It gives me great pleasure to inform that St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School has won the prestigious Federation of Parents and Friends Associations of Catholic Schools in Queensland’s Leo Dunne Memorial Award for a ‘Sparkle Words’ literacy project submission. The award gains the school a cash grant of $4,000 to implement this project and my thanks go to our learning support teacher, Mrs Hall, and P&F President, Angela Houghton, for their joint work on our submission. This is a grand achievement, indeed, and the $4,000 cheque will accompany the federation’s executive director, Carmel Nash, when she visits St Joseph’s on the 12th August for our August P&F meeting. I invite you to read about our success via the link below:

I trust that correspondence related to our P&F’s 5 Cent Drive has now arrived in homes and that families action strong support for this Term 3 fundraiser. The word is that the 5 cent coin will soon be removed from Australian currency circulation, so let’s assist the government through our drive!

This is Catholic Education Week (CEW) for 2014 and our school’s event list for the week has been befitting of this special annual focus. As a school community we can truly say that we are meeting the CEW call to ‘Come Live Life in all its Fullness’. Events began on Sunday with an uplifting CEW Launch Mass at St Stephen’s Cathedral and since Monday, we’ve had regular classes, lunchtime clubs, Training Club, Japanese visitors, a special assembly with hospitality, open classrooms, the annual CEW P&F Federation Dinner, Homework Help, Koala Joeys, Band practice, MI SMARTS, Wakakirri, CEW Mass and Ausdance, with Yellow Day concluding our week tomorrow. Special congratulations to our Wakakirri students and staff for delivering an outstanding presentation last night, and to their loyal supporters who have been there throughout the campaign. The presentation was thoroughly entertaining with a strong, pertinent health message. A reminder for students to please bring a gold coin and wear an item of yellow clothing or clothing with some yellow tomorrow, as the school promotes ‘Kindness to Others’ in supporting the Baden-Clay children. A reminder that yellow ribbon will be made available for children without access to yellow clothing tomorrow.
Congratulations to the 19 athletes who represented St Joseph’s so capably at last Friday’s District Track and Field Championship Carnival, especially those who were placed in their events on the day. Results can be found in a latter section. Thank you to Mr Armstrong for his organisation and management of the squad.

Staff commitment to professional learning continues unabated, with a number of upcoming sessions scheduled for various staff. Student well-being, student learning support, parent partnerships, Autism Spectrum Disorder and literacy/numeracy will be the main focus areas.

Term 3 fees and levies have now been issued after a minor delay due to it being the school’s first attempt at emailing statements to many of our families. My thanks in anticipation of prompt payment.

The Family Portraits Fundraiser occurs this Saturday 2 August. It is not too late to register for this opportunity to gain a memorable family keepsake. Related enquiries can be made at the school office up until 3.30pm tomorrow.

Next week we welcome back Mrs Vargas-Malby and Mrs Follett from periods of leave, and we wish Mr Higgins well for his upcoming period of leave until August 12.

Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop’s Feast Day occurs on Friday of next week and I certainly look forward to celebrating Mass on this significant day with our school community. I also look forward to being part of the annual Mary’s Mates acknowledgements and celebrations in the school hall the day before, when the spirit and charism of Mary Mackillop will be most evident. More about this next week.

Book and resource lists for the 2015 school year are currently being reviewed by teaching staff, prior to them being submitted to our new local newsagency provider. A smoother process than recent years is guaranteed for families.

On the topic of 2015, for planning purposes, please inform the school office as soon as possible, in writing, if your family will not continue as part of our community next year.

Prayers are requested for the Cantrell family after grandmother, Beverley’s, recent heart attack and hospitalisation. A request also, to pray for peace at this most troubled time in our world:

*God of power and mercy, we ask that You banish violence from our midst and guide us in acts of kindness to others, so that we may all deserve to be called Your sons and daughters.*

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephan Johnson

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**ST JOSEPH’S BEENLEIGH**

**8 Kinds of Smart**

Kid-Friendly MI Terms

Word Smart
Math Smart
Music Smart
Body Smart
Nature Smart
Self Smart
People Smart
Art Smart

**MI SMARTS**

St Joseph’s MI SMARTS starts this week from year 3 to year 7. Our program is based on the work of Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligence Theory. Central to this theory is the idea that our intelligence is not fixed and that each of us has a unique pattern of intelligence. It is our role to help our students discover how smart they are and how they are smart, then we can appreciate and celebrate our differences.

This year our students are able to choose from the following SMARTS:

- Sewing Whizzes
- Rugby Skill Development
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Yu-gi-oh
- Stacking, Loom Bands
- Crochet and Knitting
- Cooking
- Magic and Circus
- Board Games of Strategy
- Making Comics on iPad
- Lights, Camera, Action
- Zumba Fit
- Choir
- Printmaking

*It’s not how smart you are that matters, what really counts is how you are smart.*
Help us raise money for the Baden-Clay Children on “Yellow Day”. Tomorrow 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.

