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Friday 22 March
7.45am: Joey’s Running Club
8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Last Term 1 Banking Day
Yr 6 & 7: Gala Day
Whole School Disco

Monday 25 March
Assembly
Parent / Teacher Interviews continue

Tuesday 26 March
School Cross Country

Wednesday 27 March
7.30am: Band
2.05pm: Choir
Easter Raffle Draw
Lenten Fair

Thursday 28 March
Holy Thursday
Mass Readings: 7F
2.55pm: End of Term 1

Monday 15 April
8.35am: Start of Term 2

Tuesday 16 April

Wednesday 17 April
2.05pm: Choir
7.30am: Band

Thursday 18 April
Mass Readings: 2F

Friday 19 April
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Yr 6 & 7: Gala Day

RECEPTION
Mon: 8.30-3.45
Tues-Thurs: 8.15-3.45
Fri: 8.30-3.15

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

UNIFORM DAYS
Formal: Mon, Tues
Sport:
Wed & Fri-Yr 1, 2, 5, 3C, 6C, 7L
Thur & Fri-3F, 4C, 4F, 7C, 7F

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60 MINUTES – HOLDING THEM BACK

You may have seen the program over the weekend called, Holding Them Back? The underlying theme of the story is expressed in this caption: Send them too early, and they may never catch up – in academic results or self-esteem. Some parents might be concerned that their children are too young to come to school for Prep at the age of 5 because of this program on TV.

Let’s take a step back here to remember that Queensland children just a few years ago were going to pre-school at 4 years of age, many of them not turning 5 until later in the year. Most of these children passed through the usual milestones throughout the year and were ready for Year 1 the year after. Prep has essentially ensured that children are coming to school at least 6 months older than their pre-school counterparts.

I believe that our Prep program, which is play-based, is an ideal entry point into formal schooling. It provides children with the socialisation that they need in a safe and supportive setting. It gently exposes them to knowledge and skills across a variety of learning areas, and challenges them to grow at their own pace. Children will always be at differing stages of development and every child will experience a unique journey of learning through his or her upbringing at home.

It is concerning to me that there is a general push towards a lower reception age into a formalised school setting loosely called pre-prep. Those in support of pre-prep believe that their children will be ‘smarter’ because they will have had more learning opportunities than those who might stay at home with mum or dad or grandparents or small play group settings. However, good parents and extended family have always provided nurturing environments for little ones and despite all the efforts of more formalised institutions, the readiness of a child to learn will depend on the child, not his or her age.

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21 March, 2013
PARENT / TEACHER TERM 1 INTERVIEW
Thank you to teachers and parents for your commitment to our Term 1 interviews. I trust that there will be an exchange of important and relevant information regarding the children’s progress across a range of areas to date. Please ensure that during the interview, your children are seated on the verandah of the classroom where you are having your interview. It is an important safety requirement that children are not playing games or running around the school unsupervised.

**A reminder to parents of children in Year 4 classes: your interviews will be held early next term.**

MATERNITY LEAVE PLACEMENT
Congratulations to Miss Sarah Taylor who has been appointed to the position of Year 4F teacher, replacing Dianne Kibble during her maternity leave. Dianne will be absent from 15 April to 06 December. Sarah has been working in the school in various teaching roles over the past two years. More recently, Sarah has had experience in year 4, sharing 4C with Cath Schloman. Mr James Buckley will be taking over from Sarah in 4C for the two days each week starting next term.

LOTE
Mrs Dewi Adriani has been appointed as our LOTE Teacher Indonesian from Term 2 until the end of 2013. We welcome Dewi to St Joseph’s and congratulate her on her appointment. As yet we have not determined which days Dewi will be teaching but this will be announced next week.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Our school cross country will be held on Tuesday 26 March at school and surrounds. Staff are positioned at checkpoints around the course. Parents sit on the retaining wall of the oval – bring a chair should you wish to be more comfortable. Shade is provided to students in the middle of the oval.

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<td>Year 1</td>
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<td>Run once around Oval anti-clockwise. On second lap, exit Oval via Tobruk St Gate and turn left down Trinity walkway. Through Trinity gate and back up to oval via gate on Kokoda St. Head straight for finish.</td>
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<td>Run around Oval anti-clockwise. Exit Oval via Tobruk St Gate and turn right along Tobruk St. Turn right at Church driveway, Right at Kokoda St, Right at Bouganville St, through Trinity Gate, turning right up Pathway. Enter Tobruk St Gate to Oval. Complete one anti-clockwise lap of Oval before finish.</td>
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<td>9 &amp; 10 years</td>
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<td>Run around Oval anti-clockwise. Exit Oval via Tobruk St Gate and turn right along Tobruk St. Turn right at Church driveway, Right at Kokoda St, Right at Bouganville St, through Trinity Gate, turning right up Pathway. Circular completed 2 times. Enter Tobruk St Gate to Oval. Complete one anti-clockwise lap of Oval before finish.</td>
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**Approximate Time Frame for events – Girls and Boys run separately**

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*(Please be aware that these times are only a guideline)*

Lunch will commence at the conclusion of the races.

