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WAKAKIRRI
Congratulations and thank you to Erin Holman, Pip Burns, Amber Neal and to all who assisted with the Wakakirri production. So many members of our school community contributed towards the success of our school’s entry this year – thank you for your generosity. Props, costumes, make-up, story design, dance routines – all of these elements involve expertise, time and effort and we appreciate what everyone has done. The children performed during the afternoon for the judges and again in the evening at the Logan Entertainment Centre. It certainly was a lot of work but well worth the effort for the kids had a ball and did so well. We will not find out for a week or two whether or not we have made the finals – fingers crossed!

PARENT SOUNDING BOARD
Schools in the archdiocese take part in a review process over a five year period. Each year schools review particular dimensions of their school to evaluate how they are going, applaud achievement, discern where there is room for improvement and engage in renewal processes.

I would like to invite parents to act as a ‘sounding board’ your thoughts on the areas we are currently reviewing and to contribute to our goals for 2012-13.

Our second ‘sounding board’ for 2012 will take place in the hall on Tuesday 21 August from 8.45am to 10.45am. All parents are most welcome to attend. For catering purposes and for us to know how many tables and chairs we need to put out for this occasion, please notify Bron in the office of your intention to participate or send me an email at pbeenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au. Should you be unavailable on this occasion, please join us when we reconvene in Term 4.

HOMEWORK
I emphasised at the Parent Information Evening earlier in the school year that homework is the responsibility of the children. Parents have a role in supporting their children and encouraging a regular time and suitable place for homework do be done. Parents do listen to their children read, hear spelling and number facts, and assist where needed. However, parents are not asked to DO the homework for the child. It is also critically important that children take responsibility for their homework to the extent that if they are having any difficulties with homework they MUST see their class teacher for assistance. Should arguments occur at home between children and parents about homework, parents need to distance themselves from the situation and let the children face the consequences at school.

SCHOOL TOILETS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
The main block of school toilets are cleaned when Jacky arrives in the afternoon because they take significant time to clean them. They are therefore locked for the pick-up time after school. However, the smaller block of toilets in the Tobruk building (closest to the hall) remains open until the children have been collected after school. Should there be a need for school children or their younger siblings to go to the toilet, the toilets in the Tobruk building are the ones to use.

SCHOOL FEES
Thank you to families who make such financial sacrifices to ensure that their school fees accounts are kept up to date. We encourage families who are finding it difficult to meet their commitments to make regular small payments via direct debit. This action keeps eating away at the amount owing and lets us know that you are genuinely working towards paying off accounts. There is a danger of putting off regular payments and saving towards or committing a tax refund towards one large payment as other unplanned bills can crop up to destroy one’s plans such as mechanical problems with the family car.

SCHOOL FEES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES
We recently received an email from Brisbane Catholic Education regarding the distribution of school fees accounts, financial statements and other financial information to families. All schools have been requested to review their processes to ensure that fee statements, collection letters and any financial information provided to parents, are only delivered by mail or email. Unfortunately, the option of delivering fee statements via a student does not guarantee the fee statement etc will be delivered to the person it is addressed to and consequently may contravene privacy legislation according legal advice given to Brisbane Catholic Education.

This will mean a major cost increase to the school in postage. We estimate that to mail all accounts and reminder letters to our families would cost approximately an extra $3000 a year! For us to cover that cost we would need to increase school fees or levies. We are reluctant to do that and hope that families would assist us in providing up to date email addresses so that accounts can be emailed. This means that families are urged to let the school know when such contact details change so that our records can be accurate.

The August school fees were sent to families via the post. Ros Mendo included in the school fees mail out a permission form requiring a signature requesting permission for fees to be emailed. More forms are available at the office.

