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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 18 June
Yr 3-7: Athletics Carnival. Eagleby

Tuesday 19 June
Yr 1: Firefighter Visit
7.30am: Band practice

Wednesday 20 June
Yr 2: Celebration of Learning
11.30am: Talent Extravaganza
2.05pm: Choir
Choc Fundraiser comes home
No Wakkakirri Rehearsal

Thursday 21 June
Liturgy Readings: 1C
2.10pm: Instrumental Concert. Hall

Friday 22 June
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Tuckshop Day
2.55pm: Last Day Term 2

UNIFORM SHOP
8:15-9:15am Tuesday
2:15-3:15pm Thursday
Kerry Fenner mob 0432828467
or 32872798 in uniform shop hours.

15 June, 2012

Term 3 begins Monday 9th July at 8.35am
P&F Meeting: 7pm 10 July (1st Week in TERM 3)

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SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVALS
Year 3-7: Our school athletics carnival for years 3-7 takes place this Monday 18 June at the Oliver Sports Complex, 293 Logan Street, Eagleby. In advance, I would like to express our thanks to Matthew Armstrong for his co-ordination of this event and to all who assisted in any way.

Children are required to bring their own lunch, snack and water bottle. The canteen at the sports venue is NOT available to the children. Please respect this option taken by the school. This means that parents are to provide the children with food and water for the day from home. Please do not purchase food from the canteen at the sports venue to give to children. To do this would be unfair to all other families who abide by our school expectation on this occasion. The canteen will be open to parents and friends of the school on the day as a service by Little Athletics staff for your convenience.

Parents who would usually drive their children to school during the week, will drop the children at the Sporting Complex in Eagleby. A bus will leave St Joseph’s at 8.30am and return to the school by 2.55pm. Please note that the bus is provided for children who either usually catch the bus to school or who would be attending before school care at St Patrick’s OSHC. We are not able to supply bus transport for all children without charging a bus fee for all families. If you require your child to catch the bus from the school to/from the venue, you must complete the permission form below and return it to the school with your child on Monday. No permission form means that your child will not travel on the bus. If there is no permission form from you, your child will remain at school for the day and miss the athletics carnival.

There will be staff present at the Eagleby grounds from 8.00am. Children arriving from this time onwards are to assemble in their house (team) area. Children must wear their blue sports shorts, school house colour team shirt, blue sports hat and have a water bottle with them. The school will provide water for topping up water bottles. We will not provide cups. Please ensure that sunscreen has been applied and that children have sunscreen that they can reapply during the day. Children need to wear sports shoes and socks. Children wearing spikes must carry spikes to their lane before putting them on. When they have finished their race they take the spikes off in their lane. It is important that children have their school tracksuit in their bags in case it gets cool during the day.

PREP-YEAR 2: Thank you to the staff who organised the Early Years Athletics carnival held on the oval today, particularly Lauren Mitchell who was the convenor of the event. Congratulations to the children for their enthusiastic participation in the fun events! Thanks also to the many parents and friends of the school who supported the event through their attendance. The tea/coffee facilities provided by the P & F were much appreciated!

PLEASE NO PARKING IN TRINITY COLLEGE TRADE TRAINING CENTRE
The new car park at the Trade Training Centre has unfortunately become popular with parents who are collecting children from St Joseph’s. Parking is for Trade Training Centre personnel only. As part of the lease agreement with the two companies who will use the centre, Trinity College has allocated parking to them, so effectively they have paid for them. The use of the centre has already begun and will be in full swing at the start of next term.

On another note regarding the Trade Training Centre, Highway Auto Group from Springwood will be servicing vehicles there as a satellite service centre with two service bays (hence the need for customer car parking spaces). Matters in Gray, a Hairdressing training organisation from Mt Gravatt, will be opening their salon and are looking for clients for their qualified hairdresser and senior apprentices to work with in order to build a client base for Trinity students to commence their course in Term 3. Discounted hair services will be available one day per week, building to more days as the need arises. Please check the newsletter for special offers available to families through the trade training centre.

REPORTS
Reports will be given to the children to take home on Thursday 21 June. Should parents wish to discuss the report with their child’s teacher, please make an appointment early next term. During Term 3, parent / teacher interviews are available through invitation and appointment. Your child’s teacher might want to see you and would therefore invite you to an interview. Parents might wish to check how their child is going and therefore make an appointment.

TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA
Congratulations to all of the performers who will take part in the talent extravaganza on Wednesday 20 June. The concert will be held in the school hall, starting at 11.30am. Parents and friends of St Joseph's are most welcome to attend. We certainly have so many talented children at Joey’s. It is important also to recognise and applaud the many children who auditioned but did not make it this time. Keep trying! Sincere thanks to Renuka Haran for her organisation of this annual event. We really enjoy occasions like this because we get to see another side of the children that we would not usually see! And the community gets to see a side of the staff they would not usually see as well!!

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING
Sincere thanks to the staff and children of Year 6 (Science), Year 2 and Year 7 (Homework projects) for their recent or upcoming celebrations of learning. A lot of effort goes into these occasions and we appreciate it. Thanks to the families who were able to support these celebrations.
Mr Dominic Barnes made a great difference to our understanding of our world last Wednesday. Mr Barnes brought in his giant telescope so that our students could safely view Venus crossing the sun. As the next time this event will happen will be in 105 years, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness this amazing spectacle.

