Dear Parents

BUILDING WORKS - TRINITY COLLEGE
You may have noticed that there are some serious building works happening at Trinity College in preparation for the Yr 7 transition to secondary school in 2015. These works will impact on St Joseph’s in two main ways. Firstly, parking will become more contested particularly in the peak times before and after school. Secondly, the builders will be constructing a retaining wall on the edge of our school oval facing the College. A temporary fence will be erected on our oval on the College side, west of our work-shed. The builder will remove our fence to do the work and then restore it afterwards.

BEWARE – PARKING INSPECTORS
A number of parents have been booked for parking infringements in Tobruk Street. We can only advise parents to obey the parking rules clearly signed in Tobruk Street.

WAKAKIRRI NEWS
Congratulations to our fabulous Wakakirri team who once again have made it through to the next round. Their next performance date is Friday 13 September. We wish them well as they prepare for this challenge!

CLASH OF DATES: Unfortunately, like last year, there is a clash of dates with the Year 6 camp and Wakakirri finals held on the same day - Friday 13 September. Amber Dair will be sending a note home regarding transport arrangements for Year 6 Wakakirri students.

SALE OF ICE-BLOCKS IN AID OF THE QUEENSLAND CANCER COUNCIL
Jackson Babin from 5F is supporting his older sister from Trinity College in raising funds for the Queensland Cancer Council through the sale of ice-blocks here at school. Ice-blocks will be on sale each until sold out! If you would like your child to have an ice-block, it will cost $1.

CHEERLEADING AT LUNCH TIME
A number of Yr 7 children inquired about whether it was possible for a cheerleading class to be held in the hall at lunch time during the school week. I have been in contact with Linda Soutter who is the owner of the Logan East Fitness and Dance Studios. Linda is willing to take the class if there is enough interest. There will be a cost involved of approximately $3 per lesson depending on the numbers of students. The class will be held on a Thursday in the hall at lunch-time if we can secure enough interested students from years 5, 6 & 7. Linda will send a brochure home with interested students soon to get the ball rolling.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS
Congratulations to our athletes - Isabel Skerman, Jacquiline Pele and Olivia Wey - who made it through to the Regional Athletics to be held on Monday 26 August. Best wishes girls! A number of our 13 yr old students were selected for the secondary school athletics carnival (Pacific District Trials – 22-3 August). Congratulations and best wishes to Anton MaxWell-Jones, Matt Sheehan, Imogen Dunikowski, Andrea McLean, Goergia Brehmer and Charlotte Hazenkam.
PEER MEDIATION TRAINING

The Peer Mediation Training has been postponed until next Thursday 22 August. It is less complicated for our choir students who would have missed part of the training session (from 1pm) due to their involvement in the Catholic Schools Music Festival at Villanova. Children from Years 5 & 6 will attend peer mediation training now next Thursday. This prepares the children from those year levels for the leadership role of peer mediator in the playground at break times beginning at the end of this year. As our school student leadership will be formed from these three classes for next year, this is an opportunity for the group to get to know one another and to work with one another for the first time. Sincere thanks to Dianne Pennings and David Higgins for their preparation of the day and to all who will be involved in presenting and facilitating learning on the day. Students should be wearing their sports uniform for comfort at the Peer Mediation Training Day.

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.

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 to 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.

CAMPS

School camps are coming up for Years 5 and 6. These camps are compulsory school events. Children are expected to attend therefore. If a payment plan is needed, please contact the school and see Ros Mendo, our finance secretary, who can assist families with inquiries about payment plans. It is expected that the camp will be paid for before the day of departure. The cost of the camp is shared across the number of children in the year level. Should a child have a medical reason for not attending, a medical certificate is required. It is also important to point out that the cost of the bus still needs to be paid, even if a child does not attend camp for medical reasons. This is because we calculate the cost of the bus by dividing the quote by the number of children. This makes it cheaper for families.

