Dear Parents

Welcome back to another busy term at St Joseph's Tobruk. I hope your children are refreshed and ready for the challenges that will lie ahead and that if possible you also have had an opportunity to unwind. My wife (Julia) and I were able to experience Perth and the south-west of Western Australia for the first time during the holidays. Our experience included art galleries, a river cruise, winery tours, hiking through forests and along coastal tracks, and dining out – most enjoyable and relaxing. Our country is huge however and Perth is a long way from Brisbane! We still managed to drive around 1700 kms just in the south-west corner!

ANNOUNCEMENT – APRE ST VINCENT’S 2014
Yesterday I announced to staff that I am moving on from Joey’s from the beginning of 2014 to St Vincent’s at Clear Island Waters GC in the role of APRE. For some this move is baffling as it goes against the usual trend which sees Principals moving to a bigger school as Principal or from APRE or AP to Principal. As I said to staff, I have been and continue to be very happy at our wonderful school at Joey’s and my decision to move on in a different direction/role is one that I have considered over a long period of time. Religious Ed is my passion. My study has been primarily within this area (BA & Masters). The role of Principal has taken me away from this area and I simply wish to return to it as it feeds me and energises me as a person. I am also able to exercise more creativity through music and drama in the APRE role and have greater contact with children. I will not say good-bye and thank you until much later in the year. There is still much work to be done at Joey’s between now and the end of the year!

CONSULTATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRINCIPAL
Our South Coast Cluster Area Supervisor, Trevor Doyle, will visit St Joseph’s on Wednesday 24 July. He will meet with parents from 2.15pm to 3.00pm and then with staff from 3.15pm to 4.00pm, consulting with each group regarding our needs as a school and therefore the particular characteristics required of our future principal. Trevor has indicated that he is happy to talk with staff and parents personally via phone or email should they not be able to attend the consultation sessions on Wednesday 24 July. More information will be forthcoming.

PLEASE NOTE: Weekly events are only published in the first week.

Monday 15 July
Assembly: PF

Tuesday 16 July
8-8.30am: Homework help
8.15-9.15am: Uniform Shop
3-4.30pm: Wakakirri Practice

Wednesday 17 July
7.30am: Band
7.45am: St Joey’s Running Club
8-8.30am: Homework help
Wakakirri Rehearsal Performance. Gold coin donation. Parents welcome at 2.30pm. 2.05pm: Choir

Thursday 18 July
8am: Wakakirri Practice
Liturgy Readings: 3C
Yr 1: QLD Museum
1.30pm: Secondhand Uniform Sale. Hall Uniform shop closed

Friday 19 July
8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall Banking
7.45am: St Joey’s Running Club

Monday 22 July
Catholic Education Week
Assembly: PC

Tuesday 23 July
Choir: Beenleigh Quota Eisteddfod

Wednesday 24 July
2.15-3pm: Parent Consultation

Thursday 25 July
Liturgy with Mother Theresa.
P&F Sausage sizzle

Friday 26 July

RECEPTION
Mon: 8.30-3.45
Tues-Thurs: 8.15-3.45
Fri: 8.30-3.15

UNIFORM SHOP
Kerry Fenner mob 0432828467 or 32872979 in uniform shop hours.

UNIFORM DAYS
Formal: Mon, Tues
Sport:
Wed & Fri-Yr 1, 2, 5, 3C, 6C, 7L
Thur & Fri-3F, 4C, 4F, 7C, 7F
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
This is a special week during which we acknowledge the great work done by Catholic schools in promoting the mission of the Church. Catholic Education Week runs from Sunday 21 July to Saturday 27 July.
Mother Theresa Catholic Primary School from Ormeau will join us for a special celebration in our school hall on Thursday 25 July. ‘Doing small things with great love’ is their school motto. The saying comes from Mother Theresa. It is similar to our unofficial motto – ‘Never see a need without trying to do something about it’. Both sayings imply that we are called to action as Christians. It is not enough just to think kind thoughts if this does not lead to positive action. Our two schools will celebrate our common commitment to Catholic Education and Christian action during Catholic Education Week.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
The P&F will host a sausage sizzle for both schools after the liturgy. There will be no cost to children and they will receive one sausage on bread. Students will still require a normal lunch sent to school.

EKKA HOLIDAY 2013
All schools are now entitled to only one show holiday which is based on the show in their particular region. For example, for us in Logan City, we have one show holiday which is on Monday 12 August. For St Joseph’s, there is no traditional public holiday on Wednesday 14 August. In other words, the staff and children have a holiday on Monday 12 August and are at school on Wednesday 14 August.

For schools in the Gold Coast region, there are no Brisbane show holidays at all. Their show holiday is associated with the Gold Coast Show held in late August (30 August).

There will be no OSHC on Monday 12 August because this day is a public holiday for people in Logan City. Families with work commitments will need to make other arrangements.

400% INCREASE IN WASTEWATER SERVICES CHARGE – LOGAN CITY COUNCIL
I have not heard back from Logan City Council after a meeting towards the end of last term regarding a massive increase to our Wastewater Services Charge. Council is proposing what equates to a 400% increase in this charge from $1 762 per quarter to $6 243.85 per quarter ($24 975.40 per year!!!!!). In fairness to the council at this stage I will not say anything further until I hear back from them and the picture becomes clearer. However, as a community we will need to rally against such a ridiculous increase should it eventuate.

