On Monday it was announced that Year 1 teacher, Miss Mitchell, would soon be leaving St Joseph's to work at the adjacent Trinity College in what is largely a Support Teacher Inclusive Education role, for the remainder of 2015. We congratulate Miss Mitchell on her appointment. An advertisement seeking Miss Mitchell’s replacement runs until tomorrow on the Brisbane Catholic Education website.

The new parents and friends engagement structure at St Joseph’s, i.e. Joeys’ Engagement Teams (JETS) will soon have meetings scheduled for those interested in directly partnering the school in the education of our students. Parents and friends of St Joseph’s will be able to focus their engagement at the school in one or more of the following Strategic Priority Areas: 1) Mission and Religious Education; 2) Learning and Teaching; 3) Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships; 4) Strategic Resourcing. Members of last year’s P&F Executive, Mr Lovegrove and I, will serve as Strategic Coordinators in 2015. Dates and times for the first of these meetings will be published in next week's newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lovegrove or myself directly, if you wish to gain further information on the new engagement structure or if you require any clarification.

Last October’s extensive External Review of St Joseph’s was no small undertaking for a number of staff and I am pleased to inform you that a comprehensive report on this review has been now received from Brisbane Catholic Education. It can be found on the school website under the ‘About Us’ and then the ‘Strategic Renewal’ tabs, and I commend it to you as a worthy read that acknowledges the school’s commitment to review and renewal.

Year 6 students are very much looking forward to their upcoming leadership days. On Tuesday 3 March and Monday 9 March, all Year 6 students will take part, whilst on Thursday 5 March, the fourteen Student Councillors will engage together. Our school community will reap many rich rewards from this senior student leadership investment.

Last week, Mr Armstrong made a terrific start to his new sport section in our newsletter. The Milo In2Cricket Program looked particularly appealing for Year 1 to 3 students. Representative swimming also received a focus and congratulations to Ryan Eley, who qualified at Monday’s Regional carnival for next week’s Regional carnival. We wish Ryan well.

Year 3 and Year 5 students enjoy excursion and excursion experiences, respectively, this week. Year 3’s focus will be History based, whilst Year 5 will gain Geography and Mathematics insights.

Pokemon card popularity has returned among St Joseph’s students. I mentioned to the students at Monday’s assembly that they are permitted to bring their cards along to school to play this popular game with peers. I also mentioned that students are strictly not allowed to ‘trade’ cards at school.

Please pray for the Schipplock family, after the recent passing of Richard, much loved uncle to Janelle. Eternal rest grant unto Richard, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us reflect on Jesus’ time in the wilderness and understand that God also calls us into the desert of Lent. May God see us through these forty days, giving us the strength to put aside what is not essential in our lives. Let us entrust ourselves completely to God.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
Staff at St Joseph’s have been working through the PB4L program to develop a comprehensive behaviour management program for the school. We are at the stage of developing a matrix of behaviours we encourage the students to do and from this we will develop appropriate consequences. The matrix is attached to the newsletter as a supplement. It will also be available to view on the school website and parent portal. We would appreciate any feedback on it to be sent to Mr Lovegrove at plovegrove@bne.catholic.edu.au.

At our Ash Wednesday liturgy last week I mentioned something about fasting and how in my home not eating meat on Fridays during Lent is part of our commitment to sacrifice. This has prompted discussion amongst the students and so I thought I might share with you the Church’s teaching about “giving up meat for Lent.”

The Church for her part has specified certain forms of penance, both to ensure that the Catholic will do something, as required by divine law, while making it easy for Catholics to fulfill the obligation. Thus, the 1983 Code of Canon Law specifies the obligations of Catholics (excluding some Orthodox Catholics).

- Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

The Church, therefore, has two forms of official penitential practices - three if the Eucharistic fast of one hour before Communion is included.

**FASTING DURING LENT - PETER LOVEGROVE**

Forms are being sent by class / mail to families this week. The forms are to be checked to ensure the information we currently have for your family is correct. Please check, amend, sign and return forms (even if no changes are made) to the office before Friday 6 March.
Literacy Planet and Mathletics are online learning programs that we use at St Joseph’s to support our students’ skill development in literacy and numeracy. Both of these engaging programs are linked to our Australian Curriculum.

Do you have any questions about Literacy Planet or Mathletics? Would you like to see how these programs work?

Join us in our Library anytime between 8.15 to 8.50 on Tuesday March 3.

**SPORTS NEWS - MATTHEW ARMSTRONG**

**Fitness Club** – Conducted on a Monday and Wednesday morning, Joey’s Fitness Club is a fun way to start your day. These mornings are designed to be enjoyable, and to also help students improve their general fitness, strength and running ability. The club will run for the majority of the year. Permission notes need to be completed before students attend the club. These can be found at the front office.