NEW STORAGE SHEDS

Our sheds are being installed. It is hoped that they will be up by the end of next week. One will be located behind the sandpit in the P-2 play area. The second will stand beside the sports shed which is positioned on the bank to the oval, in the shelter shed. Funding for these sheds was obtained by the P & F through the Gambling Community Benefits Fund.

AUSDANCE & ASSEMBLIES IN THE CHURCH FOR THIS TERM

AusDance will be taking place in the hall on Mondays from 9.15am. We will therefore be having assemblies in the church for this term. We will be having a “dancing through the decades’ theme this year as part of our 60th anniversary as a school. Children will perform for families on the evening of Tuesday 17 September. This is designed to be a family celebration of our 60th anniversary as a school so please mark it into your calendars.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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A MUSICAL NOTE– RENUKA HARAN

CHOIR PERFORMANCES

Our choir will perform at the Catholic Schools Music Festival at Villanova this evening. We thank Mrs Colleen South for accompanying us on the piano. Special thanks are also due to the P&F for helping us with the bus transport. Good luck! We know you will do well and will be wonderful ambassadors for St Joseph’s.

On Sunday 25 August, the choir will perform at a concert held in the hall as part of St Patrick’s Parish Multicultural Day celebrations. Children are to meet me at 10.30am in the music room. Families are welcome to attend the mass at 9.00am and the concert/food festival held afterwards from 11.00am.
HOMEWORK HELP

Homework help on Tuesday 20 August is cancelled due to the book character parade on that day.

BOOK CLUB-LESLEY SOLAR

LAST DAY: Book club closes tomorrow Fri 16 Aug at 9:00am

WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH’S?

You should notice the difference when walking between the Admin Block and the Hall, we now have a wonderful garden that should provide an ample floral display throughout the year. We thank Logan City Council for providing the plants for this garden and the eagerness of the children in the Gardening Club, in spending their Friday lunchtime digging holes to put the plants in. We would also like to thank Barry Hockings, for not only putting down the mulch in this garden but for his hard work in weeding and mulching the gardens around the school.

LIBRARIAN– LYN GIEBELS

Just a reminder again that Book Week will be held next week from Monday 19th to Friday the 23rd August. The theme this year is “Read Across the Universe”.

PARADE: Our book character parade will be on Tuesday 20th August, at 9:00am. All children are invited to dress up as either their favourite book character or anything to do with a space theme.

BOOK FAIR: Our annual book fair will also be running in conjunction with Book Week and again, we are asking for some volunteers to help us in its running. Children will come and view the books during allotted times during the day. Parents are invited anytime between 8:15am and 3:30pm to come and view the books.

DISPLAY: All classes have produced a display for your enjoyment, so please come and have a look at your child’s work.

VOLUNTEERS: As I am currently working part-time, we are desperate for volunteers. If you could give a few hours, especially before and after school, it would be most appreciated!

OVERDUE BOOKS: While numbers are improving, we still have quite a few overdue books. Unfortunately, this means that these children do not have full borrowing rights. If your child has overdue books and you have not paid, please come and see me on Monday, Thursday or Friday to discuss this issue.

APP of the WEEK by ST J’s APPSTARS

IAssistSafety - an app to build a child’s safety network.
IAssistSafety helps children learn protective behaviours. All children deserve to be safe. Using a hand IAssist-Safety allows a child to identify 5 adults who they could ask for help if feeling unsafe. The hand assists children to remember their safe people. The adults should be people the child sees regularly, people they can trust and people who will listen to the child. These 5 adults will help the child to be safe if they are scared, worried, sad or just need help. Use the name, phone number and image or photos of the adult and add it to the child's hand. IAssistSafety helps to give your child a voice in keeping themselves safe.

