Dear Parents

FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND
In the gospels, the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand is a 'miracle' story. The disciples come to Jesus and ask him to dismiss the crowd so that they could get provisions for a meal but Jesus tells them to give the people something to eat. The disciples feel helpless because they could not possibly feed the gathered crowd – it was just too large. They had no more than a few loaves of bread and some fish. Jesus took the loaves and fish, looked up to heaven, blessed and broke them, and gave it to the people. All ate and were satisfied and the disciples gathered 12 baskets of leftovers.

The scriptures can be read at various levels of meaning. One might be content with the story as it is. It points to Jesus as a miracle worker. But it is difficult to believe that Jesus could suddenly make loaves and fish multiply to feed such a crowd. Another level of meaning is presented. The tradition of celebrating the Eucharist was already taking place when the gospels were written. The ritual of taking the bread, saying the blessing and breaking it before sharing it amongst the gathered believers was already firmly established in Christian communities. The story tells of the growing Christian community, gathered around Jesus who is the central focus, being nourished and satisfied through their encounter with him. At another level, the miracle in the story might be revealed in sharing what we have with others. Those gathered around Jesus shared a meal with one another in smaller groups, and even though they were sated, there were several baskets left over. When we take only what we need and reflect on that, we become aware that there is enough food for everyone in our world.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST
Congratulations once again to the children who received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at St Patrick’s Church over the weekend. Bishop Joseph Oudeman celebrated the mass. It was great to welcome the Bishop into our community for this special occasion. Thank you to the sacramental team who planned the occasion and helped with the preparation of the program. Sincere thanks also to the parents who made the commitment to take the children on this journey of faith. We hope that God’s Spirit will continue to inspire the children in their faith journey and that they will regularly celebrate the Eucharist with their families and at school.

STATE OF ORIGIN
As I write the newsletter (Wednesday morning) for this week, the game has not yet taken place. I look forward to watching a quality game of football. I am a Queensland supporter and I want them to win, but I won’t be devastated if the Blues get up. For those who love the series, I hope you enjoy the footy! Go Queensland!
SCHOOL FETE
St Mary MacKillop must have been looking after us last weekend because the weather for our school fete was amazing given what we had experienced throughout the week! The performances throughout the day were spectacular from our children and our special guests. There was a healthy variety of stalls available and the rides were very popular with the children as always. School staff and parents worked tirelessly and enthusiastically throughout the day. The fireworks capped off a fantastic day. Sincere thanks to our convenor Michelle Jeffery and to the P & F. The organisation of the fete is truly a team/community effort. Thank you for your kind donations towards the stalls – you continue to give generously. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who contributed in any way towards the success of this event – staff, parents, friends, children and the wider community. We will let you know how we went financially when all the figures come in.

BLITZ COMING TO ST JOSEPH’S TOBRUK
Members of the Beenleigh Blitz Basketball Club will be challenged by students and staff in a lunch time basketball match on Wednesday 12th June at 11.00am. The game will be promoting the launch of the Aussie Hoops Blitzball program that will be starting next term in the covered court. The Aussie Hoops Blitzball program is an introductory basketball program ran over the term on Thursday afternoons straight after school in the covered area on the basketball court. Participants will be taken through the 10 week program playing a variety of skilled games with Aussie Hoops coach Brad Meechan. The sharp shooting Meechan, is an ex Trinity student and has played representative basketball for Logan at junior and senior level as well as being selected for regional school teams. Brad is currently studying a teaching degree at Griffith University. For $70 each participant receives ten weeks of coaching and a free Aussie Hoops pack (worth $40), which includes a reversible singlet, basketball and draw string bag.

To register visit: http://www.facebook.com/beenleighblitz.basketballclub

Peter Pollock : Junior Participation Manager : Basketball Queensland

TRINITY COLLEGE BUILDING PROGRAM
Trinity College is embarking on another building program to accommodate the Year 7’s in their transition to secondary school in 2015. This will have an impact on parking and traffic flow in our area. From the Trinity Newsletter: Prior to her leave, Mrs Thompson communicated to the community the building works that will commence during the upcoming holidays, and continue for the following 6 months. This construction will mean that there will be significant changes to the areas where students are dropped off and collected from the College. The exact details of these changes will be communicated to the students and families in the next couple of weeks, but of huge impact is the closing of the back car park (Bougainville Street). This area will become a major construction area, and there will be no vehicular access at all for students or families. If you use this area for dropping off or collecting your child or children, please prepare to make some adjustments for the remainder of the year.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN – “YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO ME”
A letter from Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be posted to parents/guardians of all BCE school students, asking for their support of the Annual Catholic Campaign. As all school families are part of the wider Catholic family, the Archbishop will be making contact with you even if you do not regularly attend parish weekend masses. Instead of having several fundraising collections in the parishes, the Archdiocese is focussing its resources and energy on one combined appeal across parishes and schools. The Annual Catholic Campaign raises money for the training of priests, the provision of the Catholic agency Centacare (not Centre Link, which is a government agency), and the establishment of a fund (MacKillop Fund) to assist families who cannot afford to send their Catholic children to Catholic Schools.

