The generosity of the St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School community was fully evident last Saturday at the Term 3 Working Bee. On a very cool morning, many parents, children and staff gave of their time for the benefit of the school grounds, and the shared fellowship was enlivening. Thank you to all attendees.

On Monday and Tuesday I was privileged to attend a Brisbane Catholic Education Leadership Conference on the Gold Coast. Catholic identity, and learning and teaching received strong focus at the conference and I look forward to steadily working with staff to further enhance these aspects of our terrific school.

Koala Joeys kicked off on Tuesday and from all reports it was a wonderful start to this outstanding program for families with children commencing in Prep next year. Thank you to teachers, Mrs Sue Hall and Mrs Pauline Carroll, and P&F President, Mrs Angela Houghton, for their program organisation and delivery.

Unfortunately, yesterday’s meeting with Logan City Council representatives to commence planning for formalised drop-off and pick-up arrangements at our school did not go ahead and has been postponed until Tuesday 2 September. Please note that my determination to deliver a positive result for our community on this aspect of school life, will not wane between now and then.

Congratulations to members of the St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School Choir and Track and Field Athletics Team who represented our community so proudly and capably at yesterday’s events. Congratulations to the choir on their 3rd placing and to the 19 members of the athletics team who earned the right to continue their representation at tomorrow’s District Track & Field Championship Carnival.

Please note that the issuing of Term 3 school fees has been slightly delayed due to a technical issue, however, these are soon to arrive and I thank families, in anticipation, for prompt attention to payment.

Next week is Catholic Education Week (CEW) with its theme of ‘Come Live Life in all its Fullness’ and there are a number of celebratory events planned in the Archdiocese and at St Joseph’s. This Sunday, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will preside at a special Mass in the city at St Stephen’s Cathedral, as a prelude to this significant week. I look forward to attending this Mass with a number of our staff, parents and students. At St Joseph’s, our celebrations will centre on hospitality after Monday’s 1.00pm assembly (note time change) between 1.45pm and 2.15pm in the hall, before the provision of open classrooms across the school from 2.15pm to 4.00pm. Please consider visiting these open classrooms to receive a snapshot of our dynamic learning and teaching environment. CEW celebrations will continue on Monday night when I will join representatives from our staff and P&F at the Archdiocese P&F President’s Dinner, being held at Lourdes Hill College. Also, on Thursday, Father Joseph will preside at a special 9.00am CEW Mass in St Patrick’s Church for our school community.
Next Monday will also see St Joseph's host a visit by Japanese students from Myojo High School. This much anticipated visit will add positively to the commencement of CEW in our school community.

After many months of committed work by staff and students, and whole hearted support from relevant families, Wakakirri reaches to a crescendo on the evening of next Wednesday 30 July, with our competition performance at the Logan Entertainment Centre. I look forward to joining the many proud members of our school community at this event. We wish the students well.

We look forward to Mrs McBride returning to St Joseph’s next Tuesday after, what I understand has been, an exhilarating trip to England to visit family and friends.

This year’s MI SMARTS program commences at St Joseph’s next Wednesday 30 July for students in Year 3 to 7 and related information can be found in a latter section of this newsletter. The students are most excited about the special activities that are coming their way each Wednesday for five weeks.

Year 6 student, Cooper Barnes, recently approached staff with a request to hold a free dress fundraiser at St Joseph’s for the Baden-Clay children. It was hard to refuse Cooper’s request given the tragic circumstances that these children now find themselves in, so on Friday 1 August, all staff and students are invited to wear free dress with some yellow (Allison’s favourite colour) and bring a gold coin donation to school. Please understand that rationale for the free dress with yellow will be very sensitively addressed with the children by all staff. ‘Kindness to Others’ will be the prevailing theme. Yellow ribbon will be made available for children without access to an item of yellow clothing.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, teachers have recently been requested to pay strict attention to a new Attendance Policy Framework that has been necessarily adopted by the school. Again, parents have an important part to play in support of teachers, and these key measures can be found in a latter section of this newsletter. I request that you carefully read this section and conscientiously attend to the measures when they become relevant to you.

As also mentioned in last week’s newsletter, the Executive Director of the Queensland Parents and Friends Federation, Carmel Nash, will be our guest speaker at the August P&F Meeting on Tuesday 12 August, from 6.30pm in the hall. I will be inviting all members in the community of our sister parish Catholic primary school, Mother Teresa, Ormeau, as well as the P&F Executive of Trinity College. It will be a presentation not to be missed as Carmel invites a re-think of how P&F associations operate in support of their schools.