Homework Help will be extended for the remainder of this term.
Mon: after school to 3.40 Miss Willmot in library for Years 5C, 6 & 7 students
Mon: after school to 3.45 Mrs Phillips 5F students only
Tues: after school to 3.20 Mrs Hatzis 6C & 6F students only
Tues: before school 8-8.40am in Library with Mrs Carroll and Mrs Hall-all year levels
Wed: before school 8-8.40am in Library with Mrs Vargas Malby-all year levels, starting Aug 13
We thank these teachers who are giving their time in this way to support our students.

2014 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
It’s great to see so many younger students who have already completed the required target for the reading challenge. When we enter the data against a child’s name, it is possible to enter up to 99 books so we would encourage these students to take another form available from the front office.
For other students, there are six weeks left to complete this reading challenge. Those students in Years 4 and above have a minimum of fifteen books to complete in order to receive a certificate. Happy reading!!

A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN
CHOIR
Congratulations to all our very talented choir members who performed with gusto at the Beenleigh Quota Eisteddfod last Wednesday. They achieved 3rd place and made our school very proud.
The school choir will be competing in the Qld Catholic School’s and College’s Festival on Thursday 14 August in the evening. Notes have been sent home regarding this.

CLASS MUSIC
Students who learn an instrument both at school and outside school are performing to their peers during their music lessons this term. This is a great experience as they get to perform in front of an audience. We have had many students who have composed and performed their own music.

KOALA JOEYS
The KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM will be run each Tuesday 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.

BEENLEIGH DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Wednesday 23rd 39 students from St Josephs attended the Beenleigh District Athletics carnival. It was a wonderful day as we were outright winners of the Division ‘C’ carnival. Which is a great achievement for our students. We had 19 athletes invited to attend the championship day the following Friday. From this day we had two students, Isabel Skerman (100m, 200m, Long Jump) and Cohen Toovey (Long Jump) selected to represent Beenleigh District at the South Coast Athletics Carnival. Good Luck Isabel and Cohen.
Congratulations to Jaslyn Leegailesolo on her recent selection in the South Coast 12yrs Girls Rugby League team. Good Luck for the state titles Jaslyn.

St Joseph’s Beenleigh

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THIS SATURDAY AUG 2
FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY
Thank you to everyone who has supported this year’s Family Portrait Day. The response has been fantastic and the P&F greatly appreciate your ongoing support for these events. The family portraits have been offered on a biannual basis and with your continued support we hope to continue this tradition.

FATHERS DAY STALL 2014
Father’s Day is rapidly approaching with only 5 weeks to go until Dads special day. Preparations have already begun for this year’s stall. We will again be asking, where possible, for families to donate small items to complement gifts purchased through P&F funds. This year each class will be allocated an item to donate in an effort to make choosing donation easier for families. This system was used for Mothers’ Day donations and feedback was positive. Anyone who has empty sauce jars or baby food jars, we would love to alleviate you of these. These jars will be filled with a variety of goodies as a special treat for Dads (or maybe to even share!!!). Keep a look out in your child’s pouch or bag as more information will be sent home to every child by the end of the week.

5c DRIVE
Information went home yesterday, Wednesday, in relation to our 5c Drive. The letter outlined the 4 collection dates; Wednesday – 6th Aug, 13th Aug, 20th Aug and 27th Aug. Where possible please return collection jars on these days to ensure your contribution is included in the class tally for that week. Prizes are given to the winning class each week and an overall prize of a free tuckshop day will be awarded to the class that raises the most money. Again the P&F greatly appreciates the ongoing support given to our activities by our school community. Remember, no matter how little your contribution, together we can unite to make a big difference. Thank you.

TAKE NOTE
- 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
- Student Council, Choir and Band photo orders due by Thursday 7 August.
- Wednesday 13 August, People EKKA Day, the urban bus service will run as per he Saturday timetable.
- Wednesday 13 August, School bus services will run as normal.

ATTENDANCE POLICY
| Late arrivals | Any student arrival at a classroom after roll marking requires the student to go to the office to receive a late slip. Office staff will then update the attendance to ‘present’ in the system. |
| Early Departures | Students are called by office staff to go to the office to be signed out by a parent /carer. Parents/carers must not take students directly from classrooms. Office staff will then update the attendance status in the system. Notification from a parent must be given to the school when students are collected by adults other than parents before 2.55pm / school finish. |
| Notes for absences | Absence and reasons are to be reported to the school by a parent/guardian. All absences must be explained (at the latest) by day two of absence by: *Letter to teacher (1day absence) *Email *Phone - option 1 *Written on sign in/out sheet at office |

COMMUNITY NEWS
TRINITY UNIFORMS FOR SALE Boys, formal and sports, size 10 and 14 in excellent condition, for further information please contact, Adriana on 0415109791.

BEENLEIGH SCOUT GROUP CAR BOOT SALE & CAR WASH
30 August - 7am - 12pm. Tallagandra Crt, Beenleigh
$20 to hold a stall, $10 Car Wash. Book by 22 August. 0490 181 933