NEWSLETTER

What's happening this week?

JUNE
13 Book Club orders sent home
16 Assembly (5C)
17 Sport & Group Photo Day
18 Rugby Challenge Gala
18 Firefighters visit (Yr 1)
18 Origin Colours Free Dress Day
No Homework Help
19 Liturgy (PF)
20 Athletics Carnival (Prep - Yr 2)
20 Gold Rush Excursion (Yr 5)
School Disco (5.30pm)
23 Assembly (5F)
25 Celebration of Learning (Yr 2)
26 Talent Extravaganza Final (11.30am)
26 Mass (4F)
26 Instrumental Concert (2.10pm)
26 Semester reports distributed
27 Showcase of learning (Yr 4)
27 Tuckshop Day
27 Last Day Term 2

JULY
14 First Day Term 3
26 Maverick Night
30 Wakakirri Night

AUGUST
11 Brisbane Show Holiday
13 School as normal

EVENTS

Monday
- Training Club (7.45am-8.15am)
- Homework Help (8-8.30am)
- Uniform Shop (8.15-9.15am)
- Band Practice (7.30am)
- Training Club (7.45am-8.15am)
- Homework Help (8-8.30am)

Tuesday
- Uniform Shop (2.15-3.15pm)
- School Disco (3.15pm)

Wednesday
- Mr Ray Bishop at his very best on Tuesday night in painting a clear picture on all that the night will have to offer our community. Quite simply – don’t miss it! Related information can be found in a latter section.

At Tuesday’s June P&F meeting, I was delighted that both Dominic Barnes (outgoing P&F Secretary) and Belinda Thompson (outgoing P&F Treasurer) were in attendance. Pleasingly, this allowed me to acknowledge and thank them publically, for their many years of strong support of the school through the P&F. Dominic and Belinda’s attendance at Tuesday’s meeting suggests that their support will continue, and this is terrific news for our school community.

Fasten your seat belts for our upcoming P&F Maverick Night on Saturday 26 July! The irrepressible, Mr Ray Bishop, who will once again be coordinating this notable St Joseph’s event, was at his very best on Tuesday night in painting a clear picture on all that the night will have to offer our community. Quite simply – don’t miss it! Related information can be found in a latter section.

As well, I thank those who attended Tuesday’s P&F meeting for agreeing to immediately release banked funds for resource expenditure at the school. Once this final figure is clear, I will inform on prospective expenditure items for the benefit of students and staff.

On the topic of resourcing, I am pleased to inform that a purchase order was recently placed for twenty Apple Air 32GB iPads (and storage/charging bays) to support learning and teaching in the senior year levels. This pending resource acquisition will see current iPads filter into the middle and early year levels, enabling three banks of twenty machines to be available – one bank each for senior, middle and early year levels.

Next week we welcome Mrs Hatzis back from her period of leave and I thank Miss Willmot for her excellent work in Year 6 as Mrs Hatzis’ replacement. Also next week, Mr Armstrong will be taking a short period of leave. Earlier in the week I wrote to parents on 5F to inform that Mrs Kibble, who was due to return to the 5F classroom in Semester 2, has successfully applied to have her period of Maternity Leave extended to the end of the 2014 school year. I am most pleased that Ms Phillips is available to continue in the 5F classroom until year’s end.

Teaching staff have Semester 1 reporting well in hand and are now moving into Term 3 curriculum planning meetings with specialist staff, in preparation for an immediately effective start to learning and teaching in Semester 2.

For a number of years at St Joseph’s, staff have participated in Mary MacKillop Colloquium (live in retreat) experiences at the place of Mary’s tomb, in Mount Street, North Sydney. From Wednesday to Friday of next week, Ms Haley and Mrs Haran will engage with the rich charism of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We wish them a prayerful, reflective and transformational Colloquium.

A few quick points of note:

- Sporting and group photos next Monday 16 June
- Prep to Year 2 Modified Athletics Carnival on Friday 20 June
- National Rugby League Challenge Gala Day next Tuesday 17 June
- Student Council initiated State of Origin Colours Free Dress Day next Wednesday 18 June
- Prep to Year 2 Modified Athletics Carnival on Friday 20 June
- St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School Super Disco on Friday 20 June
- Host families required for Japan’s Myojo High School visit to Trinity College (20 July-20 August)

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Refugee Week runs from 15-21 June and provides opportunity for us to reflect on the significant effects that dislocation has on those who are forced to flee their homelands: [Almighty God, Your Son became a refugee and had no place to call His own. Look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to give them relief and inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts. May You guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in Your Kingdom of justice and peace.]
You are invited to attend the following musical events.

**Talent Extravaganza** - final will be held in week 10.

- **Date** - Wednesday 25th June
- **Time** – 11.30am

**Instrumental Concert**

Students who are performing, have been informed by their instrumental teachers.

- **Date** - Thursday 26th June
- **Time** - 2.15pm
- **Venue** – School hall

We look forward to seeing you at these concerts.

