Dear Parents

Last Sunday’s Gospel reading was the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke’s Gospel. This story is very familiar to us and yet it continues to challenge us every day. Our unofficial motto at Joey’s is the saying from St Mary MacKillop, "Never see a need without doing something about it." Essentially, this is the message of the Good Samaritan story. The Samaritan saw a need and did something about it. When he saw the injured person on the side of the road, he responded with compassion and generosity. The other passers-by were not motivated by compassion, but were distracted by other issues such as purity laws (not being contaminated by blood). The Samaritan also had to overcome a longstanding tension or feud with Jews to reach out to the injured man. This made his merciful act even more meritorious. So we are challenged to be compassionate people and to reach out to others in need even when there are issues or complications that distract us from doing so.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES AT THE OFFICE
When paying school fees at the office, or when sending a payment of fees to school via children, please ensure that the remittance slip accompanies the payment. The remittance slip will have your name on it and the amount owing. Please ensure that the remittance slip and the payment are enclosed in a clearly marked envelope (School Fees – Smith family: per Jeremy 4C) when you are sending payments through children to the class teacher.

EXCURSIONS
Excursions need to be paid for in full prior to the event. Teachers will send home to families a letter which has details about the excursion or other event. This letter will have a parent permission form which needs to be completed. Attached to the letter also will be the account for the excursion/event. The permission form, remittance slip and payment need to be returned together in a clearly marked envelope to the class teacher/office. If the permission form is returned without the remittance slip and payment, the form will be returned home with the child. Please send the permission form together with the remittance slip and payment.

ENERGEX
Energex will be doing maintenance work in Tobruk Street from 6.00am to 6.00pm on Monday 29 July directly outside the school in the bus zone. This may affect the safe travel of children to school. We won’t know what is involved until we arrive at school on that morning so please ensure the safety of the children by dropping them into the school car-park off Kokoda Street if possible.

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

Monday 22 July
Catholic Education Week
Assembly: PC

Tuesday 23 July
8-8.30am: Homework help
8.15-9.15am: Uniform Shop
Choir: Beenleigh Quota Eisteddfod
3-4.30pm: Wakakirri Practice

Wednesday 24 July
7.30am: Band
7.45am: St Joey's Running Club
8-8.30am: Homework help
2.15-3.15pm: Parent consultation
2.05pm: Choir

Thursday 25 July
8am: Wakakirri Practice
Liturgy with Mother Theresa School
P&F sausage sizzle
2.15-3.15pm: Uniform shop

Friday 26 July
8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
7.45am: St Joey’s Running Club

Monday 29 July
Assembly: 7L
Energex working in Tobruk Street

Tuesday 30 July

Wednesday 31 July

Thursday 1 August
Mass Readings: 3F
Yr 2: Science Centre Excursion

Friday 2 August
P-Yr 7: School Disco. 5.30-7.30pm.

DATE CLAIMERS
Monday 12 August
St Joseph’s Exhibition Show Holiday

Wednesday 4 September
Mary’s Mates

Friday 25 October
Pink Ribbon Cuppa

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

UNIFORM SHOP
Kerry Fenner    mob 0432828467
AEROSOL CANS
Aerosol cans are not permitted at school or on school camps and excursions. The reason for the ban is because they constitute a health and safety risk. They contain flammable substances and the contents are stored under pressure. There is the danger that the flammable contents can be deliberately or accidentally ignited. If the container is pierced, there could be a resulting explosion. Most deodorants these days can be applied at home in the morning and will last the day even through exercise – especially for children at primary school.

REDDUCING WASTE – NUDE FOODS
We are encouraging children and families to reduce rubbish at school and at home through exploring a ‘nude foods’ approach. Fresh fruit and vegetables are nude foods if they come to school without packaging. Strawberries or carrot/celery sticks in a plastic lunch box would be nude foods. An apple or banana or orange or mandarin – these foods do not need packaging. Don’t put them in a plastic bag! You can cut costs and reduce packaging by buying a product in bulk and putting it into smaller plastic containers in meal size portions. For example, sultanas are cheaper to buy by the kilo and are easily transferred to small plastic containers. Yoghurt can be bought much cheaper by the kilo than in smaller tubs or tubes. It can be transferred into smaller containers, frozen (in summer – to keep things fresh) and sent to school in the lunch box. Let’s reduce the waste at school and at home and save some money in the process!

