What’s happening this week?

31 January 2017

From the Principal

JANUARY
31 Prep Parent Information Night (6.00pm)

FEBRUARY
1 Instrumental Music Demonstration (9.00am)
Choir Auditions (2.15pm)
Medical Alert Staff Meeting (3.15pm)
2 Welcome Mass (8.50am, Hall)
P and F Welcome BBQ (5.00pm)
6 Beenleigh Zone Swim Carnival
7 P and F AGM (7.00pm—NOT 5.30PM)
10 Year 4 Excursion to Ngutana-Lui Cultural Centre
13 Pacific District Swim Carnival
Year 1-6 Parent Information Night (6.00pm)
20-22 Year 6 Camp (Emu Gully, Helidon)

MARCH
1 Ash Wednesday
14 P and F Meeting
17 Feast of St Patrick
19 Feast of St Joseph

WEEKLY EVENTS
Mon: Assembly (P - Year 2, 8.45am)
Assembly (Year 3 - 6, 2.15pm)
Tues: Uniform Shop (8- 9.00am)
Wed: Band Practice (7.30am - 8.20am)
Thurs: Uniform Shop (2.15 - 3.15pm)
Fri: Sr. Jenny’s Cuppa (8.30am)
Student Banking (8.45am)

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS
Mon: Prep
Tues: Prep, Year 1, 2, 3C, 5C
Wed: Prep and Year 6
Thurs: Prep, Year 3F, Year 4, 5F
Fri: Whole school

OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Thurs: 8.15am - 3.45pm
Fri: 8.30 am - 3.30pm

Last Friday, Mrs Logan departed for a short, sharp week of Long Service Leave. We trust that Mrs Logan is now enjoying her leave and that it is delivering all that she desires.
Classroom teachers are currently working hard to finalise their Term 1 curriculum and pedagogy plans, with the assistance of Mrs Schloman, our school’s Primary Learning Leader (PLL).
The 2017 Prep Parent Information Night begins at 6.00pm today, with a plenary gathering in the hall. The Year 1 to 6 equivalent is scheduled for Monday 13 February, with same commencement time and venue.

Students look forward to tomorrow’s Instrumental Music Demonstration at 9.00am in the hall, as well as the choir auditions at 2.15pm. Thank you to Mrs Haran for her organisation.
Weekly meditation will resume for students tomorrow, with a whole school meditation session occurring prior to the above mentioned instrumental demonstration.

A reminder that parents of students with a serious medical condition are invited to attend tomorrow’s Medical Alert Staff Meeting, from 3.15pm in the staffroom. This meeting provides parents with the opportunity to speak directly to staff about preventative/treatment measures for the well-being of their children. Parents who plan to attend this meeting are asked to contact the office, or Mrs Hall, by tomorrow afternoon, if they haven’t done so already.

All parents are invited to attend our 2017 Welcome Mass, which occurs in the school hall from 8.50am on Thursday. We thank Father Joseph, in advance, for presiding. Thank you to all organisers, particularly Mr Lovegrove.

Trinity College’s annual swimming carnival occurs this Thursday and as a result, our motorists can, unfortunately, expect disruption to morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up in Tobruk St, due to multiple buses operating in the area.

All families are invited to this Friday’s 2017 P&F Welcome BBQ, commencing 5.00pm, and all parents and friends of the school are invited to the P&F Annual General Meeting (AGM), which occurs next Tuesday at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Best wishes to the 18 students who will be representing our school at the Beenleigh Zone Swimming Carnival next Monday. Thank you to Mr Armstrong for his organisation.

Please note that statements related to Term 1 Tuition Fees and Charges will soon be issued. Prompt payment is encouraged and always appreciated as the school manages its ongoing cash flow demands. Please note that a discount is available to families who are able to settle the whole of their 2017 fees and charges by 28 February. Please contact our Finance Secretary, Mrs Mendo, if you’d like more detail on this discount offer.

A reminder that the school holds Student Personal Accident Insurance, namely, ‘Schoolcare’, and that in the unfortunate instance of a child being involved in an accident and suffering injury during school activities, support in meeting medical costs may be available. Again, please contact Mrs Mendo, if you would like more detail on this.

In light of recent divisive and discriminatory First World decision making, in the spirit of St Francis, may we all be instruments of our Lord’s peace in our school and local community.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
Our School’s Core Values

You may have walked past it many times before and not taken much notice but there is a poster on the outside of the hall displaying our school’s core values. Not every school has taken the time to develop such a list but it should be noted that a few years ago much time and effort had been put into creating a list which reflected who we are as a school.

