Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 3, Week 9 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! Two core values at St Joseph’s are linked together as **Courage and Resilience**. These values emerge, firstly, from the example of Jesus in the Gospels. Jesus showed enormous courage taking on the religious leaders of his time, challenging them to focus on compassion for people rather than sticking to the letter of religious law. Jesus also showed great resilience to keep going in his mission as he would often have been disappointed when the message he was teaching wasn’t getting through to those who came to listen. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Rats of Tobruk also showed tremendous **Courage and Resilience** facing their respective challenges. At school, we want children to show courage and to be resilient. This means taking risks in learning, having a go when things are difficult. It means being independent – for example, packing their own bag, making their own lunch, walking themselves to the classroom, unpacking their bag, changing readers, doing their homework, getting along with others, standing up for others who might be teased or bullied, being assertive, being responsible for their actions and choices and facing up to the consequences of poor choices. Parents and older siblings can help younger ones to become more independent and resilient by encouraging and rewarding signs of initiative and independence. It is also important for parents and older siblings to check their inclination to rush in and do things for young ones, allowing them time to take up the invitation and challenge to become more independent. Sometimes this is harder to do than just getting the job done as it requires patience and consistency.

This week in brief:

- **Sunday 2 September**
  HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

- **Monday 3 September**
  Student Protection Week
  Assembly: 7C

- **Tuesday 4 September**
  7.30am: Band Practice
  Australian Math Challenge

- **Wednesday 5 September**
  Year 5: First Day Lake Ainsworth Camp
  Australian Math Challenge
  2.05p.m: Westminster Practice

- **Thursday 6 September**
  Mass Readings: 4C
  Ausdance
  Year 5: Second day Lake Ainsworth
  School as normal. No industrial action at St Joseph’s

- **Friday 7 September**
  8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of Hall
  Banking
  Yr 3: Scientist Day
  Yr 6 & 7: Gala Day
  Year 5: Last Day Lake Ainsworth

- **Monday 10 September**
  Assembly: 7F

- **Tuesday 11 September**
  7.30am: Band practice

- **Wednesday 12 September**
  Yr 4: History Expo
  Yr 6: First day Emu Gully

- **Thursday 13 September**
  Liturgy Readings: Prep F
  Yr 6: Second day Emu Gully
  Ausdance

- **Friday 14 September**
  8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
  Banking
  Yr 6: Last day Emu Gully
  Yr 7: Gala Day

**UNIFORM SHOP**
8:15-9:15am Tuesday
2:15-3:15pm Thursday
Kerry Fenner  mob 0432828467
or 32872798 in uniform shop hours.

**UNIFORM DAYS**
Formal: Mon, Tues, Thurs
Sport: Child’s PE day & Fri

**ARTWORX 2012**
The Artworx 2012 begins with opening night (adults only) on Friday, 19 October 6pm. Tickets will be available for $10/person. Exhibition continuing through to Friday 26 October.

Be sure not to miss this unique event showcasing brilliant artworks and visual delights by our children and some local artists.

Artworx will feature highlights from past years such as: the official auction on opening night.

One of this year’s commissioned auction pieces is a collection of canvas works with relation to the ‘Twelve Days of Christmas’ produced by twelve different reputable artists.
On Tuesday and Wednesday, some children will participate in the Commonwealth Bank Maths Challenge through the Mathletics program. We wish Year 12 students all the best in their QCS tests.

Year 5 children attend camp at Lake Ainsworth from Wednesday 5 September to Friday 7 September. We wish you well and hope that the weather is fine! Sincere thanks to the staff who will accompany the children on their camp. We appreciate the time you give so generously.

Ausdance continues in the hall on Thursday.

On Friday the children from Years 6 and 7 participate in another sports’ Gala Day at various venues. Thanks to the staff and parents who assist with coaching, supervision and refereeing!

Year 3 children have a Science day on Friday.

Saturday 8 September is the day on which the Church celebrates the birthday of Mary the Mother of Jesus.

Have a great week!

