Father Joseph Kanatt was officially installed as our new parish priest on Saturday evening by Archbishop Mark Coleridge in St Patrick’s Church, and we congratulate Father Joseph on his new beginning as our pastoral leader. Father Joseph greatly impressed me on the night with his statement that he is ‘here to serve’ as our parish priest. This message of service is, of course, one of the strongest that Jesus preached and exampled. The Archbishop also impressed with his homily, in which he requested that we let our light shine so that our good works as Christians can be seen. We pray that God welcomes the recently deceased father—our grounds/maintenance man, Scott Edwards, into His loving embrace. Eternal rest grant unto Barry, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

We offer thanks to God for the safe arrival of newborns, Clara Fekete, a beautiful daughter for Katrina and Derek, and sister for Elliot, Lydia, Gloria and Duncan; and Jore Muke Edwin, a beautiful daughter for Grace Onek and Peter Yanga, and sister for Keji, Poni and Juan.

Routines for the new school year are well and truly up and running, and teachers report that students are responding in a pleasing manner to these. I trust that new school year routines in homes are also functioning well. Special praise to our new Prep parents for the understanding and cooperation you have exhibited regarding the many early organisational requests made by the Prep teachers and teacher aides. Thank you.

The school’s technology bank has received a healthy boost with the recent acquisition of new staff laptops and new mobile interactive whiteboards for the Year 3 classrooms. The school’s technology plan will receive strong focus this year.
Student Protection Handbooks for volunteers working at St Joseph’s are available from the office. Adherence to student protection protocols is an important part of the school’s compliance regulations. Please avail yourself of a handbook if you volunteer within the school and then attend to the necessary paperwork. Enquiries can be directed to office staff. Please note that volunteers who aren’t parents of students will require a suitability card. Application forms can be accessed from the school office and are of no cost to volunteers.

The new afternoon assembly time is proving to be most popular with staff, students, parents, other relatives and friends of the school. It has been wonderful to have so many members of our school in attendance over recent weeks. I am acutely aware of issues that can arise with assembly running over time at day’s end and Mr Lovegrove and myself will be striving for a 2.55pm conclusion each week.

Congratulations to the high achievers from last week’s St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival who were acknowledged at Monday’s assembly. Please find their names in a latter section of this newsletter. Congratulations also, to the students in Steele House on their carnival victory. Further congratulations to the 24 students who so admirably represented our school at Tuesday’s Regional Swimming Carnival. From all reports, you were exceptional ambassadors for St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School.

There has been a slight delay to the issuing of Term 1 school fees and levies due to new BPay set-up arrangements. When statements soon arrive home, families will notice that an Excursion/Incursion Levy has been introduced this year, with the intention of eliminating unexpected requests for such payment. Please note that cash flow is a critical component of the school’s financial well-being and, given this, I request that, when statements are received, families attend to payment as a matter of priority. Thank you in anticipation.

This year is especially significant for students in Year 6 and 7, given that they will all be finishing their primary education at St Joseph’s with the move of Year 7 to secondary school in 2015. I look forward to joining all Year 6 and 7 students, and staff, at their leadership day next Monday 17 February at the PCYC, Beenleigh. A short, sharp following-up Working Bee to the one that was recently held will occur this Saturday 15 February from 11.00am, with its main aim being to mulch the newly bordered garden area between the Tobruk and Mackillop classroom blocks. It shouldn’t be a big job and I trust that a number of our community’s kind hearted souls are able to find time to assist.

A reminder to stay up-to-date with happenings in and around our school and parish community by keeping an eye on the column on the left of the newsletter’s front page each week. Excitement is high amongst the students, with the first of our Tuckshop Days for the year occurring tomorrow, 14 February. As well, we look forward to celebrating our Opening School Mass next Thursday 20 February, at which our 2014 school leaders will be acknowledged and commissioned in their important roles.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson

**APRE-PETER LOVEGROVE**

This week I would like to bring to your attention the St Joseph’s Respect Rules. These are also a part of the banners decorating our hall. The classes all received a poster with the Core Values (as explained last week) and the Respect Rules at assembly on Monday.

The four respect rules are a simple way for the students, staff and parents to put into action the way we expect the children at St Joseph’s to conduct themselves. They are very much rooted in our Core Values and reflective of the Gospel teachings of Jesus. You may remember at school having school rules which offered a negative perspective on the way you were to conduct yourself. They often began with the words “Don’t” or “No”. “Don’t run on the concrete” or “No talking in the library” would have been common enough. Our Rules are:

- **Respect for Self**
- **Respect for Learning**
- **Respect for Others**
- **Respect for the Environment**

Each one offers a positive and proactive approach to our school expectations of behaviour. They cover in class and playground behaviour. They allow the students to understand that their actions impact on themselves, their school mates and also globally.

Please familiarise yourself with them and hopefully you can support the school in their application of them in your child’s participation in school life at St Joseph’s.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

PC: Phebe Crang, Don Le
1C: Coen Snelling, Zoe Elford
2C: Saxon Harris
3C: Cruz Toeava
4C: Jett James
5C: Jasmine Le Billon
6C: Emilia Zakrzewski, Evie Classen

PF: Ella Williams, Noah Chambers, Anthony Lopez-Debrincat
1F: Sean Raniees
2F: Olivia Fitzgerald, Julia James
3F: Sienna Byrne, Mikayla Heagney
4F: Tayla Eichmann
5F: James Hall
6F: Gabrielle Hingst
7C: Jakob Rawlings
We always begin the year with drawing in the art room. Drawing is fundamental to everything we do and children have an inborn need to draw. It is a way for children to express themselves and a valid language in its own right. We see in pictures – to express one’s self in pictures is natural progression. History reflects this, from the early caveman’s impressions to the art works of today.