Schools are encouraged to conduct fundraising activities to support the ACC as well, so the Student Council may organise a free/themed dress day before the end of this term. Please support this appeal in any way you can because you can make a real difference!

WINE STALL – SCHOOL FETE
Sincere thanks to everyone who donated wine to our wine stall at the fete. Because of your kindness we were able to raise $600 for the school. Well done and thank you once again!

EARLY YEARS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – THURSDAY 20 JUNE 9AM-12PM
This year the Early Years are having their own Athletics Carnival at the St Joseph’s School Oval, on Thursday 20 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. More details will be included in newsletters closer to the carnival date.

PREP 2014
Prep 2014 interviews are now complete and first round offers now sent to families. Usually we have a few families from outside the school who decline the offer of a place at Joey’s so those who will miss out in the first round of offers may still have a chance later in the term.
SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our school athletics carnival for years 3-7 takes place this Tuesday 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.

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER
School fees accounts are sent out at the beginning of each month (Feb to Nov). Accounts are due to be paid by the 21st of the month. Ros Mendo sends out reminder notices to families who have not paid their account after 3-4 days. If you are having difficulty with paying your school fees, please do not just ignore reminder notices or phone calls from the school. Get in contact with our finance secretary, Ros Mendo, and work out a payment plan. Regular payments, no matter how small, are always welcomed. It is better to regularly pay small amounts than to do nothing and let the amount grow to unmanageable proportions.

SEMESTER REPORTS
At the end of this term, parents will receive a report for your child’s progress during the first semester. It has been developed to include the new Australian Curriculum subjects and the five point scale is from A-E. When the reports are distributed on Friday 21 June, there is no compulsory interview. Teachers and parents however may request an interview early next term should there be any concerns or need for clarification regarding a child’s progress.

ABSENTEES
If your child is away from school, please contact the school **on the morning of the day of absence.** Dial 1 when prompted and leave a message. Or send your child’s class teacher an email. Or send an email to pbeenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au Remember, if you don’t let us know, we can only assume that he/she is away sick. We won’t know that he/she might have walked to school and did not make it – **a possible scenario. AND** you would not know that he/she did not get to school until someone came to pick her up that afternoon. Please let us know as soon as possible on the day of absence.

LATE ARRIVALS
It is concerning that we can have on any given day up to 30 children arriving late to school. The time varies but some can regularly be late by 20 minutes. Over a term, a semester or a year, that’s quite a lot of school time missed! 20 mins x 5 days a week = 1hr 40 mins; over 40 school weeks this would be close to 67 hrs or over 13 full days that a child would miss! Please endeavour to have children at school on time. Thank you to the families who consistently do this!

APPOINTMENTS
If you have to pick up your child for an appointment outside of school, please ensure that your child and the class teacher know when you will be picking them up. Children can be sent to the office to be waiting ready for when you arrive. It is difficult to find children around the school especially during lunch break. It is also time consuming and disruptive for office staff to ring around classrooms searching for children who could be at specialist lessons or instrumental music lessons or doing outside classroom activities.

NO PARKING IN FRONT OF STAFF CAR-PARK
Please do not block the exit of the staff car-park either before or after school. **Use only marked car-park spaces for dropping off or collecting children.**
PLEASE WAIT FOR CHILDREN IN THE MANGO TREE AREA AFTER SCHOOL
It seems that many parents are waiting in the staff car-park just behind the Tobruk building ready to catch their children as they come by after school. Unfortunately they are blocking the pathway through to the mango tree area and classes are finding it difficult to get through. Please wait in the mango tree area to collect children after school.