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS – PERMISSION TO EMAIL

Thank you to the many families who have returned forms allowing the school to email school fee accounts. As explained in previous newsletters, we are required to either email or post accounts. Sending accounts home through the children is no longer an option for us according to BCE policy. To reduce costs to the school, and ultimately to families, the more we can email accounts (as opposed to posting them) the better. I noticed a parent visiting the office to pick up and pay her account. This also saves us the cost of postage. Paying accounts by the due date also assists us to reduce costs as reminder notices are sent out when the due date expires. Please help us to keep these potential cost increases in check.

FATHER’S DAY

We wish all dads and those who are a father to us in any way, a very happy Father’s Day this Sunday! We hope you are thoroughly spoilt! Sincere thanks to Priscilla and David Fitzgerald for their lead role in organising the Father’s Day stall. Many thanks also to families who donated items for the stall. The children really appreciate the opportunity to buy gifts at their price range for their dad.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As you would be aware, teachers are regularly absent from school not because they are sick, but because they are continually improving their knowledge and skills as teachers. Most of our staff meetings have a professional development focus. Teachers have one planning day per term during which they work collaboratively with their year level partners to plan units, homework and assessments. Some teachers are involved in special funded projects such as in numeracy and supporting higher achieving and talented students. Others are exploring ways of improving our ICLT’s (Information and Communication Learning Technologies) and discerning the most appropriate APPS from the enormous, growing catalogue available. Thank you for allowing us to do this. I know you appreciate that such professional development builds teacher capacity and therefore impacts directly on the quality of teaching and learning at the classroom level.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Class and school reports will be available to schools in electronic format via the QSA website sometime after Friday 14 September 2012. This is the date on which the results from the 2012 NAPLAN tests are due for release by the Australian Ministers for Education.

Student reports for the 2012 tests will begin arriving in schools from the same date. Schools will receive one printed report for each student for distribution to parents/carers. This data will be checked by the school before results are released for parents.

The Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN tests are formal national tests designed to inform the teaching and learning cycle. The results from the 2012 NAPLAN tests are only one element of a school’s assessment program at one point in time. The school community should situate the test results within the broader context of a school’s existing assessment data that has been gathered through:

- observation
- focused analysis
- consultation.

For almost all students, the test results will be consistent with performance on other assessments. If the results are different from what was expected, then the reason/s why such differences may have occurred would usually be investigated at the school level.

BLUE SEPTEMBER

I would like to bring to your attention that September is prostate cancer awareness month. According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, prostate cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Australia and the second greatest cause of cancer deaths in men. This week, as Blue September begins, let us pray for those affected by this disease. Prostate cancer is treatable when detected early. Men should have regular blood tests and do yearly checks with their doctor.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

St Joseph’s Beenleigh will not be participating in the protective action day on the Thursday 6th September. Staff and students will attend school as normal on this day.
Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.” Margaret Cousins

Earlier this week I attended the BCE Primary Senior Leaders Conference. This was a great chance for me to meet up with other APREs and talk about what was happening in our schools. I am pleased to say that I was able to brag endlessly about our wins at the District Athletics and the Catholic Music Festival, our place in the Wakakirri final and events such as the Maverick Night.

Better than that I was able to say what a fantastic staff I work with here at Joey’s. I was able to tell them that the staff members are committed to doing the best for the children in every way. One of the themes of the conference dealt with the changes taking place in education and the agenda for change which is still to be engaged. I feel confident that this school is not only prepared for this challenge but has already pushed forward.

From our staff at the front counter, our school officers, our support staff, our teachers and our principal we have enthusiastic, professional and caring people who are trying to make a difference to the educational, spiritual and emotional well-being of the students here. Education is changing at a very fast rate and students will need people like the ones we have at St Joseph’s to ensure that they are 21st century learners.

Next time you see a staff member around the school it might be nice to thank them for what they do for your child and let them know that you do appreciate the job they do to prepare them for their lives ahead.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Tim Powell, Juliana Prieto
1C: Zoe Allison, Ryan Kennedy
2C: Sasha Whitby, Ryan Fenech
4C: Kasey Leadbetter, Ethan Nash
56D: Jessica Platell, Cameron Whalan
7F: Blake Hall

PF: Taliah D’Arcy, Sean Doran
1F: Jackson Rookwood, Max Shore
3F: Tayla Tuatai
4F: Jeremy Waters, Conor Bowers
56L: Cameron Cook, Charlee Feast
Golden Gnome: 1st: 2C, 2nd: 4C, 4F, 3rd: 2F

WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH’S?