**What to bring**
Children wear to school their School Sports Uniform with coloured house T-Shirt. On this day, children may wear running shoes (no spikes allowed as the children run on concrete and bitumen) or their school joggers.

*School hat  *Water bottle  *sunscreen – applied before they come to school  *Morning tea & lunch as usual  *School sports shirt (polo), socks and underwear (not compulsory – older children might need to change)

PARENT PORTAL
The Parent Portal is a communication service soon to be made available at St Joseph’s. Parents will be issued with a log-in that can then be personalised at home. It will be sent to the preferred email address provided to the school by families through our records via eMinerva. The Parent Portal will display school newsletters, the school calendar, announcements, forms, photos, easy access to information regarding your child’s reports and attendance records, and more. Parents will be able to check their contact details and alert the school of any amendments necessary. It is more personalised than the broader website. The portal will also facilitate two-way communication and surveys. Currently, we are working on the information to be loaded to the site before emailing families with log-in details. In the meantime, please ensure that your preferred email address has been given to Bron in the school office.

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*St Joseph's Beenleigh  Newsletter 21 March 2013*
**ANZAC DAY MASS & MARCH**

ANZAC DAY is on Thursday 25 April (Term 2, Week 2) and children from St Joseph’s Tobruk and Trinity College will march along with other local schools under their school banners to the ANZAC Memorial in James Street (outside the Beenleigh Library). As was the case last year, the children are asked to attend the Anzac Day Memorial Mass at St Patrick’s beginning at 9am. After Mass the children will then gather in the staff car park from about 10:15 and check off their names with Mrs Giebels and Mr Boulton. We then move from the car park to the March assembly area to take our place in the parade line-up. The March begins at 10:30am. This year parents are again asked to collect the children from the ANZAC Memorial Area (directly in front of Beenleigh Library) immediately after the March, as it is no longer safe for us to care for the large number of students in a hot and crowded public area. The children are welcome to attend the public Memorial Service at 11am in the care of their parents. Our Year 7 leaders will lay a wreath marking the respects of the St Joseph’s community. Mrs Giebels and Mr Boulton must be advised as students are collected from the Memorial Park.

Children must wear full FORMAL school uniform with green hat (Sports uniform for Preps only). Each child should also have a water bottle. Please make sure that the children are wearing sunscreen. A note will be sent home soon with the children. Could you please return the completed tear-off section to the office by Monday 22 April.

**GOTCHA**

This is a new Positive Behaviour Reward System that we are trialling in the school. Staff ‘catch’ children doing the right thing. The children receive a GOTCHA ticket which they fill out and place in the GOTCHA box. Tickets are drawn out at assembly for a small prize each week. Teachers record names of children who receive a GOTCHA ticket on a class chart. Classes that complete the GOTCHA chart are also rewarded (free time, ice-block etc).

**NO PARKING AT TRINITY COLLEGE TRADE TRAINING CENTRE**

It must look inviting to parents dropping children off or picking children up after school…several empty car-spaces right over the road from Joey’s….BUT!!!! This is a work space all day contracted out to private companies who work with Trinity College to provide training for students in hair-dressing and car mechanics. Authorised vehicles only are allowed to enter the area. Deliveries are constantly coming into the College to service the businesses there. The businesses are entitled to this space as they have paid the College for its use. Please do not park there. An added issue is that parents are waiting there for their children who then run across Tobruk Street putting their lives at risk.

**PREP 2014 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS**

I will begin the enrolment interview process for Prep 2014 in coming weeks. Families must submit an enrolment application for their prep-aged children even if they have siblings at St Joseph’s already. A number of families were ‘caught out’ during last year’s process as they had not submitted an enrolment application. The numbers are always fairly tight for next year’s intake so if you haven’t put in an application, please do so immediately. Applications are available at the office or online at our school website www.stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au

**STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS**

There is still many forms needing to be returned to the office. The majority are from the higher grades. All forms will need to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

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**APRE-PETER LOVEGROVE**

Celebrating the joy of Easter

Despite what most people think Easter, rather than Christmas, is the most important Catholic religious celebration of the year. Both celebrations have been commercialised beyond recognition with Hot Cross Buns being on sale since new year’s day and chocolate eggs appearing straight after back to school sales were over. It’s easy for us to get carried away and become swept up in the fun of Christmas and the excitement of Easter. We are lucky because here in Australia these feasts fall in the school holidays and so more fun and relaxation are available for us to enjoy. In the northern hemisphere Christmas is in the dead of winter and schools only have a short week-long break. At Easter they have a similar arrangement. Easter is in Spring there and so the celebration of new life, which is what the word Easter really means, has more significance. The eggs (chocolate or not) represent the resurrection of life after the cold and dark winter just as Jesus rises from the tomb on Easter Sunday to give us new life.

