Dear Parents

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and co-operation throughout another busy term. On behalf of the school staff I wish you all a happy, safe and Holy Easter break.

Term 2 is a 10 week term. It begins on Monday 15 April at 8.35am. There is no pupil free day to start the term so please don’t get caught out!

**HOLY WEEK**

During this Holy Week, we remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his last meal with his friends, his emotional anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, his betrayal, his trial and sentencing to death by crucifixion, and his glorious resurrection. As a school, we remembered and celebrated this story at our end of term prayer ritual in the hall this morning. As a school tradition, we do not celebrate the resurrection of Jesus until we come back to school in second term. Thank you to Peter Lovegrove and Bec Fletcher for their coordination of our school liturgy presented by 7F. Thank you also to the parents and friends of Joey’s who supported the occasion through their attendance.

**PRAYER**

The suffering of Jesus reminds us of the suffering in our world. In the Australian bush and regional towns, droughts, fires, floods, disease, crop failure and indifference from the city can cause enormous hardship and suffering. The cross of Jesus reminds us that Jesus walks beside those who suffer. At the most difficult times, Jesus carries us.

Though we make mistakes and our world is not perfect, there is hope that things can be different. Through the example of Jesus and the activity of the Spirit, new life is possible, everywhere!

Giver and Sustainer of Life, the cycle of creation, death and new life in our environment teaches us that our sufferings can be seen as moments of growth and opportunities for new life. During this Holy Week, help us to reflect on the passion of Jesus and to pray for the courage to accept the crosses that come our way as opportunities for transformation. Help us to be true to ourselves and to our calling to be like you.

God of justice and reconciliation, teach us to serve one another and to set a good example so that others may see Jesus in what we do and in who we are. Give us the courage to seek forgiveness, to be forgiving, and to put things right wherever there is hurt, anger and despair.

Jesus’ words might read, MY DEAR FRIENDS, DO NOT BE DISHEARTENED BY THE THINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE THESE LAST DAYS. BE STRONG. DO NOT BE AFRAID. REMEMBER ME. REMEMBER WHAT I HAVE TAUGHT YOU AND THE EXAMPLE I HAVE GIVEN. WHEN YOU CONTINUE TO BE MY PRESENCE IN THE WORLD, THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE OF NEW LIFE.
NON-REFUNDABLE COSTS
Please be aware that when we organise camps and excursions, the cost of a bus is divided by the number of students in the class/year level. If a child does not go to a camp or an excursion, we cannot claim that money back from the bus company. That part of the cost of a camp or an excursion cannot therefore be refunded. The same thing happened when we booked the swimming pool for the carnival. The cost of the booking is divided amongst the students who are expected to be there. If a child does not go to the carnival for whatever reason, the levy ($4 per child in 2013) is not refundable.

CROSS COUNTRY
Despite recent rain we had a warm, fine day for the event held on Tuesday the oval was in pristine condition. It was wonderful to see so many families there supporting the children. I congratulate the children on their enthusiastic participation in the cross country and for the effort they put into their races. Thanks also to the staff for their preparation of the children, particularly those who assisted with training before school. To those who acted as officials on the day, we extend our thanks for a job well done. Thanks to our Yr 7 leaders who arrived early to assist with the setting up and those who helped pack things away afterwards. We really appreciate your efforts.

Age Champions in Cross Country are awarded for children from 8 Years (Yr 3 only) upwards. This is to encourage participation in the early years as opposed to competition.

**Age Champions in Cross Country for 2013 are as follows:**

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<td>Azariah Bourdon, Brendan Searle</td>
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<td>Kassie Cole, Andrew Assaad</td>
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<td>Tayla Moody, Riley Bale</td>
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<td>13 Years (2000)</td>
<td>Samantha Heaton, Tom Cohen</td>
<td>Georgia Brehmer, Connor Regan</td>
<td>Amelia Buttigeg, Ben Hunt</td>
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We will announce the team winner and award our age champions after our prayer celebration on Thursday at approximately 9.20am.

