On Monday we welcomed back Mr Buckley, after his two weeks of Paternity Leave. Staff were delighted to learn that Mr and Mrs Buckley have settled into family life very well with Oliver.

Last week, Mrs Dair underwent a regular pregnancy check with her doctor, which indicated an important need for her to immediately adopt a much less active and stress free lifestyle until her baby’s due birth date in May. Hence, Mrs Dair was admitted to hospital and will remain there for precautionary observation indefinitely. Interviews occur this week in search of a replacement for Mrs Dair, as well as Miss Mitchell, who recently accepted a position at Trinity College. Thank you to Ms Adams and Mrs Gettens for replacing these teachers until new appointees commence.

Strategic planning is an important aspect of school leadership and it received strong focus late last week through, Mr Lovegrove, Mrs Schloman and I. After this focused work, and recent consultation with parents and staff, the school’s 2015 Annual Action Plan has now been finalised. This is a critical document that will shape the work of Joeys’ Engagement Teams (JETs) this year. Please note that the first JETs Strategic Priority Meetings will soon occur. Dates and times can be found in a latter section.

On Tuesday, undergraduate Occupational Therapy students from the University of Queensland (UQ) made an excellent start to their work with our Prep students. Planning is currently underway for the involvement of UQ Speech Pathology students at St Joseph’s in Semester 2.

My thanks to the large majority of families who have now attended to Term 1 tuition fees and charges, and to the return of completed Family Details Update Forms. Please note that the parents of students who know that their child/children will be absent from school for 10 or more consecutive days, are expected to obtain and complete a related form that can be obtained from the office.

My thanks to the mothers (and grandmother) who attended Monday’s Sewing Working Bee in the library. This type of generosity makes an enormous difference to our school community.

St Patrick’s Outside School Hours Care administration has asked me to remind families who access the facility, of the need for a phone call to be made directly to them (include phone number please), if a child will not be attending as planned. Please note that such a call is not made on behalf of parents when the school office receives notification of student absence.

We wish Year 5 well, for their postponed Geography/Mathematics/community excursion experience tomorrow. Other wonderful school community experiences have been planned and I trust that dates have been claimed for the Circus Disco (27 March), the Twilight Markets (1 May) and Artworx2015 (2-11 September).

Tomorrow we welcome Bishop Oudeman to our school, when he joins parents and staff at Sr Jenny’s Cuppa. Bishop Oudeman is very much a ‘people person’, so please consider coming along for a chat.

As we continue our Lenten journey, please especially keep Mrs Dair, her husband, Michael, and their unborn baby in your prayers. St Joseph and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us all.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
Welcome back to another great year with Literacy Planet.

We are currently in the TOP 50 schools in the World at 45th place. Keep doing the great job with your tasks and free learning. 10 minutes a night is all that is needed.

PC – Laylah Higgins - 160  
PF – Scarlett Gamble - 128  
1C – Don Le - 188  
1F – Jace Higgins - 71  
2C – Rhyleh Whyte - 476  
2F – Fraser Allan - 334  
3C – Montana Ruhland - 188  
3F – Zac Utratny - 171  
4C – Samantha Thompson - 200  
4F – Kyle Sims - 442  
5C – Kieran Calton - 99  
5F – Kalvin Keo – 68/Lachlan Moody - 68  
6C – Jack Bevan - 85  
6F – Katelyne Martinez - 483

The year 5 excursion to Doug Larson Park has been rescheduled to this Friday 6th March 2015, weather permitting. We are part of 2250 Schools Clean Up Sites registered nationally.

SPORTS NEWS - MATTHEW ARMSTRONG

Beenleigh Zone Rugby League - Congratulations to Ryan Eley and Ben Southam on their selection in the Beenleigh Zone 12yrs Rugby League team. The boys will train for several weeks before they play Beaudesert District in the Pacific Rim District Trial. Good Luck boys.

Gala Day Sport – There is one more week of training before our first Gala Day. Notes will be sent out in the next week to all students participating to inform parents of venues. Semester 1 sports are; netball, girls touch, rugby league and soccer. Dates; 13th, 20th & 27th March, 24th April and 1st May.

Fitness Club – Conducted on Monday and Wednesday mornings, Joey’s Fitness Club is a fun way to start your day. These morning are designed to be enjoyable, but to also help students improve their general fitness, strength and running ability. The club will run for the majority of the year. Permission notes need to be completed before students attend the club. These can be found at the front office.

