Dear Parents

LOVE ONE ANOTHER – JOHN 13:34-35
In last Sunday’s Gospel, we hear the famous words of Jesus – “Love one another as I have loved you... By this shall everyone know that you are my disciples... if you have love for one another.” In the time after Jesus’ death, you can imagine that the disciples were dismayed and discouraged. How were they to carry on the work that began in Jesus, their leader? In John’s Gospel, a sign of a truly Christian community was one characterised by love. This wasn’t a soppy kind of love often portrayed in romantic movies. This was a practical love demonstrated in the way people cared for one another, ensuring that everyone in their community had friendship, food, clothing and shelter. The very least in the community were the most important for they drew the most care. This was the ultimate sign of the Christian community, because when Jesus spent his time with the poor, the sick, the lame, tax collectors and sinners, he loved them into life, forgiving them, and giving them a hope-filled future.

So the disciples of Jesus established Christian communities who followed the example of Jesus and the true hallmark of these communities was LOVE. So let that same care for one another be the sign of our Christian community here at St Joseph’s.

SECURITY SCREENS TO THE LIBRARY
I hope you have had a chance to see the new security screens installed at the school library over the Easter break. Sincere thanks to the P & F for their fundraising efforts and their organisation of this project. We much appreciate it and hope also that it will help to stop people from trying to break in and steal items that we have worked so hard to acquire for the children.

YEAR 7 TO SECONDARY - 2015
The time is fast approaching when Year 7 will be part of the secondary school campus. No doubt this transition will be an exciting opportunity for our children who will benefit from specialist teachers and facilities that can be offered at the secondary level. At Trinity College, further expansion of facilities is about to commence to cater for the influx of new Yr 7 students. With only one Yr 6 class coming through, St Joseph’s will lose a class next year when our current Yr 7’s (3 classes) complete their primary schooling. We will then be a school with 15 class groups instead of 16. As you would be aware, this will have flow-on effects across the school. For example, we will lose one teacher; specialist teachers will have fewer classes to teach so their contact time will be less; there will be less funding to the school and therefore teacher aide time could be less, depending on the other needs-based funding that comes to the school.

Because there is only one Yr 7 class next year, and since our current Yr 5’s will not see Yr 7 at St Joseph’s, we will share the opportunities for school leadership across the three classes. This has not been fleshed out fully as yet but we are working towards a just and fair school leadership process.

I will continue to draw your attention to this important and historic time through regular updates in our newsletter so please ensure that you keep up to date.
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.

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

Children from St Joseph's will take part in the District Cross Country Championships to be held at Canterbury College on 09 May. Information regarding these trials has already been distributed to the children. The permission booklet for students wishing to attend District or Regional events must be completed by families and signed off at school by the principal. No booklet – no carnival.

Year 5 Excursion

Children from Yr 5 will travel to St Helena Island for an excursion today. We hope they have a great time and that the weather is kind!

NAPLAN Testing 2013

NAPLAN tests for years 3, 5 & 7 take place on 14, 15 & 16 May this year. Children in these year levels will practise for these tests so that they are not overwhelmed on the actual testing days. Children must be at school on these days so please do not make other appointments. Though we do gain some useful data about student learning from these tests, we do not make NAPLAN the curriculum! So though we do prepare the children for what they might expect, we do not spend excessive amounts of time on NAPLAN.

Anzac Day

It was a fine day for Anzac Day 2013 and the people of Beenleigh turned out in their thousands for the annual march and service at the memorial. Approximately 80 students from St Joseph’s participated in the march which is close to a record, I think. I did notice many more in the crowds – I don’t know why they didn’t march with the other students? Thank you to Katrina Giebels for her splendid organisation of our participation in this year’s event. She always does a thorough and excellent job. Sincere thanks also to the staff who supported the event and to the many families who also showed their school and national spirit through their attendance. There is also a growing attendance at the mass held prior to the march which is great to see. I encourage families to forge a closer relationship with the parish through your regular attendance at mass. Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the Anzac Day march. A certificate of participation was sent to your classrooms yesterday.

One-Way Traffic Through the School Please

Entry to the school grounds is via Kokoda Street. Traffic then flows one way through the school to Tobruk Street. Please do not enter the grounds through Tobruk Street.

What’s Happening Next Door?

You may have noticed that there has been some activity on the adjacent block with all houses being demolished. Soon, the nursing home will also be demolished to make way for a new hospital and aged care facility. Things will eventually get rather busy around the precinct when construction gets under way. I have not been given a timeline for construction but will let you know when I am informed.
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.

PREP 2014 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS
I am still interviewing families for Prep enrolments 2014. 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
PC: Amy Hall, Lilly Huth, Mahlee Atutolu
1C: Emma Cook
2C: Jordan McArthur, Charlee Cohen, Madeline McErlean
3C: Ehla Little
4F: James Hall
6C: Cindy Porras
Golden Banking Award: 2C

EARLY YEARS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Early Years Athletics Carnival (Prep, Year One and Year 2)
Thursday 20th June - 9am-12pm

APP of the WEEK by ST J’s APPSTARS
Maths with Springbird (School Edition) - $6.49
Also available in Lite version (watch out for all the ads and in-app purchases that pop up. Don’t forget to use your restrictions highlighted in last week’s newsletter)
Description: This app has no advertisements or in-app purchases to be made. It is perfect for the classroom and the home. Your children will enjoy the fun and engaging way they can master their maths skills all while playing a game to free Springbird's friends. Work your way through each level finding the key, finish the level and save the bird.
Maths skills practised: Addition, Subtraction, Number sets, Shapes, Australian Coin counting
Suitable for: This app was designed for children 4-8 years old.
Compatible with: iPad only.
Look at www.applepieces.com for more educational apps.

WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH’S?
This week, we give thanks for our happy band of gardeners. These are the St Joey’s students who give their time willingly each Thursday and Friday to pull out the never ending supply of weeds, till the soil, check on the compost, water and revive the thirsty plants and find the new plants a happy place to grow in. This week, this joyful group of garden keepers started potting up for the Plant Stall at our Fete this year. Good job! Thanks to Mrs Schloman, Sister Jenny and Mrs Logan for giving their time to this activity as well.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL—ANGELA HOUGHTON
MOTHERS DAY STALL - Thursday May 9th and Friday May 10th
Preparations for the Mother’s Day Stall are well underway and I thank all who have donated time and goodies so far. We are still seeking donations of small individual chocolates and lollies, candles, cotton balls, hand lotions, shampoo, conditioners, bath salts, bubble bath, bath/shower gels, bath mitts and any other bits that may be a treat for mum are all greatly appreciated. Donations of cello wrap or bags and curling ribbon are also required to allow volunteers to add that little extra touch to your child’s gift.
We are also calling on volunteers to help over the 2 days. For further information please contact Angela Houghton 0403 834 112.
CANE FESTIVAL
We have a flatbed truck 95% confirmed to be decorated in this year’s Cane Festival to be held on Saturday 25th May 2013. Expressions of interest forms, for decorators and children to ride in the parade, will be sent out if/when the truck is confirmed.
As this is St Josephs 60th Anniversary this year and the theme for this year’s Festival is “back to the Sixties” it would be a great community event for all to be a part of. Contact Belinda Thompson 0412 47 8870 or bjt66@bigpond.com

MONSTER RAFFLE
Monster raffle tickets will be sent home this week. There is a prize for the family that sells the most tickets. The raffle is a 7x5ft highside trailer filled with outdoor goodies!! The prize will be drawn at the fete.

BANKING NEWS

Don’t forget that Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit to class.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Rewards this year include a Wallet, Handball, Jacks game and of course the great Dollarmite Money Boxes. To support this great program all your child needs is a Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver (Dollarmite) Account.

GOLDEN BANKING AWARD
Each deposit also provides commission for school. This week a Golden Banking Award began. It will go to the class who bank the most each Friday. At the end of the year the class who wins the most awards the most will receive iceblocks.

GET AN ACCOUNT
Ann Pinnock, Commonwealth Bank Representative will be at school on Friday, 31st May from 8.00 until 9.30 outside the office to help open student accounts. All you need to bring is your photographic ID if you are a non-CBA customer, as the school will ID your student.

COMPETITION
Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking. The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.
First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!
For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland

ST JOSEPH’S FAMILY 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. No matter what your camping experience is.

When? June 7th-10th JUNE LONG WEEKEND
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT
Come and join in a great fun filled night to raise money for Sids and Kids
Carol, Wayne, Sandy & Belinda will trek over 2500km in “CAR 66”
$15.00 per person Book your table now
Prize Money Raffles Games Lucky Door Prize
Where: St Joseph’s School, 53 Kokoda St, Beenleigh
When: Friday 3rd May 7.00pm (Doors open 6.30pm)
***BYO Alcohol & Nibblies***
Contact: Belinda Thompson 0412 478870 bit66@bigpond.com
Maximum 10 to a table

PARENTING TEENAGERS—FREE
Information Sessions for Parents and Carers presented by the School Aged Health and Wellbeing Action Group for the Logan Child Friendly Community Consortium
Tuesday 7th May: Parenting Through Puberty And Beyond. Venue: Logan North Library. Light refreshments provided. Cnr Sports Drive and Springwood Road, Springwood 6-7.30 pm.
Tuesday 21st May: Parenting Through Puberty And Beyond. Venue: Marsden Library. Light refreshments provided. 35 Chambers Flat Rd, Marsden 6-7.30 pm.
For more information or to RSVP. Contact Liza Gilbert on Ph 3412 2940. Or email liza_gilbert@health.qld.gov.au

SETON COLLEGE Information and Open School Morning
Tuesday 7th May, 2013. Will start promptly at 9am with an information Session in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school. The Open Morning is expected to finish at 10.30am.
1148 Cavendish Road, Mt Gravatt East 4122. Phone: 3291 5333. Fax: 3349 0416
Web page: http://www.seton.qld.edu.au Email: smtgravatt@bne.catholic.edu.au

YOUTH
Often we hear the well-intentioned question ‘where are all the young people....why don’t they come to Church? Well the young people are here, alive and well! Generation Y, Echo Boomers or Millennials Born: 1980 -1997 Age in 2013: 16 to 33. Generation Y hope the baby boomers will support them in the coming event! Although the Youth Council is hosting this event, it is open to everyone and we would like as many people to come as possible! Please see flyer attached.
RIDE PASSES NOW AVAILABLE

RIDES WILL INCLUDE: Hurricane / Giant Slide / Cup and Saucer / Rock Wall / Lost temple Castle / Junior Jumping Castle

RIDES WILL OPERATE: 12noon - 5pm

IF PURCHASED BEFORE 31ST MAY:
- SINGLE PASS - $30
- FAMILY PASS - $55

PURCHASED ON THE DAY:
- SINGLE PASS - $35

Preferred payment method: Cash / Cheque to office. Eftpos is available if necessary.
Paid Arm bands will be given to children at the fete.
(NO FAMILY PASSES WILL BE SOLD ON FETE DAY)

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