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Friday 19 April
Gala Day
8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking

Monday 22 April
Assembly: Mr Lovegrove

Tuesday 23 April
8-8.30am: Homework help
3-4pm: Wakakarri Practice

Wednesday 24 April
7.30am: Band
8-8.30am: Homework help
2.05pm: Choir
7.45am: Joey’s Running Club

Thursday 25 April
Public Holiday
ANZAC Day March.

Friday 26 April
7.45am: Joey’s Running Club
8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Yr 6 & 7: Gala Day

Monday 29 April
Assembly: 4F

Tuesday 30 April
7.45am: Joey’s Running Club

Wednesday 1 May
2.05pm: Choir
7.30am: Band
Tuckshop Day

Thursday 2 May
Mass Readings: 6C
Yr 5: St Helena Excursion

Friday 3 May
7.45am: Joey’s Running Club
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Yr 6 & 7: Gala Day

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
Kerry Fenner mob 0432828467
or 32872798 in uniform shop hours.

18 April, 2013

2014 Prep Interviews have begun.
Do you have your application in for children born between 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009?

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RUNNING CLUB
The Joey’s Running Club will continue to train through to the end of the cross country season. The District Cross Country will take place at Canterbury College on 09 May. The Catholic Schools Zone 2 Cross Country occurs 30 May. Running club welcomes all students. A permission form can be collected from the office. Regular attendance is one of the criteria for selection in school representative teams.

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC THROUGH THE SCHOOL PLEASE
Entry to the school grounds is via Kokoda Street. Traffic then flows one way through the school to Tobruk Street. Please do not enter the grounds through Tobruk Street. Do not stop near the school or church as you move through the school.

WHAT’S HAPPENING NEXT DOOR?
You may have noticed that there has been some activity on the adjacent block with all houses being demolished. Soon, the nursing home will also be demolished to make way for a new hospital and aged care facility. Things will eventually get rather busy around the precinct when construction gets under way. I have not been given a time-line for construction but will let you know when I am informed.

COST OF CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS
Please be aware that when we organise camps and excursions, the cost of a bus is divided by the number of students in the class/year level. If a child does not go to a camp or an excursion, we cannot claim that money back from the bus company. That part of the cost of a camp or an excursion cannot therefore be refunded. The same thing happens when we book the swimming pool for the carnival. The cost of the booking is divided amongst the students who are expected to be there. If a child does not go to the carnival for whatever reason, the levy ($4 per child in 2013) is not refundable.

DONATION OF GOTCHA PRIZES
I know that there are constant calls upon your generosity as families and so I am just inviting those who are able to and willing to donate prizes for our weekly Gotcha Awards to consider doing so. The prizes are simple – stationery items for children, travel games, card games, educational games, puzzles, books, jigsaw puzzles etc. If you see something you think the children would enjoy for a dollar or two, and are happy to buy and donate the prize we would be very appreciative. Thank you for giving this request your consideration and thanks to those who have contributed already!

LENTEN FAIR
Congratulations to the children from Years 5 and their teachers, Marg Hatzis and Leonie Phillips for another fantastic Lenten Fair. The children throughout the school enjoyed the many and varied games and activities organised. The Lenten Fair raised over $1600 for Caritas Australia to support the Project Compassion appeal for 2013. Many thanks to all families for your generous, financial support. Thanks also to the several parents who assisted on the day – we appreciate your hard work.

ANZAC DAY
ANZAC Day takes place next Thursday 25 April. A letter detailing our involvement in the Mass and March was included in the newsletter prior to the Easter break. If you have not already done so, could you please complete the return form and return it to the school by Monday 22 April. You can download a form at our school website (www.stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au). Go to News and Events/Newsletters for download/March 27pdf. Extra forms are also available at the school office.

Prayer of Remembrance
We remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. We dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

Ode of Remembrance
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them. Lest we forget.

LOTE
We welcome Mrs Dewi Andriani to St Joseph’s and congratulate her on her appointment. LOTE takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays with each class having a half hour lesson.

