Last Friday’s Year 3 to 7 Athletics Carnival was a true celebratory event, with the students enjoying the warm, fine weather, as well as the colour, excitement and healthy competition that was on offer. Thank you to those parents and other relatives who were able to show their support, and special thanks to Mr Armstrong for leading the carnival's organisation. Prep to Year 2 students only have to wait until June 20 to enjoy their similar day on our school oval.

It has been reported that a student who attends St Joseph’s has recently been diagnosed with Foot-and-Mouth Disease. A related Queensland Health Fact Sheet accompanies this newsletter, for your information.

2015 Prep enrolment acceptances are due tomorrow and I encourage relevant parents to reply to the school in a timely manner, as we have a number of families on the waiting list who are eager for a second round offer.

A slight change has occurred to Wednesday office hours in order to accommodate a staff meeting time. Weekly office hours can be viewed below in the left column.

The Monarchists among us will no doubt heartily celebrate the Queen’s Birthday Holiday next Monday 9 June. Even our Republicans might enjoy an extra day of rest from school and work!

A reminder that 2014 class photos occur the day after the Queen’s Birthday Holiday, i.e. Tuesday 10 June. We look forward to students presenting beautifully for their photos. Students in Year 1 to 7 will be required to wear their formal uniform. Mr Armstrong will adapt PE lessons on this day. Sporting and group photos occur on Monday 16 June.

The official date for Wakakirri has now been announced and the evening of Wednesday 30 July will see our students deliver their creative best at the Logan Entertainment Centre. Involved families should now have received more specific correspondence related to this event.

Currently, staff are heavily focused on the finalisation of semester reports, in readiness for their distribution on Thursday 26 June. Follow up meetings with staff, early in Term 3, will be available upon request. Staff may also request early Term 3 interviews.

We wish Mrs McBride and Mr Lovegrove well, for upcoming periods of leave. Mrs McBride’s leave commences next Thursday and she will be heading to the Northern Hemisphere, before returning to us on 28 July. Mr Lovegrove’s leave commenced today and he is headed to Cairns, and will be returning to us on 13 June.

The Easter season concludes on Sunday at Pentecost when we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the baptism, at the time, of three thousand new Christians. May this ‘birthday of the Church’ empower you to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all whom you encounter.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
“Easter celebrates not only the resurrection of one man, but the resurrection of the whole human race. Perhaps this is the full meaning of the term—‘Son of Man’ to the Gospel writers: Jesus is the new generation of humanity, a new humanity, Humanity 2.0 (we might say). By proclaiming his resurrection now (not at the end of time), we are inviting people everywhere to join him—in a new birth, as part of a new humanity, celebrating a new covenant, to walk in the newness of life. We are saying that you don’t have to wait for some distant future to start practicing kindness, nonviolence, reconciliation, reverence, joy, hope, neighbourliness, and peace. You can leave the old humanity behind and start practicing this new humanity now.” Brian D. McLaren

This quote sums up the importance of Easter much more succinctly than I ever could. As we leave the season and move towards Pentecost our focus becomes the Holy Spirit and its power to transform us. We have both Jesus and the Holy Spirit in our hearts to guide us as the disciples did. We need to listen with “the ear of our heart” to hear God talking to us through the Holy Spirit. It leads us to the sacraments and our commitment to the Christian life and the Catholic faith. This journey begins now for our students, their parents and sponsors as the parish sacramental program begins. We pray for the children as their faith journey continues and wish them a joy filled experience which will, hopefully, bring them closer to God.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: William Fludder
1F: Justin Downs
3C: Madeline McErlean
4F: Phoebe Tyrell-Raddatz
6F: Gracie Fairbank

PF: Angelina Deng
2C: Charlotte Nash
3F: Max Shore
5F: Katelyne Martinez
Golden Gnome: 1st–PC & PF. 2nd–4C & 4F. 3rd–1C & 1F.

1C: Daniela Caruana
2F: Kira Finlay
4C: Lachlan Moody
6C: Ethan Nash

EARLY YEARS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - LAUREN MITCHELL

Early Years Athletics Carnival - Friday 20th June 9am-12pm

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 has been sent home with the students today.

LIBRARY NEWS - LYN GIEBELS

Many thanks to our wonderful library ladies, Karen and Irene, for organising our National Simultaneous Story Reading this year. A great time was had by all! Children not only listened to the story being read, but took part in fun activities.

