A warm welcome to Term 3 after, what I trust were, enjoyable holidays for the children and other family members, if work commitments allowed.

We welcome the King family (Jacob – Prep, Rebecca – Year 2, Jack – Year 3 and Katie – Year 4) to our school community. We hope that your time with us is richly rewarding and all that you hope for. We also welcome back Sister Jenny after her period of sabbatical, and wish Mrs Vargas-Malby (3 weeks), Mrs Follett (3 weeks) and Mrs Logan (4 weeks) rejuvenating periods of long service leave early this term. Mrs Schlotman, Mrs Carroll and Miss Willmot will combine to replace Mrs Vargas-Malby, and Mrs Hanrahan, Mrs Lawler and Mrs Regan will combine to replace Mrs Follett and Mrs Logan.

As is usually the case, the holiday period was used to complete important maintenance tasks at the school, with cleaning and pest control receiving focus. As well, air conditioning was installed in the Library, the Art Room clean up and reorganisation continued and our 20 new iPads were prepared for use.

I took the opportunity over the holidays to complete important planning for the school and now both the 2014 Annual Action Plan and the 3 year Strategic Renewal Plan can be viewed on our school website.

The holidays also saw the purchase of a brand new Husqvarna Lawn Tractor for the school, courtesy of the P&F, who I sincerely thank for this generosity. Scott Edwards, our grounds/maintenance person, is looking forward to putting this machinery to good use for many years to come.

A reminder that the P&F Working Bee occurs this Saturday 19 July from 8.00am to 11.00am. Please consider coming along to assist with further improving school aesthetics. A reminder, also, that the P&F’s major fundraising, Maverick Night, occurs on Saturday 26 July in the school hall from 7.00pm. This is a night not to be missed with good times guaranteed!

Teachers have recently been requested to pay strict adherence to a new Attendance Policy Framework that has been necessarily adopted by the school. Parents have an important part to play in support of teachers, and these key measures will be outlined in next week’s newsletter.

A number of parent/teacher interviews have already taken place and will continue to take place over coming days as a follow-up to Semester 1 reporting. I thank the parents involved for their keen interest in partnering the school in the education of their children.

The new lunchtime play before eating arrangement has been well received by students and some pleasing feedback has been received from parents. Allocated ‘Munch and Crunch’ time is an important aspect of this new arrangement and parents are asked to ensure that fruit or raw vegetable is provided each day.

Next Tuesday 22 July, we look forward to the commencement of the Koala Joeys Program at St Joseph’s for our enrolled 2015 Prep children. This program aims to support the children gain skills in early literacy and numeracy development, and much more!

My meeting with representatives of Logan City Council regarding upcoming formalised drop-off and pick-up arrangements for our motorists is scheduled for next Wednesday 23 July. I am very much looking forward to this meeting and of the resultant decisions to allow for this convenient provision for families.
Best wishes to our singers and athletes next Wednesday 23 July for their involvement in the Beenleigh Quota Eisteddfod at Logan Entertainment Centre and the District Track and Field Carnival at Windaroo State School.

Again this term, students have much to look forward to with the following happenings planned:

- Ausdance (commenced today);
- The Premier’s Reading Challenge (continuing from Term 2 forms to teachers by 5 September);
- MI SMARTS running for 5 weeks from 30 July to 27 August (further information to come next week);
- Wakakirri preparations continuing and a rehearsal performance at school on Thursday 24 July at 2.30pm (all school community members are welcome—gold coin donation), and the inter-school competition night (Logan Entertainment Centre), with doors opening at 6.45pm and starting at 7.15pm on Wednesday 30 July (thanks to the P&F for funding the bus for this);
- School choir performing at the Beenleigh Quota Eisteddfod on Wednesday 23 July and also on Friday 15 August for the Queensland Catholic Schools Festival (thanks to the P&F for funding the bus for these, also);
- Catholic Education Week celebrations during the last week of July with open classrooms on Monday 28th from 2.15-4.00pm (assembly from 1.00pm);
- Japanese students visiting from Myojo High School on Monday 28 July;
- Mary MacKillop Feast Day on Friday 8 August;
- Book Week from 18-22 August;
- Father’s Day stall on the 4 and 5 September;
- Disco on 12 September
- Camps (Yr 5: 3-5 September, Yr 6 and 7: 10-12 September).

Please claim the date of Tuesday 12 August when, at the school’s monthly P&F meeting at 6.30pm, the Executive Director of the Queensland Parents and Friends Federation, Carmel Nash, will be our guest speaker. Further information to come next week.