MILO In2Cricket program – We are currently lucky to have a free cricket program for students in Years 1, 2 and 3, running on Monday afternoons, being provided for a limited number of students by QLD Cricket. There are currently several positons available in this free program. If your child is interested, please contact the school or myself directly for further information.

Beenleigh Zone Trials –

Week 7 – 09/03 AFL, 11/03 Hockey  
Week 8 – 16/03 Girls Soccer, 17/03 Basketball  
Week 9 – 25-26/03 Boys Soccer  
Week 10 – 30-31/03 Girls Touch, 1-2/03 Boys Touch

For any sport queries, please contact me on matthew.armstrong@bne.catholic.edu.au

This Tuesday in Prep we welcomed students from the UQ Occupational Therapy Screening and Development Program. The occupational therapy students organised fun activities which focused on attention and listening skills. In the coming weeks we will learn more about pencil control and handwriting, movement and balance skills.
BOOK CLUB - SUSAN AND RAELENE

Book Club flyers were sent home with students last week. Orders & payments are due back to school on Monday 16th March and books will be distributed to your child's class on Monday the 30 March. Extra copies of the flyers are available at the office. Thanks for supporting Book Club - Susan & Raelene (Book Club volunteers)

YEAR 3 INCURSION

Rick Roser, an aboriginal presenter, intrigued the Year 3 students with his story telling and activities last Friday.

A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN

CHOIR
We have 59 very talented students in the school choir this year. They are very organised and are already singing with beautiful tone.

BAND
Band rehearsals will commence next Wednesday 11 March at 7.30am in the music room. Students have been invited to join the band by their instrumental teachers. All students have been given a note with the necessary information. Mrs Chivers will be helping to conduct and would like all her students at rehearsal. I look forward to seeing them all next Wednesday.

SEASON FOR GROWTH - SR JENNY

The Seasons for Growth Program is an Australian based program for children who are experiencing grief and loss in their lives. These losses can include the loss of a parent or significant other (e.g. grandparents, siblings, etc) through death or separation. It also includes the loss of a parent or significant other through separation or divorce. This program aims to educate children who are experiencing grief to assist them to understand that the reactions associated with their losses are normal. It also helps children to develop skills for coping, problem solving and decision-making and for building peer support networks thus aiding the restoration of self-confidence and self-esteem. The Seasons for Growth Program is a whole school program catering for children who are experiencing grief in years 2 to 6.

Sr Jenny will offer this program starting the week beginning 9th March. Which year levels it will be offered to will be determined by parent response to the form at the bottom of this program outline. I will contact parents/caregivers to let them know which year level will be involved. Please place the signed permission form in an envelope marked for Sr Jenny’s attention and return to the school office. I can be contacted every day at St Joseph’s if you wish to know more about this program.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE: Attention SR JENNY

PERMISSION FORM FOR THE SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

Child’s Name ___________________________________________________ Year Level ____________________

Grief Situation (e.g. Divorce, death) _______________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________________

I give permission for my child to attend this program.

Parent Signature ____________________________________________________
MOTHERS DAY STALL

We are well underway with our preparations for the upcoming Mother's Day stall but would love to see some new faces join us. We are in the Multi Purpose Room on a Wednesday morning from drop off until 11am. Come and help wrap, glue, cut or just come for cuppa.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH YOUTH NEWS: United Youth meetings: every second Friday (next one 20th March), starting at 5.30pm at St Joseph’s School Hall. We will not be meeting on Good Friday, but we’ll do something during the holidays instead.

Youth Mass: 9am March 8th, practice at 8am.

Band practice: Every Tuesday night in the parish office meeting room from 7 – 8pm. On Tuesday, 17th March, we will be joining in the celebrations of our Parish’s 60th Anniversary Mass. Cathy 0400 494 943 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

SCHOOL BUSES Transdev Queensland (TDQ) has revised the Yatala school services, and will be making a number of route and timing changes to improve student safety and adjust route timing issues. These changes will commence on 9th March. We strongly encourage all students and parents to revise their pick up time on this route prior to the commencement of the new routes. You can find all school route and timetable information on Transdev Qld’s website at http://www.transdevqld.com.au.

REMINDING THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE (AIF) This year is extremely significant to all Australians. 2015 is the 100 year anniversary of the landing of our Australian soldiers in Gallipoli, Turkey. Over the course of the First World War 420,000 Australian men enlisted including 57,000 Queenslanders.

