Welcome to Week 8 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! The end of the term is nigh and teachers are in that twilight zone – teaching, assessing and preparing end of semester reports. At the end of this term, parents will receive a report for your child’s progress during the first semester. It has been developed to include the new Australian Curriculum subjects and the five point scale is from A-E. When the reports are distributed, there is no compulsory interview. During term 3, teachers/parents may request an interview from Week 5.

We continue to receive enrolment applications for prep and other year levels which bodes well for the school and its student numbers.

This coming Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Catholics believe that there is one God but that our God is triune, that is, three persons in the one God. St Patrick used the shamrock to try to explain this mystery of the church. The shamrock leaf is one yet there are three distinct ‘faces’ in the one leaf. I can certainly say that I do experience God in many different ways. I do know the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life and this is different from my experience of Jesus Christ. I also know of the presence of God who is mother and father. I know of God’s presence in people, in events, in my reading of sacred scripture, and in the beauty of the environment. We celebrate and affirm our belief in this mystery on Trinity Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS MR BARRON!
Tony Barron, APRE, has again been offered an Acting APA position at Marymount Primary at Burleigh Waters on the Gold Coast. Tony accepted the offer and will start back at Marymount at the beginning of next term. Congratulations Tony! We wish you all the very best!

Following the appropriate BCE process, Expressions of Interest in the Acting APRE position at St Joseph’s will be circulated amongst Catholic Schools early next week. The Area Supervisor, Trevor Doyle, Fr Tony and I will then short list applicants before conducting interviews. An announcement should be expected before the end of term.

VOLUNTEERS - STUDENT PROTECTION
If you are a volunteer at St Joseph’s, entering the school grounds to help out, for example, in classrooms or the art room or at a school event and are therefore working with/around children, you need to be familiar with the Student Protection Handbook for Volunteers which is available at the office. Legislation requires that all school volunteers must receive this information and complete all attached forms (Volunteer Suitability Declaration Form / Volunteer Student Protection Information Sign-off Sheet). If you have not done so already, please collect a copy from Bron Moorton in the office.
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
St Patrick’s Catholic Parish are inviting children over the age of 10 years to be trained as altar servers. Luke Watts will be training the children. If your child is interested, please contact the parish and leave your child’s name and family contact details (Parish Office: 07 3287 2282). Obviously, the child will need to attend mass and will be placed on a roster to serve at weekend masses.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
Leader: At the sight of the crowds Jesus’ heart was moved
All: For they were like sheep without a shepherd
Leader: Jesus said, “The harvest is ready”
All: “But the labourers are few”
Leader: Ask the Lord to send out Labourers for the harvest
All: O lord we pray that young men will answer the call to become priests in Your Harvest
Leader: And shepherds for your people.
All: Amen


WAKAKIRRI TICKETS
Important Ticket Information!!!!!  A note went home to children performing in this year’s Wakakirri on Wednesday. This newsletter note is addressed to the families of performing children, not all families. Each school has been allocated a certain number of tickets. Each child performing in Wakakirri has been allocated two tickets only. This is to ensure that all families of performing children have the opportunity to view the show. If however, families of performing children would like to purchase additional tickets please indicate this choice on your ticket order form. If a family decides not to attend or another school does not fill their allocated number of audience members, you may have a chance to purchase extra tickets. Please be aware that at this stage there are no guarantees that additional ticket orders will be filled.

Tickets cost $30 each.

Ticket purchase forms and merchandise order forms are due strictly by Monday 18th June (last week of term.)

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST – 10 June
The parish will be in contact with families regarding discernment interviews which will take place on 06 & 07 June regarding the celebration of the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

On Sunday 10 June at St Patrick’s Church, children from St Joseph’s will be confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time. Fr Tony Girvan – our parish priest – will be the celebrant at this special celebration which begins at 10.30am. This year, due to the large number of children making their Confirmation and First Eucharist, this celebration will take place in the school hall. Congratulations to all of these children, to their families and to everyone who had a hand in preparing the children for these sacraments. We pray that the Holy Spirit will be constantly active in their lives and that the children will deepen their relationship with Jesus through their regular celebration of the Eucharist throughout their lives.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM
Having been totally dissatisfied with our previous phone system, we now have a new system in place. When you contact the school by phone, you will be asked to select the most appropriate line for your call/inquiry.

Absentees – when your child is away; leave your child’s name, date/s and reason absent
Finance – when you need to speak to Ros Mendo, our Finance Secretary about school fees and accounts
Reception – when you need to speak to Bron Moorton, our School Secretary, to arrange appointments or to speak with school administration
Uniform – when you need to speak with Kerry Fenner, our Uniform Convenor, regarding school uniform orders/prices
Library – when you need to speak with Lyn Giebels, our Librarian

Please note that you do not need to speak with Bron directly to pass on information about a child who is absent from school. Dial 1 and leave a message.

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. Remember, if you don’t let us know, we can only assume that she is away sick. We won’t know that she might have walked to school and did not make it – a possible scenario. AND you would not know that 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! Please endeavour to have children at school on time. Thank you to the families who consistently do this!

TUCKSHOP DAY
Sincere thanks to Annette Lahrs, Bernadine Armstrong and to the many parents who assisted in the preparation of the food for our inaugural ‘tuckshop day’ today. Many parents commented how nice it was to leave lunch preparations to someone else this morning! The children were also very excited! Our next P & F Tuckshop Day is Friday 22 June—our last day of term.
WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH’S THIS WEEK—SUZANNE HALL
It’s our P and F Association! Thanks for our 10 iPads that are now being used in classrooms as a learning tool. This week, classes have used them for literacy and maths activities, for making digital storybooks, for movie making and lots more!