AVAILABLE IN THE APPLE AND GOOGLE PLAY STORES for $1.99

LOST PROPERTY

LOST: Two books. Story Tree House Books. 13 & 26. by Gleitzmans
Please check your children’s jumpers regularly. As the weather is warm and children take them on and off through out the day, they can often lose or swap items between each other.
Winter Wonderland Ball. Sat 31 August in St Joseph’s Hall, St Patrick's Youth Group are having a gala fundraiser!  
*Tickets are available from this link (Ticket-booth) here:* [http://getik.it/3767341?f](http://getik.it/3767341?f)  
*For more information* [www.facebook.com/spygbeeneleigh](http://www.facebook.com/spygbeeneleigh)  
*Youtube Promo video:* [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjFOqc3ersk&feature=share](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjFOqc3ersk&feature=share)

40hr Famine – 16th-18th August. Our youth are once again going without food for 40 hours to help feed those who survive on almost no food all the time. If you’d like to participate, or donate, please let me know.

Parish Multicultural Celebration – Sun 25th Aug. Our young people are helping to serve, and the youth band is providing some entertainment at the function after Mass, and we’d love lots of people to be involved. Can you help?

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BEENLEIGH LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN ON.** Friday 23rd August and Friday 30th August 5.30pm – 7.30pm Oliver’s Sporting Complex – Logan St Eagleby. Our weekly club competition is held on Friday nights from 5.45pm, first night of competition is Friday 6th September. [www.beenleighla.org.au](http://www.beenleighla.org.au) or phone Samantha on 0413 996 721

**THE AUSTRALIAN CHILDHOOD VISION IMPAIRMENT REGISTER** is hosted by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and is the first national register of children in Australia with vision impairment. The Register has been collecting data since 2009, and this data is providing important information about the types of eye disease and vision disorders children have and the support they need. The data is also used by service providers and researchers. Data is stored securely and no child can be identified in any way when the data is released.

How can families register their child? Families are invited to register their child (aged 0-18 years) if they have vision impairment in both eyes which has been diagnosed by an eye specialist or ophthalmologist. Registration can be done by contacting Register staff on (02) 9872 0303, or [www.vifamilynetwork.org.au](http://www.vifamilynetwork.org.au). This website also contains low vision resources and events that families might find helpful.

**SENSORY MOVIE DAY**

Every month we hold a movie at Events Cinemas Browns Plains for Families with Special Needs. These screenings are so children can try every seat, flap, swm. The lights stay on dim and the sound is lowered. You will need to present a “Sensory Movie Day” membership card to purchase tickets. Membership cards are available at the cinema or will be handed out in the foyer before each screening if you don't have one. Companion i.d. cards accepted / Children 2yrs and under are free / No Proof of Diagnosis necessary. All family members are welcome!! / $5 Small Popcorn and Small Drink available / Face-painting – Spot prizes – Balloons

For More Information: Jacinta Huch, Contact: 0458045881, [sensory.movies@hotmail.com](mailto:sensory.movies@hotmail.com)  
Despicable Me 2 Event Cinemas-Browns Plains _2PM - SUNDAY_ 18th August ****TICKETS only $8

**LOGANHOLME COBRAS CRICKET CLUB**  
We are now accepting expressions of interest for all players, male and female, between the ages of 9 and 15 (Juniors) 6&8 (Milo into Cricket). Official Sign on is on Sunday 18th & Saturday 24th August, Tansey Park, Tansey Drive, Tanah Merah from 10am to 2pm. Jason Savage on 0401 546 762 or Tim Page 0434 985 246 (AFTER HOURS)

**LOGAN CITY FUTSAL** (indoor soccer) club will be holding sign-ons online at [www.australianfutsal.com](http://www.australianfutsal.com). (click on register to play and select club) The new season starts in mid September is age groups from 5 years old to seniors, boys and girls . Competitions will be played at Cornubia and Beenleigh. Please go to this website to sign on for new season. Heather on 0402296155 or [logan@australianfutsal.com](mailto:logan@australianfutsal.com)