**MILO In2Cricket program** – We are currently lucky to have a free Cricket Program for students in Years 1, 2 and 3, running on Monday afternoons, being provided for a limited number of students by QLD Cricket. There are currently several positions available in this free program. If your child is interested, please contact the school or myself directly for further information.

**Beenleigh Zone Swimming** - Congratulations to all swimmers who attended this week’s Beenleigh Zone Swimming. A special congratulations to Ryan Eley on his selection in the Beenleigh team to attend the South Coast Carnival early next week. Well done Ryan.

**Gala Day Sport** – Students in Year 5 and 6 will participate in the Beenleigh Zone Gala Day Sports Program. Each semester there are 5 Gala Days occurring where interschool competition takes place in a number of sports. Students have already chosen their sports and notes will be coming home in the coming days notifying you of your child’s choice. We are currently waiting on confirmation of venues before these notes go out, in an attempt to keep parents as informed as possible. Semester 1 sports are; netball, girls touch, rugby league and soccer. Dates; 13th, 20th & 27th March, 24th April and 1st May.

**Beenleigh Zone Trials** – A note pertaining to these trials has been given to interested students. This note explains the nomination process for Beenleigh Zone trials in all sports, except swimming, cross country and athletics. For these big three events students are selected from our schools carnivals.

If you have any queries on anything sport, please get in touch with me on matthew.armstrong@bne.catholic.edu.au

**SCHOOL FEES - ROSLYN MENDO**

The 2015 Statement of Fees and Charges for Term 1 were emailed or mailed to parents last week. If you have not received your statement please ring me on 3287 2798 option 2 or email PBEEFinance@bne.catholic.edu.au

**BOOK CLUB - SUSAN McGOVERN & RAELENE MARSTON**

Book Club flyers have come home with your child this week, orders & payments are due back to school on Monday 16th March and books will be distributed to your child's class on Monday the 30 March. Extra copies of the flyers are available at the office.

Thanks for supporting Book Club - Susan & Raelene (Book Club volunteers)

We congratulate Daniel and Jaidie on the birth of their beautiful new baby girl, ‘Rafi’.
She is a little sister to Samantha Thompson Bacorro in year 4.
This year our community will host a twilight market event in place of a school fete. It will take place on 1st May from 5:30-9:00. We are looking for anyone who would like to hold a stall to get in touch with the school office for a registration form. We are happy for you or anyone you know to set up and sell arts, crafts, food and any other market items on the night. As well as that we will be having a BBQ stall, bar, entertainment, music and carnival rides. To make the night a success we will be looking for volunteers to assist with registrations, sale of ride passes, setting up and serving in the BBQ and drinks stalls. A formal request for assistance will be coming your way soon. We look forward to your assistance to make the night a financial and social success. Funds raised will go towards improvements in our playgrounds.

Registration forms are available at the office, on the St Joey’s Mums and Dads Facebook page, the school website and parent portal.
LIBRARY BAGS  Your assistance is needed to ensure all children use the library. Often children forget to bring along a library bag and so cannot borrow books. In an effort to combat this our ever loving library team keep on hand a stash of spare bags just in case!!! Your help is need to replenish this stash for 2015. We are having a sewing working bee. Before you scream and run the other way, we need helpers for cutting the fabric, sewing the fabric and threading drawstrings through to finish...a little something for everyone. Many hands make light work, so if you are free next Monday, please come along to our 2nd library working bee and help get our kids reading. If you are not comfortable with the sewing avenue there is always book covering and shelving to be done so don't be a stranger :)!

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL  preparations are underway. The stall will be held in the multipurpose room and will be open to students on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th of May. All classes, as in previous years, will be allocated specific items to each year level. A note will be sent home this week with your child giving suggested donations. Closer to the date, we will be asking for volunteers to assist in wrapping and decorating gifts for sale as well as asking for volunteers to man the stall. Thanks again for your support. JETs Craft Group.

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS  A meeting was held with our local councillor to discuss ways we can get more involved in the community and ways in which the council could support our school’s efforts to be collaborative partners with the local community.

We are seeking people to be volunteers in preparation for two major cultural and social events in 2015. The twilight markets on 1 May and ARTWORX 2015 in September. More news and invitations to assist will be coming soon.

The Seasons for Growth Program is an Australian based program for children who are experiencing grief and loss in their lives. These losses can include the loss of a parent or significant other (e.g. grandparents, siblings, etc) through death or separation. It also includes the loss of a parent or significant other through separation or divorce. This program aims to educate children who are experiencing grief to assist them to understand that the reactions associated with their losses are normal. It also helps children to develop skills for coping, problem solving and decision-making and for building peer support networks thus aiding the restoration of self-confidence and self-esteem. The Seasons for Growth Program is a whole school program catering for children who are experiencing grief in years 2 to 6.

Sr Jenny will offer this program starting the week beginning 9th March. Which year levels it will be offered to will be determined by parent response to the form at the bottom of this program outline.