THIS WEEK AT MI SMARTS—AIDAN & CONNOR (MI SMART REPORTERS)

It was a busy week for us this week.

We visited 2 SMARTS—Are You Game? and Cup Cakes MasterClass. Students in Are You Game play games of strategy inside and outside of the classroom. Numero is a favourite for Brock and he thinks it is a lot of fun, while learning maths.

Caitlin suggests to everyone to do Cup Cake Master Chef as it’s fun, really creative and so delicious.

APP of the WEEK—ST J’s APPSTARS

This is a good free app that has been designed by Dept of Education QLD that will give your child a flying start in literacy by helping them practise their sight words when they are 'out and about'.

Out and About has been designed for parents to give to young children when they are in transit or waiting and want to fill the time in a fun and educational way. The words in this kit are grouped into ten word sets. Students select the word set and say the word that appears. If they cannot remember the word, they can touch it and hear the word and then swipe to the next. Once they have mastered the words, they can move on to the next set.

LITERACY PLANET NEWS—MELISSA BURGESS

Congratulations to 2 of our students that have reached the top 50 Leader board in Australia this week.

Nathan Andrews – 25th and Goldie Martin – 38th. Great work!!

LITERACY PLANET APP has arrived. It is a free app with spelling games on a similar setup to the Literacy Planet we know. You will need your username and password to access it.

We have had a few parents come to us and let us know about a few glitches with the new app. I have contacted Literacy Planet and they are now aware of the bugs and are currently fixing them. If you find anything please let me know. My email is mkb Burgess@bne.catholic.edu.au.

MORE GREAT NEWS. We have made our way back to 4th place in Australia. Amazing work everyone.

CLASS LEADERS AS OF 31th MAY

PC – Jake Ferrari  PF – Zac Utratny  1C – Zoe Allison  1F – Hayley Fanning
4C – Taylah Russell  4F – Liam Johns  6D – Elliot Fekete  56L – Maddison Scowcroft
6C – Hollie Brehmer  6F – Molly Edgerton  7C – Eva Chambers  7F – Teresa Martin

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WOOLIES—EARN AND LEARN

The school has collected 2990 Earn and Learn points so far.

MUSICAL NOTE—RENUKA HARAN

DATE CLAIMER
11.30am Wednesday 20: Talent Extravaganza finals in the Hall.
2.10pm Thursday 21: Instrumental concert in the Hall. Performers will be advised by their teachers.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY-TUESDAY 12 JUNE

Students are to wear their correct formal uniform and jumpers on Tuesday the 12 June for photo day. Prep students are to wear their sport uniform. Neat and tidy hair with school colours ties. Black school shoes.

Photo envelopes can now be handed in at the office. Envelopes will not be accepted at the office on photo day. The student will need to take it to their class teacher in the morning.

FAMILY PORTRAITS

Well done!! FAMILY PORTRAITS – IT’S A YES!!

Due to the overwhelming response, we are able to offer families the opportunity to have a family portrait taken on Saturday 21 July 2012. Each family will receive a framed portrait at a cost of $15.00 and the option to purchase more photos in various package deals. Please keep an eye open early next week for the promotional material. The flyer will be sent home with the eldest child ONLY. Families are asked then to return the included booking slip and money and then a time will be allocated. Bookings start at 9.00am Saturday and will continue throughout the day according to demand. For any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0403 834 112. Thank you. Angela Houghton.

Remember this is a fundraiser and our school receives the whole booking cost of $15.00

PARISH NEWS

There will be no children's mediation on Monday June 4th as Celine Kaese will be on course. Could you please make sure that this goes into your newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TENNIS OPEN DAY
The Beenleigh Tennis Club is hosting an Open Day for all families in the community interested in Active Healthy Living.

Beenleigh Tennis Inc Open Day will include a wide variety of Tennis Related activities including Jumbo Tennis, Mini Tennis, a Semi-Pro exhibition match and a free Cardio Tennis Demonstration (for all standards). BBQ, Raffles, Prizes and a fun family atmosphere will all be here at the Beenleigh Tennis Club, Alamein St Beenleigh between 10am and 2pm on Sunday June the 3rd.

Thanks and please feel free to call the club for more details.

James Rapkins Head Coach
Northern Gold Coast Tennis Academy
Beenleigh Tennis Club 28 Alamein St, Beenleigh Phone: (07) 3807 7555
Email: beenleightennis@bigpond.com www.facebook.com/beenleightennis

EMBRACING FAMILIES IN 2012: Riding the Waves of Faith, Love and Life
A one day event for family and friends! Relax and move at your own pace through the exciting presentations on offer. Guest speaker Fr Chris Riley will speak on Pressures on the Family Today; - Melinda Tankard Reist will speak on the Sexualisation of Children and how we respond. Relax and enjoy the presentations of your choice with a stream of exciting workshops for children from Prep to Primary. Go to the website for full descriptions www.embracingfamilies.org.au and choose your favourites!

For hard copies of Registration book contact JPII Centre for Family 3366 2188 familycentre@bne.catholic.net.au

Where: St. Edward’s Catholic Primary School, 104 Chatswood Rd, Daisy Hill

Date: Sat 7th July  Only $10 per adult: Under 18 yrs free  REGISTER NOW!

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Grey Gliderol garage remote control. Collect at the office.