NO PARKING AT TRINITY COLLEGE TRADE TRAINING CENTRE
It must look inviting to parents dropping children off or picking children up after school…several empty car-spaces right over the road from Joey’s….BUT!!!! This is a work space all day contracted out to private companies who work with Trinity College to provide training for students in hair-dressing and car mechanics. Authorised vehicles only are allowed to enter the area. Deliveries are constantly coming into the College to service the businesses there. The businesses are entitled to this space as they have paid the College for its use. Please do not park there. An added issue is that parents are waiting there for their children who then run across Tobruk Street putting their lives at risk.
SCHOOL UNIFORM
As we begin a new term, it is timely to remind families of some uniform standards. Nail polish needs to be removed after the holiday period. We cannot have nail polish remover at school due to WH&S requirements. For safety reasons, children are only to wear plain gold or silver studs/sleepers. Sleepers must be the smallest possible, fitting just around the ear lobe. No jewellery other than a watch should be worn to school. Chains and bracelets are not permitted mainly for safety reasons but also because of the probability that such items will be lost or broken. With the formal uniform, girls are to wear bottle green or black hair ribbons/accessories. Navy blue or black hair ribbons/accessories are worn with the sports uniform. Black shoes (joggers) are to be worn with both uniforms. Please remember – green hat with formal uniform, and blue hat with the sports uniform. Hair beyond shoulder length needs to be tied back (boys and girls). Hair should not fall into or across the eyes. If this happens, the children will be asked to clip the hair back.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING
I will begin to see children wearing tracksuit jackets and fleecies soon due to the cooler weather. Please make sure that jackets and all items of clothing are clearly labelled so that they can be returned to the children or so that children can recognise their own items in the lost property cabinet.

PREP 2014 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS
I began interviewing families for Prep 2014 enrolments on Tuesday. Families must submit an enrolment application for their prep-aged children even if they have siblings at St Joseph’s already. A number of families were ‘caught out’ during last year’s process as they had not submitted an enrolment application. The numbers are always fairly tight for the year’s intake so if you haven’t put in an application, please do so immediately. Applications are available at the office or online at our school website www.stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au

PROJECT COMPASSION 2013
Classes raised over $600 in their class money boxes. This money goes a long way to assisting people in underprivileged countries with education and health initiatives.

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS - ALLELUIA
The story of Jesus rising from the dead is one of a handful of events which are found in all four of the New Testament gospels. While each one is slightly different in the way Jesus was discovered to be gone from the tomb they each share an aspect of the importance of this story for the Christians who followed. Jesus had predicted his resurrection as had many prophets before him and yet it was still a shock for those who knew him to work out what had happened. In this season of Easter we should accept not just the story but live it by allowing Jesus to walk beside us as we go through our day as he did with Mary Magdalene and others after the resurrection. This is the cornerstone to our faith and is a difficult one for our kids to grasp. Kids need to connect to the Jesus who they know – the role model and guide who teaches us about love, compassion and forgiveness. The challenge for us is to model this so that our children can see Jesus each day in us and learn from our positive actions.

PARENTS TAKING CONTROL

APP of the WEEK-MELISSA BURGESS
Do you know what your children are accessing on the iPad when you're not around?
Do you know how to prevent your child from accessing explicit or inappropriate content on your iOS device?
Do you know how to keep them safe on your iOS devices?

Parents often lag behind our children on what's new in the technology world. Our children were born into this new age of technology and are surrounded by it on a daily basis. They use it to learn and play in this digital world, constantly learning new things, with new tools. We need to know what they know. We don’t want them to access inappropriate content on their own. That’s where I come in.

There are many children that now have their own iOS device at home. Although it might be theirs I believe we must still have control of what apps they use and what they watch and listen to. I believe that no child who has an iOS device should have full access to it, without our monitoring. With this in mind, it is recommended:

- the parent should have the passcode
- the parent be the one buying and accessing the iTunes Store and apps
- The parent be able to put restrictions on what their child can view and listen to.