For astronomers, the transit wasn't just a rare planetary sight. It was also one of those events they hoped would spark curiosity about the universe and our place in it. Sul Ah Chim, a researcher at the Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute in South Korea, said he hoped people see life from a larger perspective, and 'not get caught up in their small, everyday problems.' While astronomers used the latest and greatest technology to view this spectacle, at St Joseph’s we were able to use Mr Barnes big telescope and see it in real time. Thankyou Mr Barnes for helping us to see life from a much larger perspective last Wednesday and deepen our knowledge and understanding of our world.

Some apps and programs for those whose curiosity has now been sparked about our universe and our place in it………..

Stellarium - Excellent "Planetarium on your PC or laptop" software. Free; for Windows or Mac; Download here: [http://www.stellarium.org/](http://www.stellarium.org/)

Solar Walk - 3D solar system model. Kids will love it. iPad, iPod and iPhone. Cost $2.99 in iTunes.

Star Walk - Virtual Astronomy Guide. Excellent for star gazing at night for finding planets and stars. Cost $2.99 in iTunes

TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA– 11.30am, WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE
The St Joseph’s annual Talent Extravaganza will be held in the school hall at 11.30am. This event show cases the creativity and talents of our students. All prep students will also perform an item.

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT– 2.10pm, THURSDAY 21 JULY,
The school band along with some of the students learning instruments at the school will perform at a concert on Thursday 21 July at 2.10pm in the hall.
We look forward to seeing you at both these performances.

Congratulations to SHANNON GUILFORD - 7th place, NATHAN ANDREWS – 13th place and OLIVIA VICKERY – 14th place in Australia. Well Done to you all.

With the LITERACY PLANET APP recently coming out I was hoping to get some feedback from parents whose children might have been using it at home. If you have any comments good or bad I would love to hear about it. If any bugs are still found please let us know and I can contact Literacy Planet.
My email is mkburgess@bne.catholic.edu.au.

10 - 20 MINUTES A DAY

CLASS LEADERS AS OF 14th June
PC – Keegan Rorke  PF – Ella Marshall  1C – Hayden Clark  1F – Sara Zajac
2C – Ethan Creamer  2F – Nathan Andrews  3C – Kynan Charlton  3F – Braedon Horsnell
4C – Hannah Evans  4F – Nicholas Houghton  56D – Nathan Burns  56L – Tamika Buttigieg
6C – Leah Russell  6F – Mikaylah Robinson  7C – Olivia Vickery  7F – Shannon Guilford
LIBRARIAN– LYN GIEBELS

All library books back need to be returned to the library for the end of term cataloguing. There will be no borrowing over the holidays.

P&F NEWS–DOMINIC BARNES

TUCK SHOP DAY FOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
To celebrate everyone's hard work during term 2, the P&F will be running another tuck shop day on the last day of school, Friday June 22. Order forms were sent home yesterday. We would like to thank all families for supporting the Tuck shop days.
The P&F has decided to leave the tuck shop days as once per month event for the rest of this year.

ROUND EM UP!!
Dateclaimer… Friday 24 August.. be prepared for a great night of entertainment! Watch this space!!

LEGO ROBOTICS FUNDRAISER– CHOCOLATE DRIVE– LESLEY SOLAR

Our major fundraiser this year is a CADBURY Chocolate Drive. The P & F would like to assist the school in their purchase of Lego Robotics kits which have been on the wish list for awhile. The types of machines that can be designed, built and programmed by the children is amazing! Please check it out on the following link:

On Wednesday, each family will be issued with a pre-mixed box of Cadbury Chocolates. There are 50 chocolates in a box and the chocolates can be sold to family, neighbours, friends, workmates etc for $1.00 each. With the holidays coming up, we hope that this is an easy task!! The total cost of the box is therefore $50.
If you would like to pre-pay for your box of chocolates, that would be awesome and money can be sent in to the office in the envelope provided. Please ensure that your name is clearly marked. You can also pay by EFT at the office or if you ring Ros Mendo she can take your credit card details over the phone.
We really encourage everyone to participate in this drive, but if you are unable to, please return your box of chocolates by Friday 22 June, so that they can be re-issued. A donation of $20 would be greatly appreciated to support our Lego Project.
Any unsold chocolates, MUST be returned in good condition please. They cannot be re-issued or sold if they have been left in the sun, or damaged.

Attention Lesley Solar
I am sorry that I am unable to sell the chocolates. My eldest child _________________________ is in ____ (class).

My donation of $20 to support this fundraiser is enclosed.

Signed:____________________________________

DENTAL VAN

The dental van has arrived and will begin to see students next week by appointment. All students at St Joseph’s will be invited to visit the dental van. Forms will be issued by year levels. All the year 7 and Prep students have now received the dental form and should have returned it to the school office.
The van could be at our site for approximately 3 months as they work their way through the whole school.

WOOLWORTHS STICKERS

This weeks Woolworths total is 8420. Thank you to all who have been able to support the school in this way.

JAPANESE STUDENTS

Trinity College is having 25 visiting students from Myojo Gakuen High School in Tokyo from Thursday the 19th of July to Tuesday the 7th of August.
Are you able to be a host family?
Families have the option of hosting one student for three weeks(20 days), hosting two students for ten days each, or hosting one student for ten days only (providing another family can be found to host the student for the remaining ten days). Host families receive a weekly allowance to cover food, transport and weekend activities.
Applications forms are at St Joseph’s office.