2 April 2015

From the Principal

Last Friday’s St Joseph’s Circus Disco was very well enjoyed by all attendees. My thanks to parents and staff for combining to provide another memorable event for students.

The feedback from Tuesday’s Museum and Convict Excursion for Year 5 students has been extremely positive and it is already locked in as a ‘must do’ for next year’s Year 5 cohort.

Also on Tuesday, Students of the Term were rewarded at a special morning tea in the staffroom. Mrs McBride took many excellent photos, some of which can be found in a latter section.

As well on Tuesday, the school’s 5 week Prep Occupational Therapy Partnership Program with the University of Queensland culminated with a strongly attended parent meeting in the library.

Unfortunately, yesterday’s inter-school Rugby League Carnival for Year 1 and 2 students, that was to be held on our school oval, had to be postponed due to wet weather. We look forward to this event being rescheduled in Term 2.

This morning’s St Joseph’s Cross Country Carnival provided an exciting finish to the term and it was wonderful to see such high student involvement and parent support.

Semester 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews are now mostly complete and it has been heartening to hear teachers speak so positively of their interview experience with parents as educational partners.

Thank you to families who have so generously supported the Easter Raffle and Mothers’ Day Stall preparations.

The first round of Joos’ Engagement Team (JETS) meetings have now been held and focus areas for the engagement of St Joseph’s parents, friends and staff, as we move into Term 2, have crystallised.

Term 2 curriculum planning has now mostly been finalised by classroom teachers. They will be very well prepared to deliver rich learning experiences from the very commencement of Term 2.

Regrettably, office staff member, Bronwyn Moorton, has resigned from her position at St Joseph’s. Bronwyn has been a part of our school community and parish for over 20 years, and her significant contribution to both, is to be acknowledged. The thoughts, prayers and very best wishes of our entire school community are with Bronwyn as she embarks on a new chapter in her life.

Another reminder about the St Patrick’s Outside School Hours Care Easter Vacation Program (3807 1364), and that 2016 Prep interviews are scheduled for early Term 2. Applications are still welcome.

We wish Mr Higgins well for his 2 week period of Long Service Leave at the start of Term 2.

Lunchtime clubs will resume early in Term 2 for the majority of students, with a variety of activities that includes books, gardening, board games, knitting/crocheting, loom bands, handball, Pokemon, origami, elastics and more!

Earlier this week, families should have received a letter inviting participation in the upcoming Beenleigh ANZAC Day March. Please consider being involved and returning the relevant slip.

St Joseph’s Twilight Market excitement continues to build. Have you claimed the date of May 1?

NAPLAN preparations have run smoothly for Year 3 and 5 staff and students this term. Test dates are 12-14 May, inclusive, and relevant families are asked to ‘protect’ these dates from absence.

Easter draws near and this week’s afternoon Holy Week reflections have prompted much thought about Jesus’ experiences prior to His death on a cross. Let us all celebrate at Easter the fact that, by His Cross and Resurrection, Jesus has set us free.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson

OFFICE HOURS
Mon, 8.15am – 3.45pm
Wed: 8.35am – 3.45pm
Thurs: 8.35am – 3.15pm

WEEKLY EVENTS
Mon: Fitness Club (7.45-8.15am, 2-6)
   Assembly (2.15-2.55pm)
   Uniform Shop (8-8.45am & 2-3pm)
   Homework Help (7.45-8.15am, 2-6)
   Student Banking (8.45am)
   Office Hours
Mon, Wed: 8.15am – 3.45pm
Thurs: 8.35am – 3.45pm
Fri: 8.35am – 3.15pm

ANZAC Day Commemoration (9.00am)
ANZAC Day March (Assemble at Coles Carpark, 10.00am)
STUDENT OF THE TERM

PC: Oscar Fanning
2C: Maddelyn Marston
4C: Sara Zajac
6C: Dylan Cardiff
PF: Jack Umstad
2F: Loren Zajac
4F: Maddison Schipplock
6F: Ryan Eley
1C: Shea Mason
3C: Milan Wellington
5C: Olivia Barnes & Amala Saju
1F: Kaitlin Bradley
3F: Ella Marshall
5F: Liam Fulwood

GOLDEN GNOME

Golden Gnome: 1st: PC & PF  2nd: 1C & 1F  3rd: Sr. Jenny’s Room

MATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Mathletics Certificates:

Silver
PC: Ashlee Falzon
4F: Locky Buchbach, Tahlia Caruana, Jennifer Witham,
5C: Amala Saju

Bronze
PC: Laylah Higgins, Cesca Miranda, Elisha Manchanayake
PF: Dominic Goodwin, Jack Umstad, Cooper Ridgway
1C: Don Le, Frankie Surace
1F: Jace Higgins
2C: Cooper Leadbetter, Sean Ranieys, Isaiah Talge, Tristan Torralba.
3F: Bayli Eichmann, Zac Utratny
4C: Alicia Connor, Jacob Miller, India Seeto, Alyssa Temple, Samantha Thompson Bacorro, Sophie Wellington, Sara Zaja
4F: Ky Ahpene, Brianna Faint, Josie-Lea Jeffery, Maddison Schipplock, Kyle Simms, Caydence Stevens
5C: Amala Saju
6C: Kye Perandis
6F: Tyrone Torralba
**SPORTS NEWS**

**Beenleigh Zone Cross Country** – This event will take place on Thursday 30 April, Week 2 for Term 2. Students will be selected from their performance at the St Joseph’s Cross Country. The team will be announced in Week 1 of Term 2.