I will contact parents/caregivers to let them know which year level will be involved. Please place the signed permission form in an envelope marked for Sr Jenny’s attention and return to the school office.

I can be contacted every day at St Joseph’s if you wish to know more about this program.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE: Attention SR JENNY

PERMISSION FORM FOR THE SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

Child’s Name ___________________________________________________ Year Level ____________________

Grief Situation (e.g. Divorce, death) _______________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________________

I give permission for my child to attend this program.

Parent Signature ________________________________________

PARISH YOUTH NEWS

At our next United Youth meeting on 6th March, Bishop Oudeman will be paying us a visit, so if you haven’t joined us before, now might be a good time! We meet every second Friday, starting at 5.30pm at St Joseph’s School Hall.

Youth Masses: 6pm March 1st, practice at 4pm; 9am March 8th, practice at 8am.

Band practice: Every Tuesday night in the parish office meeting room from 7 – 8pm.

All youth are welcome to join us for any of these events!

Cathy 0400 494 943 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset... your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 15th – 17th May 2015

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au  Information website: www.wwme.org.au

**Bombers Blue Softball Club Inc bombersbluesoftball@gmail.com**

Bombers Blue Softball Club Inc is a club based in Logan City that provides softball for men, women and children of all ages in a friendly, family oriented atmosphere …..

**Where**: Logan City Softball Association, Meakin Road, Slacks Creek.

**When**: Every Sunday commencing 29th March, 2015 through to 30th August, 2015

**Cost**:  
- T-BALL- $70 (mixed girls & boys)
- U12 - $100 (mixed girls & boys)
- U14/U16 - $130 (mixed girls & boys)
- U18 - $170 (mixed girls & boys)
- SENIORS - $235 (women or mens teams only)

**Training**: Every Wednesday commencing 4th March, 2015

- Juniors - 4.30 to 6.15
- Women & Men - 6.15 to 8.00

President: Marita Murphy- 0412 192 122. Secretary: Donna Sheehan- 0418 593 889. Treasurer: Sharon Moss- 0412 290 952
The Brisbane Catholic Parents and Friends invites parents and friends of the Archdiocese of Brisbane to their AGM & EXPO

Special Guests for the evening:

Michelle Mitchell  Youth Excel  Teenage Expert—Author—Speaker
Michelle worked as a teacher before establishing Youth Excel in 2000. The Youth Excel Centre is a multidisciplinary private practice who employ professional psychologists and mentors that specialise in the health and wellbeing of young people.

Michael Hardie  Assistant State Manager  Principals Australia Institute Programs
Michael has worked in education, health promotion and community development for over 20 years. Michael has been part of Principals Australia Institute through KidsMatter Primary since its inception in 2006. Michael is passionately committed to engaging school communities and taking a creative approach to mental health and wellbeing.

Plus we have a range of innovative and new EXPO holders in attendance for you to discover

WHY not consider getting involved at another level
We need YOU
YOUR valuable experience & opinion
Nominate today for a position on the Executive of your Archdiocesan Parents and Friends
Nomination Forms are available from info@pandf.org.au

Everyone Welcome
An evening meal will be provided at no cost

Brisbane Catholic Parents and Friends
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CAP Money Course

Coming in March!

Want to get ‘out of the red’ and on top of your finances? Then CAP Money is for you!

In just three mornings you will draw up your own budget and learn a money management system to help you stick to it!

CAP Money gives you control of your money—you decide what you want to spend your money on and how much you want to save. CAP Money means you can plan your finances so they add joy to your life rather than stress!

The CAP Money Course is devised by the award winning debt counselling charity, Christians Against Poverty. For more information on the program visit: www.capmoney.org

March 12, 19, 26
Three Thursday Mornings
9:30-11:30 am @ LUC

Free of Charge! Great time for Mums!

Bookings & Enquiries: epitstop@luc.org.au  t 3387 5705  m 0432 938 487

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JOSIE is JUMPING out of a PLANE in March for the annual

JDRF
Jump to Cure Diabetes
It's the Ultimate Challenge

$10/person

To help Josie raise much needed funds to find a cure for TYPE 1 DIABETES, we are hosting a

TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN - Friday 6 March
WHERE - Beenleigh PCYC Alamein Street
TIME - 6:30pm

RSVP
Belinda Thompson - 0412 478 870
Lisa Hingst - 0417 799 048
OR find us on Facebook!

Type 1 diabetes is an auto-immune disease where the immune system attacks the cells in the pancreas that produce insulin. Without insulin you die! Over 124,000 Australians have Type 1 diabetes. Josie was diagnosed when she was 5. It is NOT caused by diet or lifestyle. Type 1 diabetics measure their blood glucose levels up to 8 or more times a day by pricking their fingers, and they give themselves insulin many times a day using a needle or via an insulin pump that is worn 24/7. Josie will not grow out of Type 1 diabetes and there is NO CURE.

Josie dreams of being free!