NEW WEBSITE
Our new website is up and running. We are still having some trouble diverting people away from the previous site to the new one. Direct access is straightforward however. Please spread the news! Our new website address is www.stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the following students who ran in the red brigade fun run for cancer on Saturday.
10 yr old: 1st place Kassie Cole and 3rd Kasey Leadbetter. Under 13: 2nd place Courtney Leadbetter.
SKOOLBAG APP
Skoolbag is a school to parent communication tool. It provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications. No more lost paper in school bags!
School newsletters, Schools notices, and School alerts, School permission notes and other documents are communicated directly to parents’ smartphones via the Skoolbag Web App.
You can install it on your Smartphone by pointing the Smartphone Web Browser (eg iPhone Safari, android web browser) to:  
You can then add it as a shortcut to your Home Screen by following the "add to homescreen" prompt on your iPhone, or by creating a shortcut to your desktop/home screen, if using an Android powered phone.
There is no cost to parents or children, but it does use a small amount of internet download on your phones. It is a ‘ubiquitous’ (anytime, anywhere) app, and is something that is proving to be very useful.
Peter Lovegrove has been busily updating the information on the Skoolbag app for St Joseph’s.

EKKA HOLIDAY 2102
In Logan City, we have one show holiday which is on Monday 13 August. There is no traditional public holiday on Wednesday 15 August. In other words, the staff and children have a holiday on Monday 13 August and are at school on Wednesday 15 August.

There will be no OSHC on Monday 13 August because this day is a public holiday for people in Logan City. Families with work commitments will need to make other arrangements.

WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH’S?
It is our Sister Jenny. Mary MacKillop’s feast day is always a special day for Sister Jenny and our Josephite school. It is a day when we stop and reflect on what it means for us to be staff, students and parents at a Josephite school. This year, it is even more special for Sister Jenny as she celebrates her 40th year since she joined the order. Sister Jenny lives out the charism of Mary MacKillop in many ways. Her Friday morning cuppa is legendary and very well attended by parents. The garden that she tends so lovingly is admired by all, her listening ear is sought after by children and adults alike, her helping hands are there for all in need and her compassionate heart is open to all.

To this question asked to her by some Year 7 students;

"What makes you happy working here at St Joseph’s? she smiled and replied; “The children, teachers and parents make me happy. All the beautiful smiles I get from these people. A rewarding time for me is after working with a child to see them really starting to believe in themselves and their own goodness. It is a privilege for me to visit some families and share their sorrows but also their joyful times as well.”

Sister Jenny, thankyou for your presence and work within the our school community. You make a difference.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS-PETER LOVEGROVE
I would like to offer very big thank-you to the students, staff, parents, Fr Tony Girvan and the friends of St Joey’s who helped us “share the joy” of St Mary MacKillog on Wednesday. We started the day with a staff breakfast and then the school met in the hall for a beautiful Mass. Well done to the kids in prep and year one who joined in with the prayers and songs. Father Tony was very impressed with their reverence and prayerfulness of all of the students but especially the little ones. Thanks also to Mr Boulton and Mrs Hatzis for sharing their musical gifts with the community.
The children enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch which was followed by a concert where each grade sang a song about St Mary MacKillop. The hall was filled with beautiful singing from the choir and the classes.

Yesterday was also the day that the students were asked to bring in a gold coin as a donation for the construction of a park in honour of the work of St Mary MacKillog in Penola, South Australia. Quite a number of students enjoyed the day’s festivities but did not bring along the coin. We collected just under $250 from a group of 430 students. Could I ask that if your child didn’t contribute yesterday that you send along a coin early next week. Our school’s donation will be acknowledged with a plaque within the park so it would be nice to send a generous gift from St Joseph’s, Beenleigh.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Tommy Pitts, Jack Byron, Stephany Fix  PF: Zac Utratny, Riley Scullion
1C: Jazbia Bukhari, Megumi McMahon
2C: Phoebe Tyrell-Raddatz, Harry Bowe  2F: Mackenzie Moskwa, Ronan Dougherty
3C: Kate Murton  3F: Demi Love
4C: Maya Wilson  4F: Bethany Rorke, Kassie Cole
56D: Shaun Love, Anton Maxwell-Jones  56L: Charlee Feast, Kacee Te Hau
6C: TJ Carlson, Grace Billington  6F: Georgia Dudley, Samantha Heaton
7C: Kirra Sadzious  7F: Tayla Babin
Golden Gnome: 1st: PC, PF. 2nd: 2C, 2F. 3rd: 4C, 4F.