We participate in this event each year to show our support of reading and to acknowledge the importance of libraries in the advancement of the literacy standards of children in this country. We love you borrowing from our library, but don’t forget your local public library and try and include a trip to the state library when you can squeeze it in. Not only lots of books, but plenty of fun activities! We want our children to be excited about reading!
2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge:
It’s the third week of the challenge and already we have completed forms being returned to school. Remember, it’s twenty books to be read by children in Prep to Year 4 and fifteen books for Years 5 to 7. For those younger children still learning to read, bedtime stories, stories that they follow along to on ipads, etc, can also be included. In any age group books can be either fiction or non-fiction and can even include magazines.
For those that reach this target before the 5th of September, additional forms are available from the school office.
HAPPY READING!!

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

Grade one students, since getting their colour licenses, have been having a wonderful time exploring colour using a range of tools and materials.
Last week we started our Cool Cat, Hot Dog unit which looks at the temperature of colour. In the broadest sense, colour temperature describes the degree of warmth visually found in a colour. Here, colours can fall into one of two groups, warm or cool colours. A warm colour is one that gives the viewer a sense of warmth, energy, or heat, such as the colours of the sun. A cool colour is a colour that gives a sense of coolness, cold, or stillness, such as the colours of the ocean.

Last week we used soft oil pastels to create either a cat or a dog in the appropriate colour temperature and we finished up this week by washing the opposite temperature in water colour over the top. There was a lot of competition between the dogs and cats. It was terrific fun and the children learnt a lot.

Parents, please remember to keep your butter/margarine/yoghurt containers for us. These containers are like gold in the art room saving a lot of labour intensive cleaning up after messy units of work. We give a special thank you to those parents who regularly send in these items. It is greatly appreciated.
Please note: There will be no homework help next Tuesday 10 June due to photo day.

Making loom bands is a whole lot of fun and so good to develop and refine our fine motor skills. We have now included Loom Bands at Lunchtime as one of the many different activities that we already provide.

Eg: Gardening, Lego, Robotics, Chess, Board Games and 2 days of open door at our Library.

To accommodate the huge numbers of our students who are keen loom banders, we will hold Loom Bands at

**Lunchtime on:**
- Tuesdays in Green Room Prep and Yr 2 with Mrs Burgess and Mrs Hall
- Thursdays in Green Room Yr 1 and Yr 3 with Mrs Burgess
- Thursdays in Library Yrs 4, 5, 6, 7 with Mrs Giebels

**Our loom band rules are:**
- One flick and you’re out!
- Children are not to wear loom bands at school.
- Loom bands are to be placed in child’s lunch box or school bag and taken home.

Children will be provided with loom band materials to use if they do not have their own.
- Help each other and have fun!

**SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT TUESDAY**

- Class and portrait photo day is next Tuesday 10th June 2014
- Sibling and individual photo envelopes are available at the office.
- Envelopes that come in on Tuesday (photo day) must go to the class room.
- Change is not available at the office.
- Late orders must go directly to the photographers.

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**HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE—QUEENSLAND HEALTH**

We have had a case of Hand Foot and Mouth Disease at St Joseph’s. See information below from QLD health. It is not a serious illness and has nothing to do with animal diseases with similar names (i.e. foot and mouth disease in livestock, or paw and mouth disease in cats). It is a relatively common illness in children and outbreaks often occur among groups of children, especially in child care centres. Hand, foot and mouth disease is caused by a number of different viruses including coxsackieviruses and enterovirus 71.

The symptoms of this disease include blisters inside the cheeks, gums and on the sides of the tongue, as well as on the hands and feet. Although it is not common, blisters may be seen in the nappy area. Children with hand, foot and mouth disease may have a low fever, be listless and off their food for a day or two.

The blisters usually persist for 7 to 10 days. People can spread the virus while there is fluid in the blisters. Faeces can remain infectious for several weeks.

Usually no treatment is required. Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from child care or school until all blisters have dried.

The best form of protection is good hygiene: wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly before handling food, after going to the toilet, touching soiled linen and articles and changing nappies.

Allow blisters to dry naturally. The blisters should not be deliberately pierced because the fluid within the blisters is infectious. For further information, please contact your local doctor, community health centre, nearest public health unit or the 13HEALTH information line (13 43 25 84).

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS MAVERICK NIGHT—26 July 2014**

Come one, come all, bring along family and friends to this fun games night with a difference. 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.