DONATION OF GOTCHA PRIZES
I know that there are constant calls upon your generosity as families and so I am just inviting those who are able to and willing to donate prizes for our weekly Gotcha Awards to consider doing so. The prizes are simple – stationery items for children, travel games, card games, educational games, puzzles, books, jigsaw puzzles etc. If you see something you think the children would enjoy for a dollar or two, and are happy to buy and donate the prize we would be very appreciative. Thank you for giving this request your consideration.

LENTEN FAIR
Congratulations to the children from Years 5 and their teachers, Marg Hatzis and Leonie Phillips for another fantastic Lenten Fair. The children throughout the school enjoyed the many and varied games and activities organised. The proceeds of the day will be donated to Caritas Australia to support the Project Compassion appeal for 2013. Many thanks to all families for your generous, financial support. The fair raised over $1600.
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. LOTE will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays though each class will have only a half hour lesson.

ANZAC DAY
ANZAC Day in 2013 occurs in the second week back after the Easter school holidays so it is important for us to look ahead and plan for our involvement in this year’s march. A letter detailing our involvement in the Mass and March is included in this week’s newsletter. Please complete the form in that letter and return it to the school before the end of the first week back at school.

PREP 2014 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS
I will begin the enrolment interview process for Prep 2014 early next term. 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

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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)
One of my responsibilities at the school is to work with our student council. I would like to share with you a little about what the council is all about.
Firstly, the council is made up of school captains and councillors nominated and voted for by their peers and the staff. They are seen to be role models for the younger students and leaders within our community. They are given the responsibility to assist the staff when required and be involved in school events.
This year each member has been given the responsibility of representing a class in the school. As the class representative they will visit and canvas the students for any initiatives, ideas or issues the students might bring up. They will also liaise with the teacher in a similar way. They will table these at a SRC meeting where discussion about possible solutions to problems and organising initiatives will take place.
The SRC also conduct fundraising during the year. This might include selling glow products at discos, selling ice-blocks and organising coloured clothes days. The money they raise is used for charity and to offer a legacy item for the school when they leave. In the past it has included the lectern in the hall and the banners and flags.
It is an important aspect of leadership for these students and develops them into valuable members of our community.

HAPPY EASTER
I would like to offer you and your family the very best for a happy and holy Easter. If you are heading off on a holiday then I hope you have a safe and enjoyable time. If you are relaxing at home I hope that you get the most from any down time and enjoy the company of friends and family. Please take the time to connect with the season by participating in one of the wonderful Masses and celebrating the most important Catholic celebration of the year.

APRE-PETER LOVEGROVE

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
PC: Amy Hall, Lilly Huth, Annabel Brown
PF: Sophia Dougherty, Finn McGovern, Casey Allison
1C: Elise Sulusi, Blaze Ayre, Emma Cook
1F: Khanya Hughes, Lucinda Phelan
2F: Jazbia Bukhari, Lilly James
2C: Charlee Cohen, Naomi-Joelle Mатаia, India Seeto, Stanley Brown
3C: Mackenzie Moskwa
3F: Whole class
4C: Erik Balint, Jayden Schipplock
4F: Chelsea Steven, Jett Cavell
5F: Jacqui Pele, Maddy Payne, Spencer Brown
5C: Matthew Sheehan
7F: Lacey Hill
7L: Chloe Buttigieg, Aimee Vargas-Bell
A MUSICAL NOTE – RENUKA HARAN

10–20 minutes a day is all that is needed.

I’ve been hearing feedback from both parents and teachers about the new look student area. Keep the feedback coming as I try to forward on both positive and negative feedback to Literacy Planet.

They have a section on their blog with the FAQ’s about the new look. If you would like to know their reasoning behind the change then look here: www.literacyplanet.blogspot.com.au.

For any other queries email me at mkburgess@bne.catholic.edu.au.

BAND

A big thank you to the wonderful band members who come at 7.30am every Wednesday for practice. They are sounding very musical. Thank you also to the parents who are up early to ensure that the children arrive on time. There will be band practice on the first week back in Term 2. Wednesday 17 April at 7.30am.

It will be TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA time in Term 2.

