What’s happening this week?

**AUGUST**
22 Book Fair (Library, 8.15am – 4pm)
Book Character Parade (8.50am, Shed)
25 Book Fair Last Day (8.15am - 4pm)
National Numeracy & Literacy Week Assembly (1C)
26 Koala Joys (2015 Preps)
Regional Track and Field
27 5c Drive Final Collection Day
28 Audsance
Mass (6F)
29 Book Club orders due
Zone 2 Athletics Carnival

**SEPTEMBER**
1 Assembly (1F)
2 Fathers’ Day Stall (Yr 5)
3 Yr 5 Camp
Fathers’ Day Stall
4 Yr 5 Camp
Liturgy (3F)
Fathers’ Day Stall
Auditory screening
Audsance
5 Yr 5 Camp
Science Centre Excursion (Yr 2)
Gala Day (Yr 6&7, Day 1)
8 Assembly (Prep C)
9 Wakakirri Finals
No P&F Meeting
10 Yr 6 & 7 Camp
11 Mass (SC)
Yr 6 & 7 Camp
Bravehearts (P-3)
Audsance
12 Yr 6 & 7 Camp
13 Assembly (Prep F)
16 School Photos (Sport)
P&F Meeting (6.30pm)
17 Vision screening
Instrumental Concert (2pm, Hall)

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

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Last week I informed staff of a successful Brisbane Catholic Education Change of School Application by Year 6 teacher, Josh O’Keeffe. Although we will be sad to lose Mr O’Keeffe from the St Joseph’s teaching staff, we wish him every success for his move to St Bernadine’s School, Regents Park in 2015. We will appropriately farewell Mr O’Keeffe later in the year. Also, we wish Prep teacher, Ellen Anderson well for her upcoming Long Service Leave for the whole of Term 4 this year.

Congratulations to our choir for their Silver Award winning performance last Thursday evening at St James Hall, Coorparoo, in the Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival. Thank you to our Music teacher, Mrs Haran, for guiding and supporting the students to give their very best.

A special guest at Monday’s assembly was Dee Hudson (school friend of Allison Baden-Clay) who presented our school with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of our valued support of ‘Wear Yellow for Allison and Strive to be Kind Day’ on Friday 1 August. Dee assisted in launching the school’s Kindness to Others initiative that extends across our school community. So, if someone has been kind to you in recent times, or is in the future, I encourage you to nominate them via the yellow slips and the yellow teapot in the front office. These nominees will be recognised through yellow slip display in the office.

Book Week is here and the ‘Reading to Connect’ theme has been highlighted throughout the school by the efforts of staff, especially our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Giebels. We all look forward to tomorrow morning’s Book Character Parade in the shed area from 8.50am.

Next week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week and these critical general capabilities for students will be highlighted, and related successes celebrated across the school.

Staff will continue their commitment to professional improvement and life-long learning through upcoming involvement in the Religious Education Accreditation Program, eMinerva administrative system in-service, student well-being in-service and Learning Management System school visitations.

Earlier this week, Year 5 classes enjoyed supplementary educational experiences through Geography excursions to Beenleigh Town Centre. We trust that these outings benefited their learning.

MI SMARTS, The Premier’s Reading Challenge, Wakakirri, Audsance and the P&F 5 Cent Drive (final collection day - 27 August) continue to be well enjoyed by students. Much anticipation surrounds the upcoming Fathers’ Day Stall (small donation items still welcome) and the Year 5, 6 and 7 camps.

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.

Next Wednesday to Friday, I look forward to joining Year 4 teacher, Miss Fletcher, at our school’s second round of 2014 Mary Mackillop Colloquium (live in retreat) involvement at the place of Mary’s tomb, in Mount Street, North Sydney. I trust that the spiritual rewards are plentiful for Miss Fletcher and myself.

On Sunday our parish will hold a Multi-cultural Mass, after which a related gathering will be held in the school hall. All in our school community are welcome to attend to give thanks for the harmony that exists among our cultural diversity and to enjoy good food, entertainment and company. My thanks to Indonesian teacher, Mrs Andriani, for organising a student performance.

With Courage, Faith and Love

Stephen Johnson
MI SMARTS is here again!

Crochet and knitting is another ‘hands on’ learning activity offered in MI SMARTS this term. As we know, both these crafts can be a bit tricky but I am quite confident that Mrs Giebels, Mrs Cole and Sister Jenny have it all in hand.

St Joey’s ‘Who’s Coming to Dinner’ group so far has made pizzas, fried rice as well as a stir fry. Mrs Adams, Mrs Rattansay and Mrs Wynn have been leading this SMART. Some families have seen a greater interest in cooking and eating lately with offers from the young chefs to try their recipes out on the rest of the family.

MI SMARTS focusses on discovering what our students are smart at. Each one of us can be good at something and together we can be good at everything!

KOALA JOEYS

The KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM is run each Tuesday at 9am in our Multipurpose Room.

Each family with a child enrolled in Prep 2015 will have received an invitation to join us for this program. Spread the word, this is a FREE program and we would love to see you there.

Thanks Mr Johnson for being our special visitor to Koala Joeys last week. Our little Koala Joeys as well as the mums, dads, aunties and nanas were very impressed by your magic, juggling and story telling skills.
This week is Book Week. The theme this year is “Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect”.