HALL SIGNAGE
We are pushing ahead with our preparation for the design and installation of signage (poster boards) to the outside concrete columns of the school hall.
The columns will feature
  Information about our patrons (St Mary MacKillop, Fr Owen Steele and Fr Bill O’Shea) as well as a photo-history of the school
  Sayings of St Mary MacKillop written on school artistic representations of St Mary MacKillop
  Our school Respect Rules (Respect for Self, Others, Environment and Learning)
  Our core values (Dignity, Justice, Compassion, Mateship, Courage and Resilience, Forgiveness, Trust and Faith in God).
We hope to have the design for these panels completed this term so that they can be produced and hung during term 3.

Please return this completed form to the school office by Friday 14 June.

I give permission for my child/ren to travel by bus to and from the school athletics carnival on Tuesday 18 June at the Oliver Sports Complex, 293 Logan Street, Eagleby.

The children requiring transport are
Name: ___________________________ Class: __________
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Parent/Caregiver: __________________ Date: _____________

APRE-PETER LOVEGROVE

CELEBRATING – ST JOSEPH’S STYLE
What a great day the St Joseph’s community had last Saturday with our fete. The joy and excitement on the day was easily felt as I walked around the stalls. It was great to see our school family coming together in the spirit of celebration. This was followed by the celebration of the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in the parish on Sunday morning. Many students from our school renewed the promises of Baptism made by their godparents when they were much younger. There was also a feeling of joy and excitement in the church at that time.

GOTCHA NEWS
The following classes have filled their class GOTCHA chart with twenty individual awards and have received a class prize. IC, 1C, 4C, 5C and 5F.
The focus until the end of the term is “Doing kind deeds for others”. We look forward to the children doing as many acts of kindness as they can.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
PC: Emman Manchanayake, Annabel Brown, Daniela Caruana, Sean Raniees
PF: Lauren Conley, Sean Bailey
1F: Ryan Wey, Timothy Powell
1C: Saxon Harris, Kira Finlay, Olivia Fitzgerald
2F: Sam Hooker, Jazbia Bukhari
2C: Ky Ahpene, Caydence Stevens, Jade Regeling
3F: Natasha Souvannasing, Jacqui Phelen
3C: Taylah Vickery
4F: Demi Love, Clayton Ruhland
4C: Kaleb Van De Langenberg
5C: Bethany Rorke, Ethan Thompson
5F: Jake Rowett, Adam Porter, Jeremy Waters, Aleira McArthur
6C: Jorjah Sulusi
7C: Connor Regan, Tayla Phillips
7F: Rhain Norton
7L: Jessica Le Billion, Charlotte Hasenkam
Golden Gnome: 1st: Sr Jenny’s room. 2nd: 2F, 2C. 3rd: 3C, 3F. Golden Banking Award: 3C
Congratulations to our talented musicians who played and sang at the fete. They make us all very proud to be working with them.

TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA—Wednesday 19 June at 11.30am in the school hall.
Congratulations to all students who auditioned last week. Their performances were all of very high standard. Finalists were announced this week.

INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT
Thursday 20 June at 2.10pm in the school hall.

APP of the WEEK—Oz Phonics

**Intro to Reading by Oz Phonics** - $1.99  
**Oz Phonics1** - $2.99  
**Oz Phonics2** - $2.99

**Description:** Oz Phonic is an app that helps emergent readers to develop phonemic awareness skills. Phonemic Awareness is the ability to notice, think about and work with individual sounds in words. It is done in a 3 step learning system, to be used with parents or teachers supervision. Very good programs when trying to have children hear the correct vowel sound for our accent. Within the setting you can change the accent to Australian, NZ or American. The website also has free worksheets to continue with your child’s progress. [Continue reading](#)

**Suitable for:**  
Parents wishing to better understand phonics and be able to help their child learn the basics of reading  
School age children struggling with learning to read - especially sounds  
Dyslexic children  
ESL students  
Speech Pathologists and Teachers

**Compatible:** with all apple devices. Look at [www.applepieces.com](http://www.applepieces.com) for more educational apps.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be on Tuesday 11 June.  
Please note:  
- Send envelopes to class on photo day. (Not office)  
- Correct money required as change will not be available.  
- The school cannot accept late envelopes.  
- One student envelope per child.  
- One sibling envelope (available at the office) per family. (For portraits of siblings together)  
- Please read instructions and complete envelopes carefully to ensure your child’s photo is taken.