Prayers are requested for staff members, Mrs Pangbourne and Mrs Mendo, and for parent, Belinda Thompson, who are all currently experiencing health challenges:

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort your unwell servants who are known to our school community, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs. May the unwell be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson

FROM THE PRINCIPAL continued - STEPHEN JOHNSON

P&F NEWS – 7pm SATURDAY 26 July 2014

MAYERICK NIGHT

THEME: BLACK AND WHITE — RAGS TO RICHES

Our annual Parents & Friends fundraising night is fast approaching.

- Raffle and event tickets went home at the end of last term. A huge thank you to all those who have so promptly returned the sold tickets.
- Tickets for the night are selling fast so please get in and purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Payment to be made to Roslyn Mendo, Finance Secretary.
- This night will not only guarantee much needed funds to provide resources for our children but it is also guaranteed to be a fun night for all who come along.
- Please note: this is an adults only night. So band together with a group of friends for a night to remember.

Contact: Angela Houghton 0403 834 112 or pbeenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au and mark
Attention P&F Maverick Night.
Late last year, Pauline Carroll, Angela Houghton, Isabelle Vargas-Malby and Sue Hall were trained as facilitators of the Koala Joeys Program. We are very pleased to offer places in this program to our little ones enrolled for our Prep classes in 2015.

The KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM focuses on empowering our parents and carers to use nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories as a tool to form secure attachments and support them as they gain skills in early literacy and numeracy development and much more. This fun, interactive and supportive program will be happening each Tuesday morning at 9am in our Multipurpose Room beginning 22 July.

Each family with a child enrolled in Prep 2015 will have received an invitation to join us for this program. Spread the word, this is a FREE program and we would love to see you there. Let us know if you can join us.

Our thanks go to Butterfly Wings Early Years Consultancy for this training opportunity and resources.

A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN

CHOIR
The school choir will be competing at the Beenleigh Quota Eisteddfod next Wednesday 23 July. Choir members are expected to be at school at 7.45am for an early start.

We thank Mrs Helen Herman for accompanying us on the piano.

BAND
There will be NO BAND PRACTICE next Wednesday 23 July as most members are in the choir.

Band practice will recommence in 2 weeks.

SPORTS UNIFORM CHANGES

As some students PE lessons have changed please note the changes to the days sports uniforms are to be worn.

- 3C and 3F have changed to Monday instead of Tuesday.
- All classes have changed to Thursday instead of Friday.

BOOK CLUB-LESLEY SOLAR

Book club was sent home on Wednesday of this week.
- The due date for return of orders to the office is 9am Friday 22 August.
- The distribution of books to students will be Friday 12 September.

MI SMARTS

If anyone has any 8 ply wool, 4.5 ml knitting needles, calico or filling, we would appreciate it if you could drop them into the main office for our up-coming MI SMARTS program.

HOMEWORK HELP

- Tuesday 22 & 29 July - homework help
- Wednesday 23 & 30 July - no homework help

Homework help resumes as normal (Tuesday and Wednesday) in Week 4 on the 5 July.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property has already been active this term. Items with LEGIBLE NAMES can be returned to students.

- FOUND: Brooch – Classical Ballet Test 1. Australian Teachers of Dancing
WORKING BEE
8-11am This Saturday
• Bring your tools and gloves
• Kids are welcome to come and to help
• Babysitting available
We will finish the morning with lunch together.

FAMILY PORTRAITS - Sat August 2nd
Information has been sent home with students this week regarding Family Portrait offers. The P&F are providing family and friends with the opportunity to have a framed family portrait for $15 (additional prints can be purchased at an extra cost).
The photo day is on Saturday August 2nd.
If you would like to utilise this opportunity please return your $15 in an envelope with your family name, eldest child and class as soon as possible so that times can be allocated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ROSIES
As many of you are aware Rosies has been operating in our community for a number of years. The catch cry of Rosies is ‘friends of the streets’. Rosies serves coffee and light refreshments at the Beenleigh train station from 7.30-9.30pm on Thursday and Saturday evenings. The majority of clients who come to the Rosies’ van are not homeless, but they are without someone to listen to them. Rosies is all about listening to people and they do that through the medium of coffee.

An opportunity exists for anyone in the school community to participate in Rosies Outreach.
Contact David Fitzgerald 0437 732 843

MOTHER TERESA CHILDREN’S HOME FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST
A breakfast in aid of orphans will be held in the school hall this Sunday from 8am. Please come and enjoy your breakfast with friends and family without the dishes to clean.
Tickets are $10 per person. Purchase at the door or pre purchase to aid catering from Betty Graver on 0439 791 133.

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: 31st Oct – 2nd Nov 2014
Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)
For bookings/details contact: Tamara and Scott Menteith, ph (07) 4634 3559, stjmen@aapt.net.au
Information website: www.wwme.org.au