As Catholic Education Week approaches, we reflect on this year’s theme of ‘Come Live Life in all its Fullness’ and ask God to attune our hearts and ears to the music of the moment and remain prayerful regarding the hopes, the expectations, and the dreams we hold in our hearts for the fullness of life and the joy of the present moment. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who encourages each of us to live life to the full.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

| PC: Jayleigh Barnes-Wilson | PF: Chloe Murray | 1C: Madeline Matthews |
| 1F: Hayley Parker | 2C: Joshua Witham | 2F: Ryan Wey |
| 3C: Sam Hooker | 3F: Kate Herbst | 4C: Henry Wright |
| 4F: Jayde Schubert | 5C: Keegan Bradley | 5F: Harry Wooding |
| 6F: Jade Robertson | 7C: Tyn Wilson |

Golden Gnome: 1st–Music Room. 2nd– PC & PF. 3rd–1C.

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**P&F FUNDRAISER - ANGELA HOUGHTON**

**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 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.
The student photos have arrived back and were sent home this week.

Student Council, Choir and Band photos are at the office and above for viewing. Order envelopes can be collected at the office. Orders are to be returned by Thursday 7 August.

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 mornings at 9am in our Multipurpose Room.

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.

Help us raise money for the Baden-Clay Children on “Yellow Day”, Friday August 1.
With the recent news about the Baden-Clay family, St Joseph’s will be hosting our own “Yellow Day” with the theme ‘Kindness to Others’. We wish to offer a small token of support to the Baden-Clay children to help with their difficult journey ahead. “Yellow Day” has been started by Allison Baden-Clay’s family and friends to raise funds for her children, and yellow has been chosen as it was Allison’s favourite colour. Please wear something yellow on Friday August 1st and bring along a gold coin donation. All money raised will be given to the Late Allison Baden-Clay Children’s Trust Fund. Donations will be collected during class time by the students organising the event. Yellow shirts, shorts, socks, yellow hair or yellow ribbons are great. Please remember to be sun safe, no singlets or thongs. We hope you support the day. By Cooper, Bethany, Caitlin, Kent - Year 6.

Due to internet issues we could not receive the phone messages (on Monday morning) this week. If you had rung the office with an absence notice you may receive a note asking to explain the absence. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause to you.

- Book Club - Due to Book Fair a 1 week extension is given for orders to be placed. 9am Friday 29 August.
- Book Club - The distribution of books to students will be Friday 12 September.
- Found property - Silver ring in tuckshop-probably from term 2
- Lost property - Casio G Short Watch. Black. Digital/Analog display
- Homework help - Tuesday 29 July
- No homework help - Wednesday 30 July
- Sport uniforms - 3C and 3F have changed to Monday instead of Tuesday.
- Sport uniforms - All classes have changed to Thursday instead of Friday.

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“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book.” — Frank Serafini

Our Book Week celebrations begin on the 18th August.
- The book character parade—Friday 22nd.
- Annual Scholastic Book Fair will be running all week, with a huge variety of titles to choose from.
- See displays by each class celebrating this year’s theme “Connect to Reading ~ Reading to Connect”.

Once again our lunchtime clubs will be operating as soon as the lunch bell rings. This includes games, block building, computers, colouring-in and loom bands. All children are welcome!

### BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES

On Wednesday 13 August, People EKKA Day, the urban bus service will run as the Saturday timetable. Please note: school bus services will run as normal.

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### BEENLEIGH LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN ON 2014/15 SEASON
Friday 22nd August and Friday 29th August.
Family. Fun. Fitness! For all the runners, jumpers and throwers Aged 6 - 16. Where: Cec Clark Oval, Oliver Sporting Complex, Logan Street, Eagleby. First night of competition is Friday 5th September. We run on Friday nights from 5:30pm from September through to March Visit our website [www.beenleighla.org.au](http://www.beenleighla.org.au) or Find us on Facebook "Beenleigh Little Athletics"

#### TOGETHER IN FAITH PRAYER GROUP
This is a newly formed prayer group which meets on the first and third Tuesday every month in the Church from 7-8pm followed by a cup of coffee or tea. The prayer group consists of people who want to pray for those (whether it be family, friends or unknown persons), suffering from addictions of drugs, alcohol or gambling. Let us come together and pray for the people affected and their families who also suffer the stigma associated with addictions. As Jesus says “Faith moves mountains”. Everyone most welcome.
Contact: Marleine M: 0409 052 307.

#### HAVE YOUR SAY AS PART OF THE WORKING PARENTS RESEARCH PROJECT!
Do you have a child aged between 2 and 12 years old? Are you a working parent; FIFO/DIDO working parent; or Parent whose partner is a FIFO/DIDO worker? If so, we want to hear from you!
Researchers from the University of Queensland are looking for working parents to take part in a survey looking at the effects of working life on Australian children and families. We are particularly interested in FIFO and DIDO workers and their partners but value and encourage input from all kinds of working parents. The survey will take between 30-45 minutes to complete.
For further information and to take part in the survey: [https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/workingparents](https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/workingparents)