Dear Parents

PENTECOST
This Sunday is the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost celebrates the time when Jesus sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. In Luke's Acts of the Apostles, the story is told of how the disciples of Jesus had gathered in a room after his death. They were terrified that what had happened to Jesus could so easily happen to them. They were disheartened, hope-less and frightened. Their leader and friend had been taken away from them and they therefore lacked direction and a sense of purpose. Crippled by fear, and replete with uncertainty, they waited in the room.

The spirit of God came upon the disciples as Jesus had promised. It started with a rush of wind before tongues of fire came to rest upon the heads of the disciples. Wind and fire are biblical images of God. Ruah (God's breath or spirit) hovered over the waters during the time of creation. It was God's creative breath that gave life to the clay that had been moulded into human form in the story of creation in the book of Genesis. God's spirit brought the dry bones (representing a broken and lifeless Israel) back to life in the book of the prophet, Ezekiel. During the Exodus from Egypt, God was represented to Moses through the burning bush that was never consumed. The fire gave the people light – it showed them the way.

What happened as a result of receiving the gift of God's spirit? The disciples were emboldened to spread the good news about Jesus to the world. They went out to the ends of the known world with courage, purpose and conviction to tell others what they had learned and to witness to it. They set up communities where love and care for the poor and those who were outcast became the hallmarks of the Christian way. The disciples were sustained and nourished by God's spirit and the spirit of Jesus alive in their hearts.

May God's energising and creative spirit bring new life to our community at St Joseph's.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Our Mother’s Day Stall raised just under $3000 profit for the P & F. Many families and friends contributed items for the stall and we were blessed with an enthusiastic band of helpers who wrapped the gifts and manned the stall over the week. The money raised was secondary to the joy brought to families and the community spirit generated through this effort. Congratulations and thank you to all involved!

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, 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.
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.

DATA PROJECTORS FOR SCHOOL HALL
We are pressing ahead with the installation of data projectors for the school hall. PLS (Performance Lighting and Sound) will also install the lighting circuitry properly so that our stage lights can be safely used.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST – 02 June
The parish will be in contact with families regarding discernment interviews regarding the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

On Sunday 02 June at St Patrick's Church, children from St Joseph's will be confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time. Bishop Joseph Oudeman will be the celebrant at this special celebration which begins at 10.30am. Fr Tony Girvan will concelebrate. Congratulations to all of these children, to their families and to everyone who had a hand in preparing the children for these sacraments. We pray that the Holy Spirit will be constantly active in their lives and that the children will deepen their relationship with Jesus through their regular celebration of the Eucharist throughout their lives.

VOLUNTEERS - STUDENT PROTECTION
If you are a volunteer at St Joseph's, entering the school grounds to help out, for example, in classrooms or the art room or at a school event and are therefore working with/_near children, you need to be familiar with the Student Protection Handbook for Volunteers which is available at the office. Legislation requires that all school volunteers must receive this information and complete all attached forms (Volunteer Suitability Declaration Form / Volunteer Student Protection Information Sign-off Sheet). If you have not done so already, please collect a copy from Bron Moorton in the office.

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.

EXCURSIONS / INCURSIONS / CAMPS / SWIMMING LEVY / DANCE LEVY
Thank you to our families who continue to ensure that the cost of camps, excursions, incursions and levies are paid in full prior to these events.

It is important to note that when a family receives a concession, the concession does not apply to excursions, camps and levies – these must be paid in full.

Families who are on a payment plan similarly MUST pay for the cost of camps, excursions and levies separately from the payment plan.

Unfortunately, the school is left to carry the burden when families do not pay. We do not want to exclude children from these important curriculum-based activities but we may be left with no other choice if families refuse to pay for their participation.

NAPLAN TESTING 2013
As you would be aware the children from Years 3, 5 & 7 have taken part in NAPLAN testing this week (Tues, Wed and Thurs). Though the children will have been prepared for these tests, we do not make NAPLAN our curriculum. Results come in term 4 and they can be useful in identifying areas in need of improvement or development.

The NAPLAN 2013 Information for Parents brochure is available online.

Colds and Flu
As the weather gets colder we enter the season during which colds and flu seem to be common place. Please encourage children at home to practise sensible hygiene routines especially during the cold and flu season. When sneezing or coughing, use a tissue. Throw the tissue in the bin and wash your hands. Wash your hands regularly throughout the day even if you don’t have a cold. Avoid putting fingers in the mouth or eyes or nose.
WINTER UNIFORM
For Prep children (every day), and for other children in Years 1-7 (PE Day and Friday) the uniform is the school sports uniform. This consists of the school polo shirt, shorts/skort, school socks and black joggers. The school blue hat is to be worn. During winter, the children wear the school tracksuit with their sports uniform. Should children still be cold, they are allowed to wear appropriate clothing under their uniform such as spencers or thermals or leggings. Please ensure that leggings are the ‘school’ blue colour and that clothing worn underneath the polo is white, black or school blue. Please don’t send children to school in pink or other ‘non-school’ colours! For children in Years 1-7 the formal winter uniform includes the green fleece jacket. Children are allowed to wear our school long trousers or bottle green leggings.

Please do not mix and match uniforms. The tracksuit is for the sports uniform (and Prep uniform). The green fleece jacket is for the formal uniform.

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.