ASSEMBLIES IN THE CHURCH FOR THIS TERM
AusDance will be taking place in the hall on Mondays from 9.15am. We will therefore be having assemblies in the church for this term. We will be having a “dancing through the decades’ theme this year as part of our 60th anniversary as a school. Children will perform for families on the evening of Tuesday 17 September. This is designed to be a family celebration of our 60th anniversary as a school so please mark it into your calendars.

ATHLETICS – AGE CHAMPIONS
These will be announced and presented at assembly next Monday 15 July in the church.

AUSSIE HOOPS
Parents register their children online for this basketball skills program which will take place in the shed after school on Thursdays this term.

Brisbane Roar – INFLATABLE SOCCER FIELD
Brisbane Roar will be coming to Joey’s next Thursday for a soccer workshop to be held in an inflatable soccer field! An information brochure was sent home on Wednesday. There is a cost involved. Parents register their children online.

HALL SIGNAGE
We meet with Mary McBride this Friday to explore progress in the art work for these banner boards. We will then arrange a meeting with Ben Burke at A+ Signs to get up-to-date quote and timeline for production. It is hoped that they will be installed before the end of this term.

SHED UPDATE
Council have approved the construction of our two new sheds. Total Span will contact me to organise a date for the slab pour and construction. There could be some disruption to play areas for Health and Safety reasons.

SCHOOL DISCO
Our next school disco will take place on Friday 02 August from 5.30pm to 7.30pm in the school hall. The theme will be announced in next week’s newsletter.

TRINITY COLLEGE BUILDING PROGRAM
Trinity College is embarking on another building program to accommodate the Year 7’s in their transition to secondary school in 2015. This will have an impact on parking and traffic flow in our area. More information will be communicated when we know (or feel!) the impact!
ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN – “YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO ME”
A letter from Archbishop Mark Coleridge would have been posted to parents/guardians of all BCE school students, asking for their support of the Annual Catholic Campaign. As all school families are part of the wider Catholic family, the Archbishop will have made contact with you even if you do not regularly attend parish weekend masses.
Instead of having several fundraising collections in the parishes, the Archdiocese is focussing its resources and energy on one combined appeal across parishes and schools. The Annual Catholic Campaign raises money for the training of priests, the provision of the Catholic agency Centacare (not Centre Link, which is a government agency), and the establishment of a fund (MacKillop Fund) to assist families who cannot afford to send their Catholic children to Catholic Schools.
Schools are encouraged to conduct fundraising activities to support the ACC as well, so the Student Council may organise a free/themed dress day before the end of this term.
Please support this appeal in any way you can because you can make a real difference!

ABSENTEES
If your child is away from school, please contact the school on the morning of the day of absence. Dial 1 when prompted and leave a message. Or send your child’s class teacher an email. Or send an email to pbeenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au Remember, if you don't let us know, we can only assume that he/she is away sick. We won't know that he/she might have walked to school and did not make it – a possible scenario. AND you would not know that he/she did not get to school until someone came to pick her up that afternoon. Please let us know as soon as possible on the day of absence.

LATE ARRIVALS
It is concerning that we can have on any given day up to 30 children arriving late to school. The time varies but some can regularly be late by 20 minutes. Over a term, a semester or a year, that’s quite a lot of school time missed! 20 mins X 5 days a week = 1hr 40 mins; over 40 school weeks this would be close to 67 hrs or over 13 full days that a child would miss! Please endeavour to have children at school on time. Thank you to the families who consistently do this!

APPOINTMENTS WITH TEACHERS
Please be aware when trying to arrange meetings with teachers, that teachers have school commitments before school on Monday and Friday (staff prayer and briefings), and after school on Wednesday (staff meeting). Teachers have been asked to avoid making appointments during those times.

WAKAKIRRI NEWS– MRS DAIR & MRS HALEY
Next Wednesday 17 July, the Wakakirri Team will be doing a rehearsal performance for the school, in preparation for the upcoming Wakakirri Competition.
Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation on Wednesday to watch the performance. Parents are welcome to attend the afternoon session at 2.30pm in the hall.

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED– 18 JULY
Please note: The uniform shop will be closed on the Thursday 18 July.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE- SR JENNY
Next Thursday, 18 July, from 1.30pm until the close of school, a second hand uniform sale will be held in the back of the hall.
It will be CASH ONLY-NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE. Prices range from 50c to $20. The items are a surplus of unclaimed, unnamed lost property (sorted and washed by Sr Jenny at the end of each term). If you cannot make it to this sale next Thursday, please contact Sr Jenny to arrange a time to see her re purchasing items from this sale.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check you children’s jumpers and hats are their own. Children can accidently swap articles with other children. Please return any lost property to the school as soon as possible.

DATE CLAIMER- SAT 19 OCT
An adults only celebration, a 50’S Night Dinner Dance, will be held in the St Joseph's Hall.
Save the date: Saturday 19th October 2013

FOUND
A Oz Lotto ticket was found at the school. It has won a small amount so if you can identify the date and purchase point we will be happy to hand it over.
SCHOOL TERM DATES

2013
Term 3: 8 July - 20 Sept
Term 4: 8 Oct - 6 Dec

2014
Term 1: 29 Jan - 4 Apr
Term 2: 22 Apr - 27 June
Term 3: 14 July - 19 Sept
Term 4: 7 Oct - 5 Dec

SCHOOL DISCO
2 August
Prep - Year 7