This term we will be looking at different aspects of drawing – language, technique and materials.

Drawing is such a natural activity that those of us who do it rarely ever think about the nature of what we’re doing. When you say that you can’t draw, you are implying that drawing is a specialist ability that some have and others don’t. A good analogy to the ‘can’t draw’ statement might be ‘I can’t speak French’, which indicates not that you don’t have the capacity for language, but that your experience hasn’t given you the opportunity to investigate that particular one.

Many artists and teachers believe that a child should start early to carry a sketchbook to record not only what he or she sees, but feels as well. Do encourage the use of a sketchbook – it doesn’t have to be an expensive one. If you are going out for the day or away for the weekend, suggest a drawing session for those quiet periods. Remember to encourage them to draw things in their own way, as they see and understand them. Also, buy a few soft pencils (2B, 4B, 6B) as they lend themselves so much better to sketching.

Art, to the child, is more than a matter of painting pictures and making objects. It is a means by which he expresses his individuality and communicates his ideas about himself and his world’.

Jane Cooper Bland

P.S. We are still experiencing a shortage of art shirts! Check and see if your child has an art shirt at school and if not send one in, please. I have spoken to most classes and explained that it doesn’t have to be a bought one. An old adult t-shirt or work shirt will do. We don’t keep spares in the art room and when the activity is messy the policy of ‘no art shirt - no art’ stands.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Lessons commenced this week. All class teachers have informed students of the lesson times. Teachers have also rung and spoken to parents. Please remind your children to take necessary instruments and music on the day of their lessons.

Students have to provide their own guitars, violins, drum sticks, woodwind and brass instruments for lessons.

TEACHERS ARE:   Michael Smith  Guitar  Tues and Fri  
Kylie Chivers  Woodwind and brass  Wednesday  
Anasuya Datta  Violin  Tuesday  
Colleen South  Keyboard  Wednesday and Friday  
Brian Foulds  Drums

CHOIR

Congratulations to all students who auditioned last Wednesday to become a member of the St Joseph’s School Choir. It is always a pleasure to hear our children sing. However, the choir can only have a limited number of students and I congratulate all the children who were successful. They were informed with a note on Tuesday. Rehearsals started this week. We function and train as a team. All children are expected to be in the choir till the end of the school year.

BOOK LISTS

If you have any difficulties with receiving your booklist order from OfficeMax please contact Katrina Giebels by email on kgiebels@bne.catholic.edu.au.

We thank Lucky Charm Holmview Newsagents for helping a lot of our families.
CARNIVAL: Thanks to parents, friends, teachers and students for making the day a great success. All who attended entered into the spirit of the day with great enthusiasm. Congratulations to Steele house, who after a number of years without a win at the swimming carnival, were victorious on the day. Congratulations also to our year 6 and 7 students who showed great leadership leading their houses in War Cries, ensuring students were participating and helping the younger students in the half-length events. The age champion competition was hotly contested this year with many times and results across age groups being very close. The final placing's for age champion are listed below.

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DISTRICTS: On Tuesday 24 students from years 4-7 attended the Beenleigh District Swimming Trials held at Springwood. I was very pleased to see these students giving it their all, in what is a very big pool, but also representing themselves magnificently as ambassadors for St Joseph’s. Thank you to Karen Cole for her help in organising and marshalling students. St Joseph’s had one of the biggest squad of swimmers attending from all schools in the district. Best of luck to students as they await possible selection into the Beenleigh District team.

PARISH NEWS

The **Sacramental Program for Reconciliation**, First Eucharist and Confirmation is beginning with a launch at St Patrick’s Catholic Church on Thursday 13 February 2014 at 7.00pm. Parents and their children who wish to participate are required to attend the Launch. Please be aware that only Baptised children are able to commence the Sacramental Program this year and are 8 years and older. For further information please contact the St Patrick’s Parish Office on 3287 2282.

**menALIVE** is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church. The purpose of menAlive is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age. For more information visit: www.menalive.org.au
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE is a payment from the Department of Main Roads for those who travel more than 3.2 km one way to drive their primary children to school. You can download the application form at www.tmr.qld.gov.au and search conveyance allowance or collect one at the school office.

"Sensory Movie Day" is an inclusive, no judgement event for families with special needs. Children free to movie, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim and fire exit doors are monitored.

“Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2” - 2pm Sunday 23rd February-Tickets $8 each- 2 years and under are free. Tickets can be purchased on the day at all of these Birch Carroll & Coyle Locations: Morayfield, Maroochydore, Browns Plains (Events), Capalaba, Coolangatta & Lismore (NSW). Contact 0458045881

Upcoming Stop. Think. Do. Group for 5-6 Year Olds
Accoras is running a partially-subsidised Stop. Think. Do. social skills group for children aged 5 to 6 years in Term 1, 2014. The group will run on Mondays for seven weeks at our premises in Salisbury (South Brisbane), from 3:30pm to 5:00pm each week - commencing on Monday 17 February and finishing on Monday 31 March. Please click here for more information and to access registration forms.
Contact: Margaret McIntosh 3274 1886 or mmcintosh@accoras.com.au.

All groups are limited to a maximum number of participants, so registrations are essential. More information about costs, locations and registrations for all our programs, including our Triple P: Positive Parenting Program groups, can be found on the events page of our website.

Beenleigh Australian Rules Football Club- PLAY AFL FOR FREE
Simply Sign On, sell your allocated raffle tickets before the due date and your fees will be covered for the 2014 Season. Go into the draw to win some great prizes. JUNIOR/YOUTH SIGN ON 7th/8th/9th February or at any Training Session. Contact Kylie - Ph: 0450 330 124 or beenleighjuniors@aflbj.com for more details.

All age groups Players 5 to 16 years & Seniors.