YEARS 3-7 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Athletics Carnival for Years 3-7 takes place on Tuesday 18 June at the Oliver Sports Complex, 293 Logan Street, Eagleby.

WINE STALL – SCHOOL FETE
Peter Lovegrove and I will be conducting the Wine Stall at this year’s fete on 01 June. This involves gathering donations from families and the wider community and selling tickets for a chance at winning a bottle. The bottles are labelled with even numbered tickets and then the evens and odds are added to the draw bag. For $3, punters pull out a ticket from the bag and have a chance of winning a bottle of wine if they draw out an even number. If an odd number is drawn, you lose your money. As all wine is donated, the stall makes a profit and those who have a go can win some very good quality wines.

The stall runs for as long as the donated wine lasts! Please kindly donate bottles of wine for this stall through the front office. Do not give wine to the children to bring to school! Staff also contribute to this stall through their wine donations.

JOSEPHITE COLLOQUIUM
The Josephite Colloquium is an opportunity for people to gather to explore the mission and charism of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, and to share their experiences during a time of prayer and reflection. It is our intention as a school administration to send at least two members of staff to the Colloquium each year so that we may continue to invigorate the spirit of Mary MacKillop within our school community and revitalise our school mission. Ellen Anderson and Amber Dair will be travelling south to the MacKillop Centre in North Sydney for the Colloquium in May. Later in the year, Peter Lovegrove and Bron Moorton will attend.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS
Congratulations to Azariah Bourdon, Kassie Cole and Sam Heaton (reserve) who made it through to the Regional Cross Country Championships after placing in the District Cross Country at Canterbury College last week. Congratulations also to all of the children who competed in the trials, particularly to those who participated in the runners’ club before school. Our next meet is the Catholic Zone 2 Cross Country to be held at St Edward's at Daisy Hill on 30 May.

PREP 2014 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS
I am coming to the end of the interview process for Prep 2014 placements. Current 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 the 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 OF THE WEEK
PF: Lola Tyrell-Raddatz, Fraser Allen, Milly McCallum, Ashleigh Harrison, Hayley Parker
PC: Jake Moody, Justin Downs
1F: Ciara Wooding, Juliette Barreras
2F: Tahlia Caruana, Natalia Zakrzewski, Alyssa Russell, Abbey Shaw
3C: Olivia Barnes
4C: Alex Cleeland, Jarek Dunikowski
5C: Ethan Thompson, Vincent Villanes
6C: Meghan Hutchinson
7L: Grace Billington, Zain Goode

Golden Gnome: 1st: 2F, 3C, 2nd: 3F, 3rd: 7F, 7C
ST JOSEPH’S CAMPING WEEKEND

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.

When? June 7th-10th
Where? Flanagan’s Reserve Bush Camping, 1.5hrs from Beenleigh
Cost? Minimum 3 night stay (Due to Long Weekend)
$30 Adult, $15 Child, Under 3yrs are Free.

!!!Expressions of Interest!!!
Last year we had a great turn out. Please register your expression of interest (so we get an idea of numbers and secure a booking) to 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

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

BEENLEIGH PCYC SCARY HAIR DISCO-Junior grades grade 1 – 7 ONLY
Come with Your Best Scary Hairdo! Lost of fun games and prizes for best dressed!
Friday 17th May 2013. 6pm start finishing at 9pm. Admission $7.
Children must be dropped off and picked up by a parent/guardian at the end of the disco!
(07) 3380 1777  20-38 Alamein Street  Beenleigh 4207
**Look out for the STAR WARS STORMTROOPERs. They are coming to the FETE!!!**

To make our fete a great success, which ultimately supports the students, we need your help.

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- **STALLS.** There are many stalls in the table below already asking for donations. Items can now be sent to the school office or classroom.

- **MONSTER RAFFLE.** The raffle has 5 prizes. First prize is a 7x5ft high side trailer filled with outdoor goodies!! Raffle tickets have been sent home. There is a booksellers prize for the family that sells the most tickets. So if mum or dad can sell more tickets at work or to the extended family, extra tickets can be collected at the office. The raffle will be drawn at the fete. **ALL Raffle tickets for trailer need to come back to school (even if unsold).**

- **ON THE DAY.** Support a stall and work for an hour or few or even the day. We will need many hands to set up before and clean up after the fete. Be a master chef and help in the BBQ.

- **BUSINESSES.** Donations of camping, outdoor and entertainment goods to fill the trailer. Your support can be advertised in the newsletter.

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Return to P&F

I can support the fete by:

I __________________________ setting up before the fete. Phone no: __________________________

I __________________________ cleaning up after the fete. Phone no: __________________________

I __________________________ can help with the BBQ. Phone no: __________________________

I __________________________ can work on the __________________ stall if required, for ________ hours, starting at _________________________. Phone no: __________________________

My eldest child __________________________ is in ________________ (class).
ST JOSEPHS 2013
FETE

12 NOON SATURDAY 1 JUNE

Rides operate: 12noon - 5pm

Purchase family / single ride passes

Ride the Hurricane / Cup and Sauce
Giant Slide / Lost Temple Castle
Rock Wall / Junior Jumping Castle

Purchased before 31 May:
Single pass - $30 Family pass - $55

Purchased on the day:
Single pass available only - $35

Paid Arm bands will be given to children at the fete.
Preferred payment method: Cash / Cheque to office. Eftpos is available if necessary.

Concludes with fireworks at 5.30pm

Come and join the fun