Dear Parents,

Happy Father’s Day this Sunday to all of our dads and to those who take the role of a father in our families. Thank you for the important work you do and for the love you show to the children at Joey’s.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Sincere thanks to David and Priscilla Fitzgerald for their organisation of the Father’s Day Stall, and to all who rallied to assist with the stall on the day. Thanks also to the many who donated gifts as every little thing contributes to the success of the stall. The children really appreciate the opportunity to purchase well priced items for their dad. They like the variety and being able to buy more than one item with their money. Well done everyone!

NEW PRINCIPAL – WHAT’S HAPPENING?
Interviews for the position of Principal at St Joseph’s Tobruk take place at the South Service Centre today. It is likely that an announcement will then take place sometime late next week.

YEAR 5 CAMP
Year 5 camp was a great experience for our children. Held at Edmund Park near Laidley, the camp provided many new experiences for the children including a high ropes course, the flying possum, orienteering, environmental appreciation, bush craft and bush tucker. Our students were challenged to work together in groups to solve problems and to show initiative. They thoroughly enjoyed the camp. The food was fantastic and children often went back for seconds and thirds! Sincere thanks to the Year 5 teachers, Marg Hatzis and Leonie Phillips, for their organisation of the camp and to Sue Logan and Peter Lovegrove for their support and active participation.

MULTICULTURAL DAY MASS, CONCERT & FOOD FESTIVAL
Thank you to the families who supported the parish multicultural day last Sunday. It was a wonderful experience of community spirit. Congratulations to the members of the choir who were able to participate in the concert with another superb performance. Thanks again to Renuka Haran for her continued hard work with the choir and to David and Kylie Chivers for their professional accompaniment on the day!

ZONE 2 CATHOLIC TRACK AND FIELD CARNIVAL
Tomorrow the school athletics team heads to QEII at Nathan for the Zone 2 Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival. We wish them well. The children are travelling with their parents to the carnival and will meet David Boulton and Rory McBride there.

CHEERLEADING AT LUNCH TIME
Linda Soutter from Logan East Fitness and Dance Studios will be taking the class at lunch times on Thursdays. The first class was held in the hall today. The cost of each lesson is $3.50. Linda handed out a form for children to take home and for parents to complete regarding contact and payment details. Children do not bring money to the school office. You need to make arrangements for payment directly with Linda. Children from Year 2 will be...
able to join the group next week if they missed out this week due to their camp.

**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 Tuesday 17 September at 1.30pm in the school hall.

**PROTOCOL FOR PARENTS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS**
When dropping children to school and picking up afterwards, parents are not required to wear a visitor’s badge. However, if a parent is working in the classroom or has volunteered to assist with a tuckshop day or on the Fathers’ Day Stoll, then they are required to wear a visitor’s badge. You come to the office, sign in stating the purpose of your visit, and collect the badge. This helps us to keep track of who is in the school in case of an emergency evacuation.

If you are picking up your child/ren from school during school time, please do not go to the classroom to do this. Parents are asked to call in at the office and the office staff will contact the class teacher who will then send the child/ren to the office with their bag. Parents are then asked to sign the children out of the school stating the reason for their early departure (e.g. dentist appointment). If the child is returning to school after an appointment, please go to the office and sign the child in.

**WHOOPING COUGH**
We have had a recent case of whooping cough here at school in Year 7. Please let us know if there are confirmed diagnoses. Please be on the look-out for symptoms!

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICY PRIORITIES**
Catholic education is seeking a statement from both major parties on their education policies and how they will affect the 735,000 students educated in the 1,706 Catholic schools across Australia.

Both major parties have been asked the six questions below. Their responses will be provided in the near future.