**Gala Day Sport** – St Joseph’s had a wonderful second week (even if it was very hot). Semester 1 sports are: Netball, Girls Touch (both Hammel Park), Rugby League (Bill Norris Oval) and Soccer. Dates: 24 April and 1 May.

**Beenleigh Zone Trials** – School Sport South Coast has recently changed their permission booklets for trials. The new booklet is now online and parents can complete this booklet by going to [https://southcoastschoolsport.eq.edu.au](https://southcoastschoolsport.eq.edu.au) and clicking on the booklet link. You can complete the form online then print. Once printed your child needs to bring it to school to get signed permission to attend from either Mr Johnson or Mr Lovegrove.

**Upcoming Trials**
Term 2
Week 1 – 23 April Boys Touch Football (postponed from Week 10, Term 1)
Week 2 – 27 April Snr Softball, 29 April Jnr Softball
Week 3 – 6 May Rugby Union

If you have any queries on anything sport related, please contact me on matthew.armstrong@bne.catholic.edu.au

**CHESS ANYONE?**

It is well documented that chess can:

⇒ strengthen problem solving skills
⇒ enhance memory and concentration
⇒ teach logical, sequential thinking and decision making skills
⇒ and is a whole lot of fun!

We are seeking expressions of interest from our families who would like one or more of their children to join Joey’s Chess which will run on a Tuesday afternoon after school for 1 hour.

We will engage the services of Gardiner Chess who provide professional and well-trained chess coaches.

We are looking at a cost of $5 per session, but need to have 20 students enrol in the Joey’s Chess to keep the sessions at this low cost.

Please email Sue Hall, Support Teacher-Inclusive Education at sehall@bne.catholic.edu.au if you would like to express your interest in Joey’s Chess or if you have any further questions about this initiative.

**MOTHERS’ DAY STALL**

**Our Mothers’ Day Stall is scheduled for Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th May (Week 3 of Term 2) in the Multi-Purpose room. This has been a wonderful Joey’s tradition over the years and the kids have loved the opportunity to visit the stall to purchase something special for their loved ones. We will be sending a note home early Term 2 with suggested times for each class to visit the stall.**

Thank you for the requested donations of goods that have already come in and a huge thank you to the volunteers who come along to help. If there are more donations yet to come in, we will happily accept these during weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2, so please continue to send them in with your children or leave at the front office.

If you have a few hours spare on a Wednesday morning during weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2 (after drop off until 11am), please come to the Multi-Purpose room to assist with the Mothers’ Day Stall preparations. We will also be putting a “shout-out” calling for volunteers to man the stall on the 5 and 6 May.

Lastly, if anybody has any spare baby food glass jars, we are always on the look-out for donations of these all year round and they can be left in the office for collection.

Many thanks and Happy Easter.
Mothers’ Day Stall Volunteers.

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**St Joseph’s Beenleigh**

**Newsletter 2 April 2015**
This year our community will host a twilight market event in place of a school fete. It will take place on 1st May from 5.30pm to 9.00pm. We are looking for anyone who would like to hold a stall to get in touch with the school office for a registration form. We are happy for you or anyone you know to set up and sell arts, crafts, food and any other market items on the night. As well as that we will be having a BBQ stall, bar, entertainment, music and carnival rides. To make the night a success we will be looking for volunteers to assist with registrations, sale of ride passes, setting up and serving in the BBQ and drinks stalls.

A formal request for assistance will be coming your way soon. We look forward to your assistance to make the night a financial and social success. Funds raised will go towards school improvements. Registration forms are available at the office, on the St Joey’s Mums and Dads Facebook page, the school website and parent portal.

**MASTER PARENT WORKSHOP**

**The MASTER Parent Workshop – Skill Building in Management of Worry** - offers parents of children aged 5 to 11 years support in helping their child build the skills to cope with worry.

Anxiety affects between two and nine per cent of children in Australia (KidsMatters). Excessive worry can interfere with a student’s daily life and negatively affect academic performance.

This is a type of ‘parents as therapists’ model where the presenters empower parents in providing them with explicit ‘how to’ knowledge of skill building in coping with worry.

The workshop has been designed for a small group of no more than 8 participants and is presented by an Educational and Developmental Psychologist and a Speech-Language Pathologist.

**What this workshop offers parents:**

An understanding of worry – what it is and how does it impact upon their child’s life?

The ‘dos’ and ‘don’ts’ in managing their child’s worries.

Practical ‘how to’ knowledge in teaching their child fundamental coping skills in managing worry:

- Relaxation techniques
- Helpful thinking
- ‘Take action’ in facing fears
- Solution-focused problem solving

A variety of take home action plans for parents to use with their child in encouraging emotional resilience.

A variety of creative take home resources to support their child’s learning including Fear Factor – an engaging story for homes and classrooms that introduces students to the foundational skills of coping with worry.

**WHERE:**

Ashgrove Serviced Offices,
Level 1, “Highpoint Plaza”
240 Waterworks Road, Ashgrove, Brisbane, QLD.

**TIME AND DATE:**

Tuesday April 21 2015
9.30am  3-4hrs in duration

**CONTACT:**  info@masterprogram.com.au  07 3366 9255

**COST:**  $275.00 incl. GST

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**PARISH YOUTH NEWS**

**UNITED YOUTH MEETINGS:** Next one is Friday, 17th April, and every fortnight after that.

**YOUTH MASSES:** St Maximillian Kolbe Parish 29th March at 9.30am.

As there is no 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday, our next Parish Youth Mass will be 9am on Sunday, 19th April.

**BAND PRACTICE:** Every Tuesday night in the parish office meeting room from 7 – 8pm.

All youth are welcome to join us for any of these events!

Cathy 0400 494 943 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au