Why? It’s simple— We are the parents. We have the responsibility to keep our children safe from visiting raunchy websites, downloading scary movies or listening to explicit music or text. When we buy an iOS device we are buying a device with a ready to go internet browser, video player, Wi-Fi connection, camera, music and the ability to buy an app for almost anything.

Scary and exciting isn’t it. What’s a parent to do? Luckily, Apple has provided a great set of parental controls for us to use that you might not be aware of.

Click here (or go to www.applepieces.com) to see how you can set up your iPad/iPod so you can feel assured that when you’re not watching over your child’s shoulder or playing with them on their device they remain safe from cyber bullies, explicit content and music and text.
Welcome to term 2. This is a very busy term in making music at the school. The choir is practicing towards our performance at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod in Term 3 and also for the fete. The school band is getting ready for their performances at the fete and the instrumental concert at the end of the term on Thursday 20 June.

TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA
Students who wish to participate in the talent extravaganza are encouraged to fill in an application form and submit it by Wednesday 1 May. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

BOOKCLUB – LESLEY SOLAR
Term 2 Bookclub brochures will be sent home very soon. The due date for orders to be returned is Fri 17 May.

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN – MRS SCHLOMAN
Woolies Earn and Learn points program is back! Last year we were able to collect 55,000 pts which were used by the library staff to purchase a wide variety of resources for the school. We are hoping to once again collect a similar number of points, so if you do shop at Woolworths, please make sure you ask for the point stickers when you pay for your purchases. Sheets to place these stickers on will be sent home on Friday and more will be available in the office.

ANZAC DAY MARCH – KATRINA GIEBELS
ANZAC DAY is Thursday 25th of April and children from St Joseph’s Tobruk and Trinity College will march along with other local schools under their School Banners to the ANZAC Memorial in James Street (outside the Beenleigh Library). This year the children are asked to attend the ANZAC Day Memorial Mass at St Patrick’s beginning at 9am.

After Mass the children will then gather in the teachers’ school car park near uniform shop entrance, directly after mass. On arrival at assembly area students need to check off their names with Mr Boulton or Mrs Giebels.

We will then move from the car park to the march assembly area. Our school is normally placed in the line up along York Street in the block between and Kokoda and Tobruk Streets. The march beings at 10:30am. Parents are asked to collect the children from the ANZAC Memorial Area (directly in front of Beenleigh Library) immediately after the march, as it is no longer safe for us to care for the large number of students in a hot and crowded public area. The children are welcome to attend the public Memorial Service at 11 am in the care of their parents. Our year 7 leaders will lay a wreath marking the respects of the St Joseph’s community. Mr Boulton or Mrs Giebels must be advised as students are collected from the Memorial Park.

Children must wear full FORMAL school uniform with green hat (Sports uniform for Preps only). Each child should also have a water bottle.

(Children may wear medals from their parents, grandparents or other relatives who have seen military service. Please make sure that they are well secured and worn on the right breast only. Please NO imitation medals)

If you would like your child/ren to be involved in this year’s Mass and March could you please complete the form below and return it to the office.

Return to office by Monday 22nd April, Attention Katrina Giebels

Thursday the 25th April. Children from the family who will be marching are:

Name: __________________________________________ Class _______

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Parent’s signature:________________________________________ Date:_______
TERM 2 TUCKSHOP DAY-P&F NEWS

The P&F will be offering families 2 Tuckshop days this term. The dates are Wednesday May 1st and Friday June 21st. The May tuckshop day will be a pizza and popper day and will be out sourced to Eagle Boys and as such the cut off date for orders must stand. Eagle Boys require 2 days notice for bulk orders to allow them sufficient time to cater the order. No late orders will be accepted. Further information and order forms will be sent home with each child by the end of the week.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL– P&F NEWS