Over 156,000 soldiers were wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner. Many Queensland families, including those in the Beenleigh and Logan District, have a connection to those soldiers. Those ANZACs echo to us today.

THE FIRST: an ANZAC tribute to the 1st AIF will be produced by Beenleigh Theatre Group, in association with the Beenleigh and District RSL and supported by the Queensland Government. It has been written by local teacher and historian Phil Buttigieg. Performances times are Friday and Saturday nights at 7.30pm and Saturday matinees at 2pm.

THE 2015 RIO TINTO RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER® Paul Bradley

Hi, my name is Paul Bradley the father of Keegan in grade 6 and Kaitlin in grade 1. In August I am participating in The 2015 Rio Tinto Ride to Conquer Cancer®, a 2-day, 200km cycling event that raises funds for cancer research.

The Rio Tinto Ride to Conquer Cancer is a cycling journey throughout Queensland's scenic countryside that I'm embarking on to fight cancer. It will be a challenge in a number of ways, but with my bike, my helmet, and your generosity, a real impact will be made! Contribute to this history-making event with a donation. Funds raised will support breakthrough research, exemplary teaching, and compassionate care at the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, a worldwide leader in cancer research and discovery and one of the largest research institutes in the southern hemisphere. Donations can be made through the link below.


Thank you in advance for your support of this great cause.

CALYN’S 9th BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNDAY FUNDRAISER

Australia’s child of courage and real life superhero is turning 9! Come and celebrate with us his achievements in the last 12 months. He is walking again, he is laughing and he is even kicking goals!

The day will be filled with fun, laughter and lots of memories. There will be live entertainment sure to get you dancing and singing. A cook off judged by 2014 My Kitchen Rules 2 dad’s Paul and Blair, A talent contest for all the superstars in the making judged by our very own Ruby Slipperz, Beenleigh’s councillor Jennie Breen and the talented Sean Andrews.

This event is filled with amusement for the kids, market stalls for the adults and food to satisfy everyone’s taste buds.

All money raised will be donated to the Bringing Calyn Home Appeal and used for Calyn’s upcoming treatments as well as a seizure alert dog. We look forward to sharing this special event with you all and making memories that last a lifetime.

Contact Rebecca bringingcalynhome@hotmail.com www.facebook.com/BringingCalynHome Mobile: 0432 310 990

GARAGE SALE THIS SATURDAY FOR MELONY

6am-12noon. 7 Laura Court Mt Warren Park.

My garage is overflowing with stock. All funds raised go to a St Joeys’ mum of two (Melony) for an operation. Over $600 was raised at the last sale. It would be great if we can do it again.
This year our community will host a twilight market event in place of a school fete. It will take place on 1st May from 5:30-9:00. We are looking for anyone who would like to hold a stall to get in touch with the school office for a registration form. We are happy for you or anyone you know to set up and sell arts, crafts, food and any other market items on the night. As well as that we will be having a BBQ stall, bar, entertainment, music and carnival rides. To make the night a success we will be looking for volunteers to assist with registrations, sale of ride passes, setting up and serving in the BBQ and drinks stalls. A formal request for assistance will be coming your way soon. We look forward to your assistance to make the night a financial and social success. Funds raised will go towards improvements in our playgrounds.

Registration forms are available at the office, on the St Joey’s Mums and Dads Facebook page, the school website and parent portal.
Do you have a market product to sell? Are you looking for a new venue to display your wares?

St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School is hosting their first twilight market on Friday 1 May at Beenleigh

Please contact the coordinator on 3287 2798
or email stjosephspandfbeenleigh@gmail.com

Information and registration forms can be downloaded at: stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au

Winter 2015 Season
Sign on:
Sat 14 March 15
9:00 am to 11:30 am
Cornubia Sports Centre
146 Bryants Rd, Shailer Park

- teams for all ages & skill levels: 4yrs -19yrs
- passionate coaches and team managers
- player development programs
- representative level playing opportunities
- motivated, enthusiastic committee
- friendly, family oriented club

Email: jazzbasketball.committee@gmail.com

Like us on face book: Jazz Basketball Club

Get your body into Basketball!

St Patrick’s OSHC
Easter Vacation Care Program 2015
Opening Hours
7.30am - 5.30pm
7th April—17th April 2015

More information and booking forms are available on the school website and app.