AUGUST  
18 Book Week & Fair begin  
19 Koala Joeys (Prep 2015)  
20 MI SMARTS (Week 4)  
\hspace{1cm} 5c Drive Collection Day  
\hspace{1cm} Beenleigh Excursion (5F)  
21 Ausdance  
\hspace{1cm} Liturgy (3C)  
22 Book Character Parade  
25 National Numeracy & Literacy Week Assembly (1C)  
26 Koala Joeys (2015 Preps)  
27 5c Drive Collection Day  
28 Ausdance  
\hspace{1cm} Mass (6F)  
29 Book Club orders due  
\hspace{1cm} Zone 2 Athletics Carnival

SEPTEMBER  
1 Assembly (1F)  
2 Fathers’ Day Stall (Yr 5)  
3 Yr 5 Camp  
4 Yr 5 Camp  
\hspace{1cm} Liturgy (3F)  
\hspace{1cm} Fathers’ Day Stall  
\hspace{1cm} Auditory screening  
\hspace{1.5cm} Ausdance  
5 Yr 5 Camp  
\hspace{1cm} Science Centre Excursion (Yr 2)  
\hspace{1cm} Gala Day (Yr 6&7, Day 1)  
8 Assembly (Prep C)  
9 Wakakirri Finals  
10 Yr 6 & 7 Camp  
11 Mass (5C)  
\hspace{1cm} Yr 6 & 7 Camp  
\hspace{1.5cm} Bravehearts (P-3)  
12 Ausdance  
\hspace{1cm} Yr 6 & 7 Camp  
15 Assembly (Prep F)  
17 Vision screening

WEEKLY EVENTS
Mon Training Club (7.45am-8.15am)  
\hspace{1cm} Homework Help (8-8.40am)  
\hspace{1cm} Uniform Shop (8.15-9.15am)  
Wed Band Practice (7.30am)  
Training Club (7.45am-8.15am)  
Homework Help (8-8.40am)  
Thurs Uniform Shop (2.15-3.15pm)  
Fri Sr Jenny’s Cuppa (8.40am)  
\hspace{1cm} Student Banking

Tuesday night’s P&F gathering in the hall with members of the Mother Teresa School and Trinity College communities, and featuring a presentation by Carmel Nash, Executive Director of the Queensland Parents and Friends Federation, provided many insights on how parents can best partner schools in the education of their children. Learnings from the evening will undoubtedly deliver enhanced parent engagement for our school community into the future.

Also on Tuesday, I was delighted to be part of the Koala Joeys Program for our 2015 enrolled Prep children and their family members. This program provides wonderful opportunity for all involved to familiarise themselves with our school environment and to gain some early traction in numerous developmental areas. My thanks again to Mrs Hall, Mrs Carroll and Mrs Houghton for their work in organising and delivering this most beneficial program.

A number of highly popular offerings continue for students this term, with the regulars being Training Club, lunchtime clubs, Homework Help, band practice, choir practice and banking. As well, The Premier’s Reading Challenge, Wakakirri, Ausdance and MI SMARTS continues. Also, Book Week is on the horizon, as are the Year 5, 6 and 7 camps. This is not mentioning the continued P&F 5 Cent Drive (final collection days are 20th and 27th August) and the upcoming P&F Fathers’ Day Stall (a reminder about possible donations of small items to complement related gifts purchase by the P&F, which can be left at the office). Term 3 is clearly a busy and productive time.

Please note that Term 3 school fees and levies were due on Tuesday. My thanks to families who have made these payments. A request for families who are having difficulty meeting their financial obligation to the school to please contact our Finance Secretary, Mrs Mendo, or myself, for a confidential conversation.

Important planning and training is occurring late this week with a number of staff beginning work on the school’s new Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) policy document for the encouragement of positive student behaviour. As well, all Year 5 students will join relevant staff to explore the world of Peer Mediation that they will have the opportunity to engage in next year.

I am very proud of the fact that the school has organised for potentially life changing auditory and vision screening to occur for, mainly, Prep and Year 1 students on the 4th and 17th September, respectively. Parents who are yet to return requested information to the school are asked to do so as a matter of priority. Families will incur no cost for this service.

Another request for families, other than those with eldest children in Year 6 or 7, to please inform the school office as soon as possible, in writing, if you will not be continuing as part of our community next year. Such notification greatly assists with 2015 staffing and planning.

Pleasingly, Year 4 teacher, Mrs Pangbourne is progressing well with her recovery at home from a serious injury. She is following doctor’s orders to the ‘n”th degree” and becoming increasingly more mobile, however, this has been slow and steady. Regrettably, it seems highly unlikely that Mrs Pangbourne will be able to return to the 4C classroom this term.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation, when we observe and celebrate that, having completed the course of her earthly life, the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into heavenly glory. We pray:

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Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
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With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
Book Week begins next week on **Mon 21 – Mon 28 August** with the theme

*Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect*

Our Scholastic Book Fair will arrive on Tuesday morning, the 19 August and will run until the following Monday. All family and friends are welcome to visit the Book Fair at any time during the week. Brochures for ordering, will be sent home with each child this week for parents who are unable to attend.

We will also have displays set up by each of our classes. The celebrations will culminate with our Character Parade first thing Friday morning in the shed.