Have a great Easter break.

ANZAC DAY MARCH-KATRINA GIEBELS

ANZAC DAY is Thursday 25th of April 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). This 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 teachers’ school car park near uniform shop entrance, directly after mass. On arrival at assembly area students need to check off their names with Mr Boulton or Mrs. Giebels.

We will then move from the car park to the march assembly area. Our school is normally placed in the line up along York Street in the block between and Kokoda and Tobruk Streets. The march beings at 10:30am. Parents are 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 11 am in the care of their parents. Our year 7 leaders will lay a wreath marking the respects of the St. Joseph’s community. Mr Boulton or Mrs Giebels 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.

(Children may wear medals from their parents, grandparents or other relatives who have seen military service. Please make sure that they are well secured and worn on the right breast only. Please NO imitation medals)

If you would like your child/ren to be involved in this year’s Mass and March could you please complete the form below and return it to the office.

____________________________________________________________________________________

Return to office by Monday 22nd April, Attention Katrina Giebels

Thursday the 25th April. Children from the family who will be marching are:

Name:__________________________________________Class_________
Name:__________________________________________Class_________
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Name:__________________________________________Class_________

Parent’s signature:__________________________Date:________
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

EASTER RAFFLE

The P and F would like to say a huge thankyou to all who have very generously supported this year’s Easter Raffle. The donation of Easter Goodies this year has been simply amazing. The overwhelming generosity of our school community has certainly guaranteed the winners of this year’s raffle an abundance of treats. Furthermore the huge response to ticket sales has seen almost double the funds raised this year compared to previous years. We are pleased to announce that this year’s raffle has raised just under $2000. Thank you to all who have so generously supported our ticket sales. We hope all enjoy the spoils of Easter and may you have a Happy, Safe and Holy Easter.

RAFFLE WINNERS

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The Chocolate Jar Count was won by Carla Buttigieg 4C

ST JOSEPH’S FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND– DOMINIC & JOSH

St Joseph’s Family Camp Oh No! – It’s Postponed
Due to an unforeseen clash of dates it has been decided to postpone the family camping weekend. Rest assured a new date will be set soon and there will be an opportunity for Joeys Community members to get together and have a great weekend away in the near future. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused and to those that may have arranged time off that weekend already, the majority of feedback I received was that people were unable to attend. Watch this space! A new date will be set and announced early next term.
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

**DISCO**

Last Friday night saw over 280 students groove and move at the school disco. It was a great night and raised $1400 profit for your P&F. These funds will be used on projects that go directly to improving our school and your children's education. The student council also raised funds from the sale of the flashing products on the night. Thank you to all the students and parents who supported the disco. Also a big thank you to Angela Houghton, Belinda Thompson and Mr Peter Lovegrove for organising the Disco. Great job. Thank you also to the wonderful Joey’s parents that helped on the night; Narelle, Jayne, Vicki, Lesley, Lisa, Tanya, Michelle, Tim and David and to the members of Joey's Student Council. Thanks to Mr Boulton, Mr O’Keefe, Ms Vargas and Ms Ford for spending a few more hours at school to help also.

**P&F NEWS-DOMINIC BARNES**

*The Brisbane Archdiocesan Council of Parents and Friends Associations invites you and your school community to an evening with Fr Richard Leonard. If you have children in Catholic schools then you need to attend this event! Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30pm • San Sisto College, Carina 97 Mayfield Rd*

Father Richard Leonard Sj will speak on the obstacles our catholic children and schools face in living the “Christian way” in society today. Come and get some tips, share some laughter and be inspired to go home and reconnect spiritually with your loved ones, how can you help them? To get maximum benefit come prepared to listen with your heart and ears.

Doors open 5:15pm for drinks and dinner followed by a special presentation from Fr Richard Leonard

Comfortable flat shoes only, no heels please. There is no charge for this event.

**RSVP:** by Friday April 19 on Phone: 3336 9242* or E-mail: info@pandf.org.au*

**LIMITED PLACES SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY** *all bookings through the Federation of Parents and Friends of Catholic Schools in QLD on our behalf.*