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**Dear Parents………………..about your Leonardo - MARY MCBRIDE**

Year seven students began painting their canvases last week. They had spent a few weeks working on their compositions before transferring the designs onto the canvases. It was lovely to watch them painting. The process is slow working through the layers of paint but will be worthwhile.

I am taking some long overdue long service leave and will be away until the third week of term three. I am travelling to the UK and Ireland to visit family whom I haven’t seen for quite a few years. There are some wonderful exhibitions on display in various galleries in areas I will be visiting and I am excited to view them. I have been madly googling ‘what’s on’. Hopefully I will bring back a lot of new ideas and a fresh pair of eyes to the art room.

Mrs Jan, Jo Kieseker and Karen Madigan will be underglazing and glazing (amongst other things) in my absence so that we can get straight into things on my return. Please feel free to pop in and see how they are going. I am sure that they will appreciate it.

In the meantime, thanks everyone for your support and enjoy the mid year break. See you in term three.
The annual Early Years Athletics Carnival will be held on the St Joseph's School Oval, on Friday the 20th of June from 9am-12pm. Students in Prep, Year One and Year Two will participate in modified athletics events including running races, high jump, long jump, shot put, ball games and some novelty events. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are welcome to attend to encourage and support the children's participation on the day. Further details are included in a note that was sent home last week.

**Early Years Athletics Carnival Coffee and Cake Stall**

Next Friday at the Early Years Athletics Carnival the Student Council will be running a Coffee and Cake Stall. Available for purchase will be tea, coffee, cakes and snacks. Prices will range from 50c to $2. The Student Council appreciates your support for this initiative.

**Parent’s and Friend’s Maverick Night – 7pm 26 July 2014**

Come one, come all, bring along family and friends to this fun games night with a difference. Tickets will be available for purchase from the last week of Term 2.

We are seeking the support of businesses within our school family to help ensure the success of this night as our major fund raising event for 2014 and would greatly accept any donations. We are asking for donations of goods or services that we can raffle on the night or monetary sponsorship to help cover the costs of the evening. In return for your donation or sponsorship we will offer your business advertisement in our school newsletter, which goes on our website, advertisement on the school notice board and visual advertising during our fundraising night via a power point presentation throughout the evening. Angela Houghton on 0403 834 112 or email pbeenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au and mark Attention P&F Maverick Night.

**Lost Property**

There is currently a full cupboard of winter clothing in lost property. Please check your child’s property. With the cooler mornings and warmer days the children are frequently putting jumpers on, taking them off and misplacing them. It is a good idea to do a weekly check at this time of the year.

**State of Origin Free Dress Day**

Next Wednesday 18th June is a free dress day to support your State of Origin team. Come dressed in either Blue or Maroon depending on what team you support. Let’s show Mr Johnson which side of the border he is on now. Come on Queensland!

**Ice Block Sales**

Just a reminder that ice block sales are continuing this term. Ice blocks are for sale at lunchtime on Friday, after eating time. Choc Tops - $1, Splice - $1, Water Ice Block – 50c. Please continue to support the Student Council in their fundraising efforts.

The Student Council are currently raising money to buy a mannequin for the new Tobruk soldier’s uniform that was brought last year to be displayed in the Tobruk Room.

**Homework Help**

PLEASE NOTE: Homework help will not be available on Wednesday 18 June. Sorry for any inconvenience.
SUPER DISCO

Friday 20 June
5:30-7:30
All students welcome
$5.00 per ticket

Come as something super!
A SUPERHERO, A SUPERSTAR OR ANYTHING ELSE SUPER!

Sausage Sizzle
Glow Products
Games
Prizes

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

for students of
Myojo Gakuen High School
from Tokyo, JAPAN
attending

Trinity College

20 July – 20 August, 2014

This is a worthwhile opportunity for your family to learn about Japanese culture, while sharing with your Japanese student the lifestyle of an Australian family.

- Families are asked to provide all meals and a friendly home for their student.
- They will travel to and from school each day the same way as arranged for your own children (please provide transportation fee).
- Payment to host families will be $230/week to assist with some of the expenses involved when hosting your student.

Yes, I would like to host a Japanese student, but...

Will the student speak any English?

Yes. However, as their English skills may be limited, we would ask that you speak slowly and clearly (but not in a patronising way) when communicating with them.

Will I have to cook Japanese food for the student?

No. Your Japanese student is here to experience an Australian lifestyle. This includes spending weekends with your family, and eating what you and your family normally eat.

Is it OK if the parent/s work fulltime?

Yes. During these times (e.g. after school), your Japanese student can spend time with your own children. Families who live near each other are encouraged to share transport, or other activities outside of school.

Do we need Blue Cards?

Yes. If you host an overseas student for 15 or more days, it is necessary for all family members over the age of 18 to have a current Blue Card. Please contact the school office to obtain Blue Card application form.

If you would like to host a Japanese student this year, please contact:

Miss Jenny Dodd Academic Coordinator LOTE

to obtain a Host Family Application Form

Please contact Yoko if you need information about this program.

Yoko Suginmoto (1S5 – Study Tour Organiser)
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THANK YOU