EARN AND LEARN

This fundraising program by Woolworths finishes on the 9 June. At this stage we have **6 600** points. If you have loose stickers at home and no official points sheet, either send the stickers to school where they will be placed on a sheet or pick up a new points sheet, available from the front office. Thank you

ST JOEYS CAMPING WEEKEND—THIS WEEKEND, YOUR NOT TO LATE

ON THIS WEEKEND— You are not to late to come and relax and unwind, share a story around the campfire and bush-walk with friends. Swimming, bushwalking, fun and games are all on the agenda again, and it’s set to be a fantastic week-end. Past, present and future Joey’s community members are all welcome.

**When?** June 7th-10th THIS WEEKEND?  
**Where?** Flanagan’s Reserve Bush Camping, 1.5hrs from Beenleigh  
**Cost?** Minimum 3 night stay  
$30 Adult, $15 Child, Under 3yrs are Free.

Last year we had a great turn out, and it is again looking like it’s going to be a well-attended weekend, with around 18 families and 62 people already registered. But there is still room for plenty more, so grab your friends and get organised! Secure your spot with Dominic Barnes or Josh O’Keeffe – [jokeeffe@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jokeeffe@bne.catholic.edu.au).

Come along for a fun filled social weekend and get to know the families of St Joseph’s!
YEAR 4 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING - MRS SCHLOMAN AND MISS TAYLOR

The year 4 classes will be hosting a celebration of learning next Thursday the 13th of June. The presentations will take place in the year 4 classrooms after the 4C Mass - at approximately 9:30am. We invite the families of the year 4 students to come and take a look at some of the wonderful work that has been produced this term. We hope to see you then.

P & F NEWS - DOMINIC BARNES

Our biggest thanks to everyone who was involved in the fete, what an awesome community event..

RAFFLE WINNERS
1st Prize Trailer fill with goodies – Jean Ranieses D18 (Collected)
2nd Prize Painting by Don Waters – Natalie Searle D24 (Phoned)
3rd Prize Currumbin Wildlife Family Pass – Caroline Hopkins F81 (Posted)
4th Prize 18 Holes of Golf for 2, Mt Warren Golf Club – M Ginger F30 (Collected)
5th Prize 1 Hour Massage/Treatment, Leia Watford Lowther – Debbie Herbst D54 (Collected)
6th Prize Fruit & Vege Hamper, The Fruitologists Qld – Lola Tyrell A53 (Collected)

Thank you to everybody that supported the Raffle and a big thank you to the following Sponsors:

Please support our supporters when out and about.

BBQ
A huge thank you to all the helpers setting up, cooking, serving and packing up. People also stayed longer and came back which was SO great!
A special thank you to Jane Marsh for all the onions that we didn't have to slice and to Sam Hatzis (?) for the lettuce and tomatoes!! Special thanks to for Nanny Vi who is a Joeys grandma who tirelessly helped out with bread and rolls and keeping us on track with quick access to them!!

TOUGH MUDDER - DOMINIC BARNES

Here at St Joseph’s we are putting a team together for TOUGH MUDDER on the Sunshine Coast in August!!!

So what is TOUGH MUDDER? It’s a 20km obstacle course (with 25 obstacles in total). For more info or to join our team go to toughmudder.com. Be quick as the price increases each month! We have 7 people signed up including Mr O'Keefe and Mr Lovegrove and we have two Joey’s Mums on the team! Our team is for both WOMEN and MEN (minimum age 18). Our team’s plan is for everyone to stick together and help each other finish. Tough Mudder is not a race, it’s about finishing and helping your team mates. You just need a bit of fitness under your belt, and you want to take on a challenge too big to chew! Most of all we are doing it for “fun”.

When: Sunday August 18 starting at 9am Logon Details: Team Name: “G.I. Joeys” Team Password “Joeys”
Where: TBA, somewhere on the Sunshine Coast. For more info please contact Dominic

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOUNT WARREN PARK GOLF CLUB
JUNIOR TRY DAY-9am to 11 am Wednesday 26th June
Come and try your hand at golf, free of charge.
All equipment supplied: Putting, Chipping, Full Swing, Skill testing, Games and prizes to be won
Conducted by AAA PGA Teaching Professional Jared Love & PGA Teaching Professional Jared Love
Contact Mount Warren Park Pro shop (07) 32871951 or email – mtwarrenparkgolfclubjuniors@hotmail.com
Accepting 20 kids, ages 5 to 14 welcome

FOSTER CARER
Do you enjoy interacting with children and can give a Child or young person a nurturing home? Become a Foster Carer. Foster care can be for a few nights, a few weeks or sometimes until a child reaches independence. Care to join us? www.mercyfamilyservices.org.au, Logan and South Brisbane 3340 5600

ELECTRIC MUSIC PERFORMANCE