MANAGING PACKAGING
When children come to school there are many challenges. Families are encouraged to rehearse with their little ones the opening and closing of zips, packing the school bag, doing up the Velcro on school shoes, getting dressed, toileting, and accessing lunches.

It is important not to send tinned food to school in the tin because children (and adults) have difficulty removing the ring-pull lid. Children can cut themselves quite seriously trying to remove the lid. Should the food you want your child to eat be contained in a tin, empty the contents into a plastic container so that it is safely accessed. If children have difficulty opening packets (cheese sticks, yoghurt sticks) it is best if families remove the contents and put it in a container that they can access. By doing so you are reducing the rubbish at school in the same process.

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 IN THE SCHOOL HALL 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. I will send a reminder note to families this week and ask that you return the tear-off section to the office indicating your intention to attend so that we can get an idea of how many chairs to put out.

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.

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.

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.

AUSDANCE & 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.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
PC: Aaliyah Brandsen, Brooklyn Toalima
1C: Bayli Eichmann, Jake Ferrark Coen Snelling
3C: Emily Doyle
4F: William Wright, Marten Nieling, Kate Murton
5F: Maddison Payne, Brock Supple
7F: Madison Shaw
Golden Gnome: 1st: 2F. 2nd: 7F, 7L. 3rd: 3C, 3F.
PF: Calais Zaknic, Isaiah Talge.
1F: Bayli Eichmann, Jake Ferrarri, Coen Snelling
4C: Jasmine Le Billon
5C: Dylan Puliafico, Joshua Fredericks
6C: Decklan Solar-Young
7L: Riley Bale, Elana Martig

BOOKCLUB-LESLEY SOLAR
Term 3 bookclub has been sent home. Due date is Friday 16 August at 9am. Books make great gifts too!! All purchases help us get free books for the school library! Thanks for your support so far!

A MUSICAL NOTE– RENUKA HARAN
CHOIR
All Choirs members are partaking in the Quota Beenleigh Music Eisteddfod on Tuesday 23 July. We wish the children well as they have worked hard and sung beautifully.
A big thank you to our rehearsal mistress Mrs Pangbourne.
The choir is honoured to be accompanied by Mr David Boulton on the guitar for Australian song. The very talented and brilliant accompanist Mrs Colleen South will accompany us on the piano.
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: 6th – 8th September 2013   Venue: Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD
For bookings/details: Tamara and Scott Menteith, P: (07) 4634 3559, stjmen@aapt.net.au   W: www.wwme.org.au

DAD’S PLAYGROUP
For guys with kids 0-5. 9am-11am Saturday mornings during school term
123 Paradise Rd, Slacks Creek (Salvation Army building). Bring your kids to play with others and meet some blokes

BRISBANE MARATHON FESTIVAL- LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION QLD
The Leukaemia Foundation Qld is the new major charity partner for the Brisbane Marathon Festival for 2013 and has the Leukaemia Foundation Kids 2.2km Hero Run as our feature race for the festival. This event is open to under 12’s and is a great way for kids to get out and get active, all participants who complete the course each receive a finishers medal! All the details on the event and how to register are available on our events page just visit our website www.lfq.org.au

SETON COLLEGE INFORMATION AND OPEN SCHOOL MORNING
Time: 9am    Date: 6 August    Venue: 1148 Cavendish Rd Mt Gravatt East
P: 3291 5333    E: smtgravatt@bne.catholic.edu.au   W: www.seton.qld.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

AUSSIE HOOPS BLITZBALL

PROGRAM

Blitzball is an opportunity for children in grades 1 to 7 to learn the individual and team skills of Basketball in a fun and enjoyable environment.

Where: St Joseph’s School

When: Thursday’s, Term 3, 3.15pm-4.15pm

STARTS THURSDAY 18th July - 19th Sept ($70 for the term)

Each participant receives a free Aussie Hoops Pack

To register:

1. Register and pay online - https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?id=15599&formID=31855

You will need to enter your team code when registering

Your team code is 2979894

We accept Mastercard and Visa

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