*Policy Questions*

1. How will your policy support parents to choose the education they want for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?
2. How will your policy affect the ability of Catholic education systems and schools to distribute funding according to locally-identified needs?
3. How will your policy deliver additional government funding to support student needs and ensure funding keeps pace with the real cost of educating a child?
4. How will your policy support the needs of students with particular disadvantage, students with disability and other special needs to receive funding to meet their needs, regardless of the school they attend?
5. What government funding for the capital needs of Catholic schools do you have planned? Does this funding recognise Catholic education’s support of disadvantaged communities and willingness to establish in new growth areas?
6. How will your policy deliver funding certainty for schools?

Catholic education will continue to work with all parties in the Parliament to ensure that Catholic schools have the resources to support the needs of all students.

*For further information please visit [www.qcec.catholic.edu.au](http://www.qcec.catholic.edu.au)*

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

| 2F: Megumi McMahon, Mikayla Heagney, Matt Eley, Jess Miller |
| 3C: Cory Hawkins |
| 3F: Harry Bowe, Kymberly James |
| 4C: Cohen Toovey |
| 6C: Cameron Whalan |
| Golden Gnome: 1st: 2C, 2F. 2nd: 7F. 3rd: PC, |

**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

We extend our sympathy and condolences to the Shore Family, Tracey and the children, Salia 4F, Max 2F and Rosie following the death of their beloved husband and Dad, Mal Shore. Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the life of Mal at St Patrick’s Church, Beenleigh at 10.30am this Friday.

We also extend our condolences to Lesley Solar and family on the death of Lesley’s Dad, Josef.

Also keep the Fitzgerald family in your prayers.
Thank you to the 24 students and their parents who came to the multicultural festivities organised by the Parish. Their performance was extremely professional. Thank you to Mr Boulton who accompanied us on the guitar and to Mr and Mrs Chivers who stepped in at the last minute and brilliantly accompanied on the piano and flute.

GOLD Certificates will be presented next Monday to choir members who performed at the Queensland Catholic Schools’ Festival.

DATE CLAIMER—The school band and some private instrumental students will be performing. Students will be notified by their instrumental teacher.

Date: Wednesday 18 September Time: 2.10pm Venue: School hall

### AusDance

**Dancing through the Decades**

1.30pm 17 September

### St Joseph’s 60th Anniversary

**St Joseph’s Rock N’ Roll Celebration Dance**

St Joseph’s invite all past and present families and community members (adults only) to come along and celebrate our 60th Anniversary in the school hall. Get a table of family and friends together. $20 pp Tickets go on sale in September. Dress 50’s optional

7.00pm 19 October

### A Musical Note

Choir

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HELP URGENTLY REQUIRED— A person is required to help with School Banking for approximately 2 hours on Friday mornings. Please see Bronwyn or ring Nikki on 0410 613 550, if you can help.

St Joey’s is coming 4th in a competition to win an iPad for the school. So all students who participate in the school banking program are encouraged to submit your banking over the next week. The more money banked the more chance of winning the iPad.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Isabel Skerman and Olivia Wey who competed at the Primary School’s Regional Athletics’ Carnival at QEII on Monday 26 August. They were both placed in the top 8 of the 100 and 200 meter events. Well done to both girls.

YEAR 5 CAMP PICS

The Year 5’s arrived back from camp yesterday. They experienced heaps of different activities. Fun was had by all!!

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

Protecting children is everybody’s business - play your part
Child Protection Week promotes the belief that protecting children and young people is everyone's responsibility.
Child Protection Week is coordinated nationally by the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect and in Queensland by the Child Protection Week Committee under the auspices of ACT for Kids.
More information can be found on the Child Protection Week website.

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 or phone Samantha on 0413 996 721

SPORTS TUITION is conducting a School Holiday Survivor Camp for 8-13 year olds at Maroon Dam on 1-3 October. Activities include; fishing in electric powered boats, canoeing, raft building, abseiling, milk crate climb, archery; initiative and challenge activities; & open fire cooking. Camp cost: $210. A bus service is also offered. Bus cost: $55. All details at www.sportstuition.com.au