I urge you all to take your kids to any or all of the events on offer in the parish to really get the most from Easter this year. From the joyous arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the depths of sadness on Good Friday there is a wondrous array of events to participate in. Perhaps you could take your child to

*Reconciliation
*The Last Supper Mass on Holy Thursday at 7pm
*The Stations of the Cross (Friday 10am)
*Veneration at 3pm

The Easter vigil Mass on Saturday night is at 6pm where we gather around the flame as the disciples did and process into the Church in darkness. This is my favourite part of celebrating the religious nature of Easter.

On Sunday the parish celebrates Easter with the three regular Masses.

Don’t forget as the kids tuck into their hot cross buns on Good Friday or their eggs on Sunday morning to explain why we really have these special treats and to reflect on the sacrifices made during Lent and the true sacrifice of Jesus our saviour.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Sienna Classen, Lucy Barnes
1C: Thomas Finke, Lani Waters
1F: Jazmyn Brady, Juliana Prieto
2F: Summer Lahrs, Hayden Clark
2C: Joey Johnson, Makayla Lin, Tonisha Houghton, Zoe Allison
3C: Chelsea Cavell
3F: Jamie Fitzgerald, Tyron Bates
4C: Kaleb Van De Langenberg, Maddie Fowkes
4F: Kye Perandis, Joe Jreige, Caleb Bailey, Salia Shore
5F: Emilia Zakrzewski, Nicholas Houghton
5C: Hannah Evans, Conor Bowers, Georgina Marmol
6C: Tayn Wilson
7C: TJ Carlson
7L: Kacee Te Hau, Asha Saju


SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2013

Congratulations to our swimming champions for this year. They will be presented with their medals at assembly on Monday.

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<td>Kate Murton and Cohen Toovey</td>
<td>Sophie Vickery/ Brittney Honey and Kye Perandis/ Kyle Harrison</td>
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<td>12 years</td>
<td>Morghana Leonards and Liam Jeffery/Rhys Towerton</td>
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LITERACY PLANET-MELLISSA BURGESS

THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW STUDENT AREA

As many of you may have noticed, last week was the arrival of the new student work area. It looks a bit different to what the children are used to, but they should be aware of the new look and how to navigate through it, as they are using Literacy Planet in their class time. If there are any queries on what all the symbols mean and how to navigate through, please come and see me in the Blue Room before 9am Monday-Thursdays.

Class Leaders will start in the newsletter as of Week 2 Term 2. I will however be doing a Certificate for the students with the highest points for the whole term. Good luck and have fun learning.

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION– YEAR 2

Last Wednesday, Year 2 were treated to a wonderful historical presentation by Mr Jamie Treble from the Logan Council Library. Mr Treble talked to the students about the history of Logan, including the achievements of Captain Patrick Logan. The students were amazed by the historical photos and the differences between Logan, then and now.

APP of the WEEK by ST J’s APPSTARS

StarFall – Learn to Read ($2.99)

Description: At last! The whole content of the well loved website is now an app. Learn to read with‘ Zac the Rat‘ and others. Each section features a vowel sound and its related spelling. Master each sound by hearing, touching and eventually mastering each sound by watching movies, listening to songs and playing activities.

Suitable for: This app is excellent for emerging readers and children wishing to consolidate their sounds. Compatible with: both iPhone and iPad

Look at www.applepieces.com for more educational apps.
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P&F NEWS-DOMINIC BARNES

LENTEN FAIR– YEAR 5

Fun and Games for everyone!! Wednesday 27th March

Hosted by Year 5

Raising money for Project Compassion

Cost: Tickets 50c each. The more you purchase the more you can do.
1-2 Tickets needed per activity.

