and enter the vehicle from the footpath side.

In the afternoons:
- Delay your arrival until after release time. If you arrive early, do not park in the zone.
- Drive slowly to the head of the line.
- Move forward as space becomes available.
- Collect only at the head of the line.
- Drivers are to stay in the car unless assisting with the loading of baggage and passengers.
- Do not park for more than 2 minutes during signed hours of operation. If others abuse the zone, don’t follow their lead.
- Ensure passengers have secured seatbelts before driving off.

Driver Tips:
- Allow time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
- Only pick up or let someone out when you have stopped at the front of the queue.
- Stay in the car unless you need to help with bags or seatbelts.
- Do not park in the zone and walk away from your car.
- If your passenger is not ready, drive around the block to rejoin the queue or find a legal place to park.
- Never double park to pick up children - it is illegal and dangerous. Double parking blocks the vision for other drivers, forces children into the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.
- Never call out to your child from across the road.
- Think about timing your trip to avoid the busiest times.
- Always obey the school zone speed limit (generally 40km/h).
- Park only where parking is permitted.

PLEASE NOTE: Parking and Traffic laws apply to ensure the safe and fair use of Queensland roads. If you park illegally you risk being fined.

Safety around schools

Safety around schools is everyone’s responsibility. Children are not “little adults” and are often unpredictable and less able to recognise and process dangers or risks around them. Children are constantly on the move and:
- May zip out into traffic.
- Have trouble judging the speed of cars.
- May behave differently when they are with other children, and forget about traffic.
- May have difficulty judging where noise/sounds are coming from and make incorrect decisions.

With these thoughts in mind, set the right example - the life you save may be your child’s!

No Stopping signs or yellow edge lines mean you must not stop your vehicle at any point identified either by signage and/or yellow lines.

Loading zones at school are clearly signed areas set aside for short term use (no longer than 2 minutes) for dropping off or picking up passengers.

You must not stop or park your vehicle alongside another parked vehicle. It obstructs the flow of traffic, blocks vision of other drivers and forces children into the road with moving vehicles.

Obey the school zone speed limit during school terms.