Our Scholastic Book Fair began yesterday and will run until the Monday 25 August. All family and friends are welcome to visit the Book Fair at any time during the week.

We will also have displays set up by each of our classes.

The celebrations will culminate with our Character Parade at 8.50am 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 the use the money raised towards display boards for the library. Please remember that the library will open at 8:15am and close at 4:00pm to allow parents and friends to view the books and displays. Children without parents are only allowed in during school time.  Lyn, Karen and Irene

Congratulations to our talented school choir who performed brilliantly last Thursday evening at the Queensland Catholic School’s and Colleges music festival. Our choir was complimented on being totally focused and looking professional all the way through their performance. Their expression and dynamics were complimented on and the second song was faultless. They received a silver award along with the other choirs in our section.

Thank you to Mr Johnson who came with us, Mrs Helen Harmon who accompanied us on the piano and to all Mums and Dads who enthusiastically supported us.

Students will be given certificates in the near future.
1) The Brisbane Catholic Education Student Protection Processes Booklet can be found in the school's library.

2) Also in the school library's adult section is a DVD called "Undernourished and Overfed". An easy to watch DVD to assist parents in bringing balance to their child's diet. A positive response to our forever growing obese youth problem.

**P&F NEWS - ANGELA HOUGHTON**

**FATHERS’ DAY STALL**

Fathers’ Day is just around the corner and there is still lots of ways you can help. Thank you so much for your generous donations to date. Please keep sending these in with your child. These donations go a long way in helping to provide a variety of gifts for your child to choose from. We will also be holding a number of working bees in the multipurpose room.

- Tuesday 3-4.30pm (during Wakakirri practice)
- Wednesday 9am-12noon
- Friday 9.30am-12noon (after Sr Jenny’s cuppa)

If you have any time please come along and join in the preparing of gifts (wrapping, sorting, pricing, etc) for our stall. Volunteers will also be needed to run the stall. Information for this will be sent home next week.

**PARENT ENGAGEMENT**

The recent workshops and guest presenters on Parent Engagement have given us the inspiration to search for strategies and actions that can offer a broader and more relevant scope for parents to become involved in school life. We are currently working with our schools Annual and Strategic Plan to produce a working document to redefine our role as parents working in partnership with our school’s for the very best for our children. A draft of this paper will be distributed to parents for feedback so that together we can shape our move forward. This will be a major agenda item at the September P&F meeting on September 16.

**MAVERICK MONEY TREE**

The Maverick Money Tree Raffle ($100 worth of scratchies) is due to be drawn next week. Tickets are available from Ros Mendo in the office at $1 each. Come on and treat yourself… you never know you luck.

**CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE P&F MEETING**

The September meeting for P&F will be on Tuesday 16 September at 6.30pm. (Wakakirri finals are on the 9 September, our scheduled date).

**P&F NEWS - ANGELA HOUGHTON**

**LOST PROPERTY**

LOST: A green formal jumper with D.R. Petch named on it was lost at the choir excursion. Please check your child is wearing his/her own hat/jumper etc and that they have not lost any of their own property.

**PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PARISH YOUTH: 4ohr Famine**: Good on you Gina, Jess, Alyssa and Micheal for going without food this weekend. Young people just like you (except without the same privileges) will be better off because of your sacrifice. Our next ‘United’ Youth meeting will be Friday, Sept 5th. Our guest speaker will be Seminarian Josh Whitehead, who has a great life-story to share with us! 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, and is held in St Joseph’s School Hall. **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 to go to the **Ignite Conference** this year? Check out igniteconference.com.au and let me know asap if you’d like to come with us. Cathy 0400 494 943 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

**BEENLEIGH HAWKS BASEBALL CLUB JUNIOR SIGN-ON**

Are you looking for a fun activity to keep your kids busy during summer? Beenleigh Hawks Baseball Club is currently signing on juniors for the coming season which starts after the school holidays in October. They will hold a “Come and Try Baseball” morning at their fields at Hammel Street, Beenleigh on Saturday, August 23rd from 9am to 12pm. Baseball is a great non-contact sport for boys and girls of all ages so get your littlies involved. For more information contact Brendan on 0405 032 877.
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$95.00 per participant which includes a Long Sleeved Rash Shirt

Enquire at: littellifesavers@lifesaving.com.au
Changes to the School Dental Program

Good dental health begins at home. That's why we're making changes to our school dental program to give all parents the opportunity to be involved in their children's dental care.

What's changing?

We now ask that a parent or legal guardian attends every dental appointment with their child. To fit in with busy families, we're offering free treatment at any of Metro South Health's public clinics across the region.

That means you will now need to book an appointment for you and your child; we will no longer arrange appointments through your child's school.

When you attend the appointment, you will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns and receive expert advice from our oral health professionals about your child's dental care. Research shows that children have better long-term dental health if their parents understand their unique dental needs.

How can I make an appointment?

Simply call our new telephone line – 1300 300 850 – to arrange an appointment at a time and location convenient for you.

Who is eligible?

- All children 4 years old through to year 10 students
- Students in years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 0-3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

For more information, visit health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH METRO SOUTH HEALTH SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
PHONE 1300 300 850 (Monday to Friday – 7:30 to 4:00).
Have your Medicare Card and Health Care Card (if you have one) with you when you call.

Great state. Great opportunity.