On Monday we welcomed Johan Noby (Prep Waterdragons) and his family to the St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School community. It is hoped that their time with us is richly rewarding. Participating students shone at yesterday’s Talent Extravaganza Finals and at today’s Instrumental Concert. My thanks to all involved for making these events truly entertaining and memorable.

A number of Celebrations of Learning have occurred in classrooms over recent days and I acknowledge the wonderful work that has been showcased at these events, as well as those family members who have come along and shown such genuine interest in student accomplishments.

Safety continues to be prioritised at St Joseph’s and this was further exemplified today through a Lockdown Drill involving all students, staff and visitors at the school.

Semester reports were issued today and accompanied students home. Careful reading of my reporting cover letter is encouraged, as is consideration of the option to request teacher interview.

Tuckshop Day occurs tomorrow and I congratulate the P&F for its gesture in making this free of charge for families as an end of semester thank you. No doubt, this will be well received.

Tickets for our school’s fundraising Maverick Night were sent home this afternoon. Tickets are $20 each for those planning to come along and payment is to be made to Mrs Mendo, our Finance Secretary. Another upcoming P&F event occurs a week prior, on Saturday 19 July, i.e. the Term 3 Working Bee (8.00-11.00am). Please consider assisting.

Thank you to P&F President, Angela Houghton, for organising to keep the tradition of Sr Jenny’s Friday Cuppa during Jenny’s absence this term due to her sabbatical.

Japan’s Myojo High School still requires host families from 20 July to 8 August. Please contact Miss Jenny Dodd at Trinity College on 3442 5222 if you are willing and able to assist.

Tomorrow will, sadly, see the Kennedy family take a 3 year break from life at St Joseph’s. We wish Shannon, Sharon, Andrew and Ryan well, for their time living, working and schooling in the USA. Sadly, also, the Conley family will be leaving us indefinitely tomorrow, as Craig, Denise, Lauren and Rachel embark on new beginnings as a family in Gladstone.

Well wishes also go with staff members, Mrs Vargas-Malby, Mrs Follett and Mrs Logan, for their upcoming periods of long service leave early in Term 3.

Upcoming holiday jobs at the school include the much anticipated installation of air conditioning in the library, general carpet and mat cleaning, and pest control.

Again these holidays, St Patrick’s Outside School Hours Care will be offering their Vacation Care Package of activities and this information can be found on our school app, parent portal and website.

Unfortunately, a delayed meeting with Logan City Council will prevent new drop-off and pick-up arrangements from being enacted from the commencement of Term 3. Rest assured that I’m determined to improve this aspect of St Joseph’s School life.

The trial of new student ‘play before eating’ arrangements at lunch will commence in Term 3, with the main benefits being the nourishing provision of ‘munch and crunch’ in the morning learning and teaching block, timely exercise without full stomachs, enhanced sun safety, behaviour management convenience and time efficiency, reduced first aid demand, formalised transitioning back to class, and learning readiness. Please note that I write from a position of proven success in these areas with this play/eating arrangement.

Please pray for our Confirmation and First Eucharist candidates who will become fully initiated into the Catholic Church this coming Sunday when these sacraments are conferred on them by Archbishop Coleridge.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Jessi Olive  PF: Lucas Emmett  1C: Milly McCallum
1F: Thomas Houghton  2C: Macey Buttigieg  2F: Adam Pereira
3C: Rhys Siaosi  3F: Natalia Zakrzewski  4C: Ronan Dougherty
4F: Tyron Bates  5C: Joe Jreige  5F: Giuliana Rakic
6F: Jeremy Waters  7C: Cameron Cook

Pam Betts and Steve Johnson presented the student of the week awards.

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help will start Tuesday 22 July, second week back following the holidays

EARLY YEARS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Friday the students in Prep, Year One and Year Two participated in their Athletics Carnival. Due to the weather some of the activities had to be moved inside but this didn't dampen anyone's spirit. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the events and our parents and friends liked watching the participation and took many photos. Thank you very much to the staff who helped to set up, pack up and run the activities. Thanks to the children who participated in all of the events and were on their best behaviour. I would also like to thank the parents and friends who supported the students in their participation as well as the Student Council and P&F in buying items from the coffee and cake stall.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS’ 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 sent home today. Payment to be made to Roslyn Mendo, Finance Secretary.

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

- Named items were returned to children through the week. More jumpers arrive daily. All lost property left in the cupboard will be sorted and cleared on Friday morning. Please check your children’s property before school.
- FOUND: Brooch– Classical Ballet Test 1. Australian Teachers of Dancing

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAM BETTS - VISIT TO ST JOSEPH’S

Pam Betts showing her lady beetle gift that was presented on assembly during her visit. At St Joseph’s, lady beetles are a symbol of Mary MacKillop’s gracious spirit.

PETER LOVEGROVE

Creation. We Care.

Recently I attended a conference hosted by Brisbane Catholic Education about environmental sustainability. BCE has launched a project called “Creation. We Care.” It looks at issues locally and globally and asks us to focus in our schools on good environmental practices based on Catholic Social Teaching and writings of contemporary popes and look to ways we can improve the future of our world. At the school level we are asked to be careful with managing resources such as water, paper, waste and electricity. We are also expected to implement the Australian Curriculum cross-curricular priority of sustainability in all areas of teaching and learning.

The following three dimensions are embedded sustainability in Education Systems: Eco-Literacy (Teach) The need for individuals to understand their direct and indirect environmental impact. Stewardship (Challenge) The need to link individuals within an organisational plan. Connecting Communities (Transform) The need for schools to link with other community groups to effect broader community change.

Here at St Joseph’s we are looking to form a sustainability team to include students, staff and parents to coordinate ways we might be better stewards of the Earth. Please consider how you might be able to get involved or support this important initiative.

TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA
The Greenroom Project Junior with Celebrity Guest ‘Rachael Beck’

6th-8th July: 3-day School Holiday Performance Workshop


Register to Audition for 1 of 14 places in this Workshop

If your child is aged between 11-16 years of age, then register them now to take part in this 3-day performance workshop, culminating in a live showcase on Tuesday 8th July at The Arts Centre Gold Coast.

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