Thank you to parents, Lesley Solar and Karen Cardiff, for stepping into the P&F Executive roles of Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, until year’s end. Their generosity of spirit in doing this, is greatly appreciated. Further P&F news is that the next Tuckshop Day will occur Friday 27 June, the final day of term. Don’t miss this convenient provision for families that raises funds for the school.

On the topic of P&F events not to be missed, a reminder that the P&F Maverick Night is coming your way on Saturday 26 July. Please claim the date if you haven’t already. Tickets available next week.

Staff continue their commitment to professional learning with current involvement by five staff in the Federal Government’s $220 million Positive Partnerships Program on Autism Spectrum Disorder. Also, multiple staff will attend an Information Technology (IT) Breakfast next Tuesday morning from 7.30am in the staffroom. Thank you to Mrs Hall for her organisation of this breakfast.

Tomorrow shapes as being an exciting day for all students, especially those in Prep to Year 2, with their Modified Athletics Carnival from 9.00am to 12.00noon and our school’s ‘Super Disco’ from 5.30 to 7.30pm. Also, Year 5 will enjoy a Gold Rush excursion. A Student Council Coffee and Cake Stall will be on offer in the shed area tomorrow morning. Look out also for the School Banking Promotion that will be prominent tomorrow morning. I trust that many parents and relatives are able to come along and enjoy all that is on offer at the school tomorrow. Thank you to Miss Mitchell and Mr Lovegrove for their respective carnival and disco organisational efforts.

Next Monday 23 June will be a very special day for the school community with a visit by the Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, Ms Pam Betts, from 11.00am. On this day, assembly will move from 2.15pm to 11.30am, to allow Ms Betts to address the students. All are welcome to attend this assembly.

Wonderful preparations for, and involvement in, the Talent Extravaganza Finals (25 June), Instrumental Concert (26 June), Wakakirri (30 July) and the Premier’s Reading Challenge (forms to teachers by 5 September) continue at the school and in homes. My congratulations to everyone for striving to do their very best for these events.

A reminder that Semester 1 Student Reports will be issued and accompany students home, next Thursday 26 June. Please look out and ask for them on this afternoon.

In next week’s newsletter I will provide specific details about two new initiatives for the commencement of Term 3 that personally, I’m most excited about, i.e. new formalised drop-off and pick-up arrangements for our motorists and new lunchtime play/eating arrangements our students.

Please note that an incorrect date was provided in last week’s newsletter regarding the Myojo High School host family request. Host families are actually required from 20 July to 8 August.

An amendment to the date for our Sport/Group photos has also occurred, with these now being taken on Tuesday 16 August.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), a feast that has existed in the Catholic Church for over 700 years. We prayerfully acknowledge the two manifestations of the Body of Christ, i.e. the Holy Eucharist and the Church.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
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
This 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. Thank you to all those that have already offered donations. These are still more than welcome and can be left at the office.

PLEASE NOTE:
There will be no Homework Help in the final week of school (24 and 25 June) or the first week back in Term 3 on the 15 and 16 July.
Homework Help will resume in week 2 of term 3.

"When I say to a parent, ‘Read to a child’, I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate."
— Mem Fox
The most important way we can give our children the skills that they require to be successful readers is to read aloud to them. We promote it in the classroom and in the library (or course!), but it is what you do at home that will have the greatest impact. By reading to your child, you show that you value books and literacy. It helps them make sense of text as you have time to interact and explain as you read. Reading on a parent’s lap not only gives you a wonderful opportunity to bond with your child, but gives a child a greater attention span as they grow to understand that gratification is not always immediate: you need to see each step of the story, not just the end.
Can you believe we are almost at the end of another term? We have been very busy this term with our various lunch time activities. During lunch, children can use the library for computers, reading, games, colouring-in and a variety of club activities. All classes, apart from the preps can come and visit us. This will be our last week of borrowing for the term. Please remember that all library books are due back next week.

A Scholastic Student Credit Voucher has been found in the library. It is a credit for “Guitar For Beginners”. Please see Mrs Giebels to claim it.

A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN
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.
On Tuesday 17th June, 22 selected Year 6 and 7 Students represented St Joseph’s at the Gold Coast Rugby League Gala Day Competition. St Joseph’s was fortunate enough to be able to enter a Girls Touch Tag Team and a Tackle Rugby League Team. The aim of the day is to engage students, whether they have played Rugby League or not, giving them a chance to have a go and more importantly have some fun! Both teams had some good results winning two out of the four games they played. These were great wins against some very tough, quick and big Gold Coast schools. All students are to be congratulated on the way in which they conducted themselves, both on and off the field; they were all fine examples of St Joseph’s students. Special mention to Matthew Hoolahan, Lachie Lahrs and Jaslyn Leaegaielsolo for leading the way in the Rugby League competition and Amy Radburn, Georgia Kelly and Sasha Clark for a great effort in the Touch Tag games. Well done again!

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.

- The overflowing cupboard will be sorted and cleared for the holidays. Please check your children’s property now.
- FOUND: Brooch – Classical Ballet Test 1. Australian Teachers of Dancing
Last Thursday, Year 3 were delighted to share some of their work with parents at our 'Celebration of Learning'. Students were able to showcase their 3D churches, dioramas of the Sun, Moon and Earth and some very neat writing. Students even had some puzzles for their parents to complete! It was a wonderful afternoon. Thank you to all who attended.

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.

TRINITY COLLEGE NEWS

Be a Parent not a Pal – Parent Skilling Evening
Parenting a teenager in today’s fast changing world presents parents with a tough challenge. The ‘Be a Parent not a Pal’ program will give you the skills and confidence needed to effectively parent your teenager in today’s complex media influenced world.

Presenter: Dr Jeff Kemp (St Michael’s College Counsellor)
When: Thursday 19 June
Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Location: Trinity College Fournière Chapel
Cost: Free!

The topics that will be covered:
The 10 Parenting Essentials
Teens & Friends/ Anxiety/ Depression/ Body Image/ Sexuality / Technology
Social Media – Learn the dangers presented by Teen’s unmonitored use of social networking
Learn how to secure your social media accounts
Learn how to better communicate with your teen about safer social networking.

To register your attendance, please contact Mr Steve Golding via sgolding@bne.catholic.edu.au

SUPER DISCO
Friday 20 June
5:30-7:30
All students welcome
$5.00 per ticket
Sausage Sizzle
Glow Products
Games
Prizes
Come as something super!
A SUPERHERO, A SUPERSTAR OR ANYTHING ELSE SUPER!

BANKING

School Banking Account Opening Day
The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program is at our school. To help get your child involved we will have representatives from the Commonwealth Bank visit the school on:

FRIDAY 20TH JUNE 8.15am – 9.30am
OUTSIDE THE HALL

Staff will be available to help complete the application form required to open a Youthsaver account for your child so they can participate in the School Banking program.

- Please ensure you bring along photo identification such as a valid driver’s licence or passport for yourself.
- No identification is required for your child as the school will confirm their identity.
- Siblings are welcome to participate, however you will need to bring along their birth certificate or passport.
- If you can’t make it to school this morning you can visit your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch with both your and your child’s identification.

School Banking is every FRIDAY

This is a great fundraiser for our school. We receive $5 for every Activated Account via the School Banking program (i.e. for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time) and 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $20 commission per individual deposit).

For more information visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or contact the office.