A MUSICAL NOTE– RENUKA HARAN

It was a wonderful opportunity for the school choir to perform to the whole school at a special day celebrating the feast of St Mary MacKillop.

The choir will be attending the Queensland Catholic Schools Music Festival on Thursday 16 after school. It will be great to see so many parents their supporting us. It will be an evening performance.

On Friday 17 School bands from St Augustine’s College from Cairns (a senior boys school) will be performing for our students in the hall after snack (approximately 2pm)

1st PLACE IN ATHLITICS –MR ARMSTRONG

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BEENLEIGH DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
A huge congratulations to the St Joseph’s Athletics squad on achieving an overall first place in B division. It was a great effort by all the students who participated on the day. A big thank you to all the parents who attended the day to cheer on our athletics.

Good luck to those students who have qualified for todays District Championships.

We have our highest number of qualified athletes for many years. Good luck to the 17 students.

LITERACY PLANET-MELLISSA BURGESS

WOW WOW WOW. Everyone must have been working very hard this week. As St Josephs is now in 5th spot in Australia. Keep up the great work.

We have also been sent some more medals to give to students that have reached a top 50 position in Australia this year. We will give those out on Assembly.


Just a reminder to parents wishing to stay right up to date with things happening with Literacy Planet you can also have a look at their Facebook page. Just type in ‘Literacy Planet Facebook’ . 10- 20 mins a day is all that is needed.

CLASS LEADERS from 30th July – 5th Aug

PC – Elise Sulusi  PF – Ella Marshall
1C – Tahlia Caruana  1F – Locky Buchbach
2C – Amala Saju  2F – Nathan Andrews (2nd School Leader)
3C – Carla Buttigieg  3F – Ellie Lahrs (1st School Leader)
4C – Taylah Russell  4F – Jacqueline Pele
56D – Liam Hoban  56L – Tamika Buttigieg
6C – Rhain Norton  6F – Kobe Stephens
7C – Jesse Caruana  7F – Adam Stephens (Little)

STICKERS, VOUCHERS, CAPS AND PHONES

WOOLWORTHS
This week's total is 37780 points. This programme closes on the 12th August (Sunday) but the school has until the beginning of September to post all the sticker cards to Woolworths. If you can send to school any completed or uncompleted sticker cards or loose sticks, to school by the end of next week, it would be much appreciated. A big thank you to all of our families that have contributed to our total.

COLES
The coles vouchers are overflowing in the office. Online shoppers can now nominate our school to receive the vouchers they have accumulated. The website is http://sportsforschools.com.au/colesonline and the school ID is 43786. Nominations close on the 24th August. Thank you to everyone for getting behind this fundraiser for the school.
We are having a **Book Fair** on Tuesday 21st – 28th Aug, 8am-4pm and we need your help!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Book Fair in the library. We have plenty of activities that encourage the love of reading in children! Please let me know if you can lend a hand!

If you are unable to act as a volunteer, you can still help by simply spreading the word about our Book Fair and joining your child at the Family Event.

Any help would be appreciated, so we hope that you will tick one or more of the boxes overleaf and send this back to school with your child.

Don’t forget the Book Character Parade on Friday 24th Aug at 9:00am and our class displays in the library.

Join us in making our Book Fair a big success for our school.

**ATTENTION: Lyn Giebels**

I would be happy to help with the Book Fair by: *(please tick one or more of the boxes below)*

- [ ] working during the Book Fair
- [ ] helping to set up the Book Fair
- [ ] creating signs and decorations
- [ ] helping to pack up the Book Fair

Name: ____________________________________________ Contact number: ____________________

Child’s Name: __________________________________________ Class: ____________________

**DISCO**

Last Thursday evening was our second and last disco of the year. Again all the students had a wonderful time with most people dressing up for the night! Thank you to all students who could attend and parents and caregivers for supporting the disco. Also thank you to teachers and staff for your much appreciated help. All profits from the disco will go directly back into your school, we will let you know how this money is spent in the near future.