Last week was St Joseph’s celebration of Book Week. Among the many special activities was the puppet show experience that Hollie Brehmer, Leah Russell, Maddison Clark and Ashleigh Fairbank organised. These girls wrote the script and performed each lunchtime, much to the delight of their audiences. What generous spirits these students have shown!

Thankyou girls for using your own time, your own talents and your SMARTS to make at difference at St Joseph’s.

LITERACY PLANET-MELLISSA BURGESS

10-20 minutes a day is all that is needed.

CLASS LEADERS from 20th – 26th Aug
PC – Elise Sulusi PF – Thomas Finke 1C – Mikayla Heagney
1F – Jade Regeling 2C – Lachlan Moody 2F – Nathan Andrews
3C – Matheu Nieling 3F – Marten Nieling 4C – Grace Fairbank
4F – Nicholas Houghton 56L – Tamika Buttigieg 56D – Erin Bowers
6C – Katelin Nieling 6F – Georgia Dudley 7C – Bianca Chua
7F – Holly LeMasurier

AS OF 26th of August OUR SCHOOL IS IN 18TH POSITION IN AUSTRALIA

What a great achievement by the whole school. Well Done
We have had two wonderful events recently and both were very successful. From all accounts the Maverick night held last Friday Night was a huge success and lots of fun. Congratulations to all the people who organised the event, from tickets, prizes, catering and the bar and to the parents, teachers and staff who volunteered on the night. Well done Lesley Solar, Tina Hall, Bec Hassler, Michelle Jeffrey, Angela Houghton and special mention to Belinda Thompson for collecting so many wonderful prizes (If I have missed some names - thank you as well!).

**A BIG THANKYOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THE MAVERICK NIGHT PRIZES**


**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY**

Happy Father’s Day to all the Dads, Grandads and special Dads on Sunday. Congratulations to The Fitzgerald Family for organising another highly successful Father’s Day Stall during the week. $1500 was raised. Thanks to the wonderful Mums who helped out all day and the Teachers for helping also.

**TUCKSHOP DAY**

The P&F would like to let you know that we have only one other event planned for the rest of term 3, and that will be a tuck shop day on the last day of school, order sheets will come home in the coming weeks.

**P&F MINUTES** are now loaded on our website.
BOOK CLUB– LESLEY SOLAR

Book Club has arrived and shall be sent home on Monday.

LOST PROPERTY

Parents are reporting their children’s named jumpers are not being returned to lost property. Please periodically check your child's property to ensure they haven’t swapped with another child’s property.

LIBRARIAN– LYN GIEBELS

What a great time we had at Book Week. The displays the students put together were excellent and really contributed to the atmosphere in the library. Parents excelled themselves this year with the wonderful and varied costumes we saw in our character parade. I just loved all the home-made costumes which show what you can do with time, a few raw materials and a little imagination!

Thanks to your generosity, the library has raised about $1000.00, which we have taken as $200.00 worth of books and the rest as cash to be used in our refurbishment. I can’t begin to thank all of our helpers: Holly Marshall, Caroline Muller, Debbie Huth and Kylie Robinson who helped with the setup and the amazing Victoria Lin who helped run the stall all day, every day for the duration of the Book Fair! Karen, Irene and I could not have done it without you!

Business is back to usual at the library now, with computer classes and borrowing running as per the timetable. Thanks again for your generous involvement with our library! Below is a few of the displays.

ST JOSEPH’S FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND-JOSH O’KEEFFE & DOMINIC BARNES

Ahoy all Campers and Glampers! This November we are putting on a Family Camping Weekend for families and staff at St Joseph’s. Our trip will be a one night stay with activities planned like bushwalks, campfire sing-a-longs, games and a group dinner and desserts on the Saturday night! There will also be plenty of time for parents to relax and chat and for the kids to play with their friends. You can bring your swag, tent, caravan or camper trailer.

When? Arrive Saturday November 3rd and depart Sunday 4th November. The trip will be a one night stay over the first weekend in November. Camping on the Friday night is optional.

Where? We will camp at a location within an hour and a half of Beenleigh – exact location to be announced soon.

Cost? The costs will be very minimal, approximately $5 per head.