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TUCKSHOP DAY – THANKYOU

A huge THANKYOU to all who supported our first tuckshop day for 2013. 280 sausage rolls later we are pleased to announce a $970 profit. Firstly, THANK YOU to all parents who supported through ordering – you are what makes these days so successful. Without your ongoing commitment and support, our tuckshop days would not be as successful as they are. Thank you to all who helped on the day especially Angela Houghton, Annette Lahrs and Bernie Armstrong for all your hard work in organising and coordinating the day – you are real treasures. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to all who joined us to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with the parish on Sunday. Amid the green of shamrocks and a St Paddy Burger or two, we witnessed a few bald but many more multi coloured heads as the youth of the parish chose this day to support Shave For A Cure. It is encouraging that as a school community families take the opportunity to join with the parish in celebrations and the P & F thank all who came out to join us in support of this day.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all who have shown their generous support to the Easter Raffle so far. The response has been fantastic. Donations of Easter Goodies (not only eggs) are still being accepted at the office or can be sent to class with your child. For those wanting extra ticket books they are available from the office. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March. Please ensure all tickets are into the office by 9am Wednesday 27th March to ensure your entry in the draw. We are greatly appreciative of the generous support given to this event every year and look forward to a successful raffle again this year. Thank you and Happy Easter

SHEDS AND SECURITY SCREENS for the LIBRARY

You may have remembered from last year the P&F was awarded a grant of $22,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to build storage sheds for the school to use. We are in the final stages of planning the sheds and they hopefully will be built by the end of April. Also, the P&F has allocated $9,200 to build security screens on the library windows, which will be installed within a few weeks. This was only made possible from the wonderful community support of P&F fundraising activities during last year.
WHATEVER YOU DO, DO NOT THROW OUT ANY UNWANTED TOYS OR BOOKS!
WE NEED THEM FOR THE TOY STALL

Our TOYWORLD stall is on fete day on Saturday June 1. Only toys and books in good condition are required. No broken toys or scribbled-on books! Please do not deliver any goods to school yet. Maybe your children could have a clean out of their bedrooms over the holidays and have any unwanted toys, washed cuddly creatures and books ready and sparkly clean for delivery to school AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. Thanks in anticipation.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Tom Cohen year 7 is heading to the Skipping Nationals with the Beenleigh Banditz Skipping Club in Sydney on October 5/6/7 and we are fundraising much needed funds for this trip. Beenleigh Banditz are having a Trivia night at the Beenleigh State School Hall on Sat 27th April. We are looking to book 2 tables with 10 people per table at a cost of $10 per person. If you are interested to come and help raise money for Tom to make it to the nationals please call Nikki on 0410613550 to reserve your spot on the Joeys Trivia Team!

ST JOSEPH’S FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND– DOMINIC & JOSH

Mark this date, it’s on again! Back by popular demand, don’t miss your chance to relax and unwind, share a story around the campfire and bushwalk with friends. St Joseph’s are going camping again! For those that came along last year you will know what a fantastic weekend it was. And for those who couldn’t make it, hopefully you heard many a story and are keen to join us this year. Swimming, bushwalking, fun and games are all on the agenda again, and it’s set to be a fantastic weekend. Past, present and future Joey’s community members are all welcome, no matter what your camping experience is.

When? Arrive Fri 26 April—Sunday 28 April.
Where? 1.5hrs from Beenleigh. Exact location to be announced soon.
Cost? Just like last year costs will be kept to a minimum.

Expressions of Interest: Please register your expression of interest with Dominic Barnes or Josh O’Keeffe – jokeeffe@bne.catholic.edu.au

Come along for a fun filled social weekend and get to know the families of St Joseph’s! Please keep reading the newsletters in the coming weeks for more information.

TOUGH MUDDER– DOMINIC BARNES

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

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!

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
Easter Holiday Activities


Parents of Ipswich Region Facebook Page - [http://www.facebook.com/parentsofipswichregion](http://www.facebook.com/parentsofipswichregion)


Logan: KRANK - a low cost program for Logan residents aged 13-17 years that offers a broad range of activities. Contact Logan City Council on (07) 3412 3412

**Camps**


**Phone Numbers & Websites**


Parentline 1300 301 300 (8am to 10pm, Monday to Sun) [http://www.parentline.com.au/](http://www.parentline.com.au/)

Lifeline 13 11 14 (24/7)

CYMHS Extended Hours Service 3636 9027 (5:30pm – 9:30pm Mon to Fri; 2pm – 9:30pm Saturday)


SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1: 30 Jan - 28 March
Term 2: 15 April - 21 June
Term 3: 8 July - 20 Sept
Term 4: 8 Oct - 6 Dec

PARISH NEWS

Bric a Brac Sale at St Patrick’s on Saturday and Sunday, 13 and 14 April, at all masses. All funds are to assist orphans and lepers of India on behalf of Mamre International Aid Inc. To donate contact: 0439 791 133 or 3807 0646

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SAVE THIS DAY

JUNE 1ST

ST JOSEPH’S FETE 2013