Often people visit a place and pick up on a vibe or feeling instantly. This is often due to the people and/ or the environment when they first arrive. That first impression is in many cases the correct one. Visitors to our school comment on the buildings and the grounds but mostly the people.

The core values are drawn from our “co-founders”. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, St Joseph and the Rats of Tobruk. Each of these had and have characteristics which we hold dear at St Joseph’s. They reflect who these people were in terms of their work and their commitment to God and to the people they served. This is in keeping with the teachings of the Gospel as their true foundation.

Broadly speaking our core values can be linked to our co-founders this way:
- The Rats of Tobruk – Mateship, Courage and Resilience
- St Mary MacKillop – Dignity, Justice, Forgiveness, Trust and Faith in God
- St Joseph – Dignity, Compassion and Trust and Faith in God.

By having these we expect that all who work, study and are associated with the school hold these dear and demonstrate them in their lives. We encourage the students and staff to reflect and demonstrate these when at school or away representing the school. If you have had a chance to look at them before then I encourage you to do so and to talk with your children about what they mean to you.

Opening School Mass

Our school celebrates the opening of the year with a Mass this Thursday. All family and friends of the school are invited to come along to help us celebrate. At this Mass our Year 6 leaders will be commissioned and our captains and councillors initiated for the year. Our Mass falls on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The New Testament recollection of Jesus at the Temple with his parents. It’s a solemn feast for mothers and families and we honour new mums and mums to be on that day as reflected in the connection of Mary and Jesus.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Danika Herbst  PF: Keira Taylor
1C: Bella Farmer  1F: Claire Rossman
2C: Christos Pazaridis  2F: Buddy Kraemer
3C: Ruby Fredericks  3F: Jace Higgins
4C: Ava Holec  4F: Nikki Lucas
5C: Amy Cunningham, Zachary Cox-Greaves  5F: Ryan Wey
6C: Alyssa Temple  6F: Jack King

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FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR—DAVID HIGGINS

As we begin a new school year, I thought I would let parents know about my role in the schools. I generally work Monday, Thursday and Friday at Jubilee, Pacific Pines and Tuesday and Wednesday at St Joseph’s Beenleigh. The most effective way to contact me is via e-mail on djhiggins@bne.catholic.edu.au

The purpose of the Guidance Counsellor role is to work collaboratively with members of the school community to promote and foster the social and emotional health of all the students. I work closely with the school leadership and staff and am available to assist parents, particularly in some of the following areas:

* Social and emotional issues
* Anxiety
* Bullying concerns
* Behaviour management
* How to manage difficult situations
* Self-esteem

Parents who have concerns about their child’s social and/or emotional development can contact me through the class teacher, via the above-mentioned e-mail or through the school office.

I recommend, if you haven’t already, establish routines and practices for your child to assist both yourself and your child.

Consistent bedtime—It is important for your child’s learning that they receive ample sleep. Once the assigned bedtime comes around the child knows they need to be in bed to sleep or rest. Prepare resources the night before the next school day. Where age appropriate, get the child to organise themselves, with the adult playing the role of the person who checks everything is accounted for. Establish a routine for the morning of the school day—this may include wake up time, if able, dress themselves, latest time for breakfast, they know how they will get to school (walk, car, bus, parent, neighbour) and the process of good-byes when they arrive at school if being dropped-off by a parent.

Touch base with your child’s teacher if you know your child has a difficulty (prevention is always better than cure).

When in earshot of your child, always speak positively about your child’s school and the associated personnel. Children can quickly get a negative attitude about school and learning. Real problems should be dealt with at an adult level.

Enjoy the 2017 year, don’t take it all too seriously and don’t be afraid to seek help when you need it.

Have a great week.

Dave (djhiggins@bne.catholic.edu.au)

SUPER-HERO AWARDS

Prep C—Tomas Zajac
1C—Ally Scowcroft 1F—Lincoln Matthews
3C—Henry Madsen 3F—Jayleigh Barnes-Wilson
4C—Fraser Allan 4F—Cohan Pitts
5F—Eve Weirstra
6C—Ashlin McMillan 6F—Kyle Simms
St Joseph’s P&F 
Annual General Meeting

Tuesday February 7
7pm
In the School Staff Room

Next Tuesday will be our P&F AGM to elect the committee for 2017. Positions open for nomination are Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Committee Members.

New and current parents are most welcome to nominate for any position and to attend the meeting.