Expressions of Interest: Please register your expression of interest with Dominic Barnes or Josh O’Keeffe – jokeeffe@bne.catholic.edu.au. Come along for a fun filled social weekend and celebrate St Joseph’s 2012! Please keep reading the newsletters in the coming weeks for more information.

VACATION CARE

St Patrick’s Vacation Care is open Monday - Friday 7.30am -5.30pm in the September holidays. They will be closed on the 1st October 2012 for the Public Holiday. All forms for holidays are available on the school web site under OSHC.

SCHOOL / CHOIR / BAND / COUNCIL PHOTOS

School photos have been sent home. Please check you have received all of your orders. BAND, CHOIR, STUDENT COUNCIL and CAPTAINS photos are now on display in the office. Envelopes for ordering are in the office. Orders and payments are to be returned by the 7 September.
KIDS CHALLENGES AND CHOICES Ages: 8-12

Today kids need to be resilient, self-confident, and be able to communicate effectively. We can assist your children to develop these necessary life skills. The Being Me is Great program explores issues that concern children. A range of skills and strategies to help them manage their lives are presented and children are encouraged to know themselves, like themselves and be themselves. Our ‘Being Me is Great’ program helps kids to:

- Identify, label and monitor their feelings
- Identify and challenge negative thoughts about themselves and others

We will address listening skills, assertiveness, negotiation, social problem-solving skills, decision-making, perspective taking and effective communication.

Where: Mercy Place Bardon When: 22 September 2012 Cost: $95 (Introductory Offer – valued $197)

Website: www.kidschallengeschoices.com How can I book: Information at www.kidschallengeschoices.com

TRIPLE P GROUPS for parent of children aged 0 - 12 years // download registration form P: 3274 1886

These groups are hosted at a reduced cost, to ensure as many parents as possible have access.

Group 1:
Day 1 - Saturday 01 September - 9:00am to 3:00pm
Day 2 - Saturday 15 September - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Group 2:
Day 1 - Wednesday 17 October - 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Day 2 - Wednesday 24 October - 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Day 3 - Wednesday 31 October - 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Day 4 - Wednesday 07 November - 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Day 5 - Wednesday 28 November - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Group 3:
Day 1 - Saturday 03 November - 9:00am to 3:00pm
Day 2 - Saturday 17 November - 9:00am to 3:00pm

About the Triple P: Positive Parenting Program:

Parenting is one of the hardest jobs faced in life. Raising healthy, well adjusted children who have all the skills they need for life is a stressful process, and it can be hard for parents to know the best place to go for support, guidance and reassurance. Whether a family is dealing with temper tantrums, disobedience, or sibling rivalry ... or if they'd just like support to set limits and build positive relationships with their child, Triple P is here to help. Triple P is a system of easy-to-implement, well-tested solutions that helps to solve current parenting problems and prevent future problems before they arise. It has been designed to prevent behavioural, emotional and developmental problems in children aged 0-12 by enhancing the knowledge, skills and confidence of parents. It helps parents understand the way their family works and uses the things they already say, think, feel and do in new ways, to support them to create a stable, supportive and harmonious family environment, deal positively, consistently and decisively with problem behaviour and build positive relationships with their children.

BEENLEIGH CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON
Dauth Park - Cricket at Night Time!
7 September 5-7pm and 8 Sept 10am-2pm
da Dauth Park.
Join the ‘Cricket Revolution’ today!
Contact: Rob Van Manen: 0434 150 763

UPDATE OF THE YATALA BOIMASS
POWER PLANT PETITION

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition. We were aiming for 3,000 signatures. Our final count has reached $5,200!! The petition is now being presented to the GCCC, State Member Mark Boothman and the Minister for the Environment.
I will keep you informed of our progress.

There's a lot to do at Seeing Eye Dogs Meet and Greet Day
Meet the class of 2012
See Seeing Eye Dogs in action
Enjoy a BBQ lunch
Kids entertainment
Learn how you can sponsor a Seeing Eye Dog
Check out what other services Vision Australia offers at TEXPO
Explore the latest technologies that assist people who are blind or have low vision
See you at the Meet and Greet Day!
(Sorry no other animals permitted)
(No onsite parking)

Follow our puppies on Facebook and get regular updates on the event!
www.facebook.com/seeingeyedogs