**CANCER COUNCIL QUEENSLAND SHADE SAIL GRANT**

Last week we received great news that we have ‘won’ a grant to build a shade sail within our school. The grant is for $2500 which will be put towards a shade sail over the Prep playground to provide much needed shade for the Preps during the hotter months of the year. The shade sail will be built by October 31st this year. A lot of effort is put into applying for grants and sometimes we are successful and sometimes not. Well done to Katherine Miller for your work on this grant.

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**

Thank you to all families at our school for supporting the chocolate drive. Most families have returned their chocolate money or partially sold chocolates. The profits from the chocolate drive will be used to buy Lego Mindstorm Robotic Kits for our children to use. All chocolate money is now due back at the school. We also have a few left over boxes in the office to sell. If you could sell another box of chocolates we would really appreciate it, please see Ros Mendo in the office if you can help. We will have an update on the chocolate drive profits next week and will be purchasing the Lego Robotics Kits as soon as possible. Stay tuned....

**MILK BOTTLE TOPS**

We recently sent 2738 Pauls collect a caps to Pauls. The school received $301.18. This is a great way to support the school. Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their caps.

**PHONES**

Send in your old mobile phones. Great for the environment and great way to fundraise for the school.

**DENTAL VAN**

Years 1,2,5,6,7and Prep have now been given forms to visit the dental van. Extra forms are available at the office for these grades if needed.
MAVERICK NIGHT – DOMINIC BARNES

Maverick Night is coming up on Friday August 24th, 7pm 'till late!!! This will be the best value night of your life!!! (Maybe not that good... but at least top 5!!!)

For $20 you get entry to a fun night of casino games (including roulette, horse races with fishing reels, black jack and many more!!) and you get $5000 of play money to spend. You also get a free lucky door number, complimentary hot nibbles, snacks, hot beverages and much more!!! Drinks will also be available for purchase from the bar. The theme for the night is Wild West, so get out your cowboy and cowgirl hats!

What will you be wearing? As places are limited please bring your tickets back to the office to book your spot.

If parents, family or friends in the school community know of any businesses that would like to donate a prize for the Maverick night please phone or email Belinda Thompson 0412 478870 or bjt66@bigpond.com.au hope to see at the Maverick night 24/8/12.

SPONSORS SO FAR-Please support these Companies when out and about.

WAKAKIRRI NEWS FLASH

The Wakakirri team and Wakakirri performers were outstanding at the Brisbane heat last night. Their long hours of preparation and practice paid off when they hit the stage at the Logan Entertainment Centre as the last act on the bill. They had the crowd clapping along as they told the story of a town under siege by bullies and how the townsfolk and with the help of a brave, whip-cracking cowboy learn to stand up to the bad guys and enjoy a toe-tapping hoedown in the end.

The students were awarded with the following awards:
   Best Public Speaking
   Best Back Stage Crew
   Most creative use of sustainable materials

TRASH AND TREASURE after masses on 18 and 19 August.
To assist orphans and lepers of India on behalf of MAMRE INTERNATIONAL. Betty: 0439 791 133

CAN YOU HELP US?
Serve those with aids HIV and Leprosy. www.mamre-international-aid.net Betty or Craig 0439 791 133

BEENLEIGH LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN ON – 2012/13 SEASON for BOYS & GIRLS 5 – 16 YRS

Athletics meetings are conducted on Friday nights by experienced/qualified parents and volunteers. Events included are sprints, hurdles, middle/long distance events, shot put, discus, long & high jumps. Triple jump & Javelin included for older age groups only. Season starts Friday 7th September 2012 5.30pm. If you want to compete on the first night you MUST sign on, on one of the two sign on dates below.... You cannot sign on and compete on the same night!!! Olivers Sporting Complex, 293 Logan St, Eagleby

For easy sign on, please visit our website at www.beenleighla.org.au, click on “online registration” and fill out your details. Print that form and bring it along with you to the club on any of the dates above with your payment.

For further information or assistance, please call Mark on 0419 722042 or visit us at www.beenleighla.org.au