We hope to see you all there, as this a time for celebrating reading and the wonderful books we have for our children to read. The Book Fair is our major fundraiser and we hope to use the money raised towards display boards for the library.

**A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN**

**CHOIR**
The school choir will be competing in the Qld Catholic Schools’ and Colleges’ Festival on Thursday 14 August in the evening. Students are expected to be at school outside the office at 5 pm, in their formal uniform. We expect to return at 8.15pm for collection by parents at the school.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

| Late arrivals | Any student arrival at a classroom after roll marking requires the student to go to the office to receive a late slip. Office staff will then update the attendance to ‘present’ in the system. |
| Early Departures | Students are called by office staff to go to the office to be signed out by a parent /carer. **Parents/carer must not take students directly from classrooms.** Office staff will then update the attendance status in the system. Notification from a parent must be given to the school when students are collected by adults other than parents before 2.55pm / school finish. |
| Notes for absences | Absence and reasons are to be reported to the school by a parent/guardian. All absences must be explained (at the latest) by day two of absence by: *Letter to teacher (1 day absence) *Phone - option 1 *Email *Written on sign in/out sheet at office |
MI SMARTS

MI SMARTS is here again and there's a whole lot of new thinking and doing going on!

Each Wednesday afternoon, our students from year 3 to year 7 participate in activities that are based on Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligence Theory. Our society and schools often focus much of their attention on linguistic and logical-mathematical ways of being smart. The MI theory says that we need to place equal attention on our students who show gifts in the other intelligences - our artists, musicians, dancers, naturalists, designers, sports people, our movers and our entrepreneurs as well as those students who think outside the box. St Joseph's MI SMART program is one way we help our students discover their strengths by providing opportunities for them to experiment with different ways of thinking and doing.

Take a look at the joy on the faces of the students who are in the Loom Bands and Stacking SMARTS - having loads of fun while getting along with students from different classes, taking turns, using lots of language, refining their design and fine motor as well as their timing skills.

Privacy Notice

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools. This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, School Year level, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage, Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency Status with Visa subclass number and arrival date in Australia, residential address, parental occupation, parental education and main language of parents.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:
☐ formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
☐ assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days (14 August 2014) of receiving this notice. Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

Homework Help - Please note the change from last week

Please note Mondays with Miss Willmot is now unavailable
Mon: after school to 3.45 Mrs Phillips 5F students only
Tues: after school to 3.20 Mrs Hatzis 6C & 6F students only
Tues: before school 8-8.40am in Library with Mrs Carroll and Mrs Hall - all year levels
Wed: before school 8-8.40am in Library with Mrs Vargas Malby-all year levels, starting Aug 13

We thank these teachers who are giving their time in this way to support our students.

2014 Premier's Reading Challenge

It’s great to see so many younger students who have already completed the required target for the reading challenge. When we enter the data against a child’s name, it is possible to enter up to 99 books so we would encourage these students to take another form available from the front office.

For other students, there are six weeks left to complete this reading challenge. Those students in Years 4 and above have a minimum of fifteen books to complete in order to receive a certificate. Happy reading!!

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FATHERS’ DAY STALL 2014
Fathers’ Day is rapidly approaching with only 4 weeks to go until Dad’s special day. Preparations have already begun for this year’s stall. We will again be asking, where possible, for families to donate small items to complement gifts purchased through P&F funds. This year each class has been allocated an item to donate in an effort to make choosing gifts easier for families. This system was used for Mothers’ Day donations and feedback was positive. Anyone who has empty sauce jars or baby food jars, we would love to alleviate you of these. These jars will be filled with a variety of goodies as a special treat for Dads (or maybe to even share!!!). Donations can be taken to class or to the office.

5c DRIVE
Your generosity to the 5c drive has been awesome and we thank you for this. We are now 1/2 way through the drive with a total of $736 being raised so far. Congratulations to Prep C for being this weeks winner with $97.65. Awesome effort guys and girls.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP
Members of the P&F and the school leadership team last week attended a workshop on Active Teams for Partnerships in Schools. This along with our special P&F meeting on Tuesday night with Carmel Nash and John Beaton from P&F Federation of QLD has provided us with the challenge to rethink our role as parents in the education of our children and as active partners in our schools. With this challenge comes the opportunity to recreate P&F as we know it, to be more welcoming, inclusive and active in ALL aspects of our children's education. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Our Sister Jenny being acknowledged, congratulated and blessed as a Religious Sister of St Joseph on the Feast Day of her Order’s co-founder, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop (Friday 8 August, 2014)

PARISH NEWS

YOUTH
Over 30 young people took part in our NET Youth Retreat last weekend, for all or part of the program. It was a great time of faith, fun and friendship!
Our next ‘United’ Youth meeting will be Friday, Aug 22nd. We start at 5.30pm; the younger group (10-14) finish at 7.30pm, and the older group (15 and over) finish at 8.45pm. The night includes dinner.
**Youth Masses:** 6pm Sunday 7th Sept, with practice at 4pm; 9am Sunday 21st Sept, with practice at 8am. If you’d like to be part of the ministry for Mass, please let me know.
Are you planning on going to the Ignite Conference this year? We’ll need to start getting organised. Check out igniteconference.com.au.
If you would like to know more about youth ministry in our Parish, please contact me.
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