If you are interested in holding any of the positions above, please complete the attached nomination form below and return to the school office by 3pm Tuesday February 7, 2017.

Nominee: ____________________________________________
(Nominate yourself or someone else)

Position: (Nominate one or more positions)

☐ Chairperson  ☐ Secretary  ☐ Treasurer  ☐ Committee Member

Your signature: ________________________________________

PARISH YOUTH NEWS

Something new is happening! We're going to have a Young Adults meeting every Wednesday night in the church from 7.30 - 8.30pm (after Mass). It will include Praise and Worship, Scripture study, prayer and discussion. If you're in your late teens, twentys or thirties, come and join us!

Our first United Youth meeting for this year will be on Friday, February 10th. 5.30pm - 8.30pm in the St Joseph's School Hall for ages 10 to 20'something.

Youth Masses: Sunday, 5th February at 6pm, with practice at 4pm; Sunday 19th February at 9am, with practice at 8am. If you'd like to join us in ministry at any of our Youth Masses, please let me know.

Band practice: Tuesday nights from 7-8.30pm in the office.
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Mon & Wed 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Bethania - Community Centre
118 Station Rd, Bethania
Thursday 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Logan Reserve State School
369-379 School Rd, Logan Reserve
Fri 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Ormeau
Norfolk Village State School
83 Halfway Drive, Ormeau
Sat 9:00am to 10:00am

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2017 NATIONAL SIGN ON DAY

YOUR LOCAL CLUB IS AT:
Doug Larsen Park
corner of Boundary and
Logan Streets Beenleigh

DATE TO COME AND TRY:
Sunday
19th Feb 2017
11am - 1pm

CONTACT:
Darryl Stewart
0430 763 891
beenleighbmx@hotmail.com

GET ON YOUR BIKE AND RIDE

Beenleigh AFL Sign On
All age groups available from U6 through to Seniors and Ladies teams.
Sign on Sat & Sun 4 & 5 Feb 10am-2pm Dauth Park.
Please contact Kylie for any info 0450 330 124
You are invited!

St Joseph’s Welcome BBQ

Each year St Joseph’s hosts a BBQ to welcome new and returning families to our school. We would like to invite every family at St Joseph’s to our Welcome BBQ this Friday evening.

Your family are invited to come along, enjoy a FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE and meet other families in a very casual atmosphere. Cold cordial and water will also be available. Gluten free snags and bread are available if required. We will have sports equipment also for kids and parents to play soccer, cricket or to kick a footy around.

All children and families at St Joseph’s are welcome to attend. Just bring yourselves.

We hope to see everyone there!

Event: St Joseph’s Welcome BBQ
Date? Friday February 3
Time? 5 to 7pm
Where? Our school hall.

Proudly hosted by St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School and our school P&F.

To help us with catering can you please let us know how many people will be attending?

Adults _______________ Children _______________

*** Please return to school by Thursday February 2. Thank you.
SUPER-HERO—PENNY THE PERSISTENT

Persistence:
When you find a task difficult, do you say to yourself, “I just can’t do this. I give up.” or do you say “What strategies do I need to get this?” This is the difference between a fixed and a growth mindset. Teachers implement various tools and strategies within each classroom to encourage a growth mindset in all of our students, where self-talk moves from being negative to positive, as the following visuals demonstrate.

- It’s too hard.
- I need to put more time and effort into this.
- I made a mistake.
- Great. Now I know what to do next time.

With a positive attitude, students will persist on a task even when the difficulty level is very high, researchers refer to this as the “gritty behaviours” that all learners need to develop.
This positive attitude is reflected in one of our learning superheroes, Penny Persistent.

I am persistent when I:
have a go and never give up
ask for help when I get stuck
see mistakes as opportunities to learn

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop is no longer open on Tuesday afternoons.
The new opening hours are Tuesday from 8.00am-9.00am and Thursday, remains the same, from 2.15pm-3.15pm

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES—Semester 1, 2017

Bus – Ferry Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $33/week* on fares to and from school (* $25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?
- Does your child live more than 3.2km for Primary or 4.8km for Secondary from their school?

Students With Disability
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Does your child have a travel capability rating of ‘semi-independent’, ‘travel assisted’, ‘dependent’, or ‘more dependent’?

What you need to do now:
1. Check eligibility for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport at www.schooltransport.com.au
2. If eligible:
   a) keep your public transport receipts to lodge a claim
   b) note in your calendar to lodge a rebate claim in May and October