May 9th and 10th.
This term we will again be hosting the much loved Mothers Day Stall. Our children all love and cherish the opportunity to go shopping for that something special for Mum, Grandma, Nanna or sometimes even themselves!!!. Whilst most stock is purchased through wholesalers we invite and gratefully appreciate donations of goodies for our stall. Donations can now be left at the office or sent to class with your child. Goodies such as scented candles and tea lights, soaps, coffee cups, coffee sachets, chocolates or lollies, magnets, incense and oils are always appreciated. Donations of cello and ribbons are also required to allow volunteers to add that little extra touch to your child's gift. We will be having wrapping days leading up to the stall. The first day will be Friday April 27th in the school hall following Sr Jenny's Cuppa. Please come along and join in. Look out for next weeks newsletter for more information or contact Angela Houghton on 0403 834112.

TOUGH MUDDER-DOMINIC BARNES

Here at St Joseph’s we are putting a team together for TOUGH MUDDER on the Sunshine Coast in August!!!

**So what is TOUGH MUDDER?** It’s a 20km obstacle course (with 25 obstacles in total). For more info or to join our team go to toughmudder.com. Be quick as the price increases each month! We have 7 people signed up including Mr O’Keefe and Mr Lovegrove and we have two Joey’s Mums on the team! Our team is for both **WOMEN** and **MEN** (minimum age 18). **Our team’s plan is for everyone to stick together and help each other finish.** Tough Mudder is not a race, it’s about finishing and helping your team mates. You just need a bit of fitness under your belt, and you want to take on a challenge too big to chew! Most of all we are doing it for “fun”.

**When:** Sunday August 18 starting at 9am  
**Logon Details:** Team Name: “G.I. Joeys”  Team Password “Joeys” 
**Where:** TBA, somewhere on the Sunshine Coast. For more info please contact Dominic

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**
A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

**Weekend date:** 24 - 26 May 2013  
**Venue:** Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD  
**For bookings/details contact:** Tamara and Scott Menteith, ph (07) 4634 3559, stjmen@aapt.net.au  
**Information website:** www.wwme.org.au

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
Come and join in a great fun filled night to raise money for Sids and Kids  
Carol, Wayne, Sandy & Belinda will trek over 2500km in “CAR 66”  
$15.00 per person  
Book your table now

**Prize Money Raffles Games Lucky Door Prize**
Where: St Josephs School, 53 Kokoda St, Beenleigh  
When: Friday 3rd May 7.00pm (Doors open 6.30pm)  
***BYO Alcohol & Nibbles***  
Contact: Belinda Thompson  0412 478870  
Maximum 10 to a table
SAVE JUNE 1ST 2013 for the
ST JOSEPH’S FETE

FETE STALLS

WINE STALL – DAVID BOULTON AND PETER LOVEGROVE
Peter and I will be conducting the Wine Stall at this year’s fete on 1 June. This involves gathering donations from families and the wider community and selling tickets for a chance at winning a bottle. The bottles are labelled with even numbered tickets and then the evens and odds are added to the draw bag. For $3, punters pull out a ticket from the bag and have a chance of winning a bottle of wine if they draw out an even number. If an odd number is drawn, you lose your money. As all wine is donated, the stall makes a profit and those who have a go can win some very good quality wines.

The stall runs for as long as the donated wine lasts! Please kindly donate bottles of wine for this stall through the front office. Do not give wine to the children to bring to school! Staff also contribute to this stall through their wine donations.

TOY STALL – ERIN HOLMAN AND SUE HALL
Do not throw out any unwanted toys or books! We need them for the toy stall.
Our TOYWORLD stall is on fete day on Saturday June 1. Only toys and books in good condition are required. No broken toys or scribbled-on books! Any sparkly clean unwanted toys, washed cuddly creatures and books can be now be delivered to the school office.

BOOK STALL – YEAR 6
This is the time to clean out your book shelf and make room for more. Please send any unwanted books in good condition to the school office for year 6’s book stall.

JEWELLERY MAKING STALL–PREP
Prep is collecting donations of lollies that can be threaded for their stall. Eg. Life savers, fruit loops. Please forward to the prep rooms or the school office.