Yesterday it was a privilege for the school to have Bruce and Denise Morcombe visit and deliver their child safety message to students in Year 2 to 7. Bruce and Denise deserve the highest praise for the work that they do in light of the great hardship they have faced as loving parents.

Staff continued their unwavering commitment to professional development yesterday afternoon/evening with a 3 hour Positive Behaviour For Learning Twilight Workshop. I thank staff for their wholehearted engagement at this gathering after a long day in classrooms and other work spaces.

The 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge was recently launched and I encourage all students from Prep to 7 to rise to this literacy challenge! As I mentioned to students at assembly on Monday, ‘readers are achievers’, ‘readers are leaders’ and ‘reading takes you places that you’ve never been to before’, so, let’s get reading! Coincidently, Term 2 Book Club orders are due tomorrow.

On another literacy note, National Simultaneous Story Time came to St Joseph’s yesterday with the reading of the story, ‘Too Many Elephants In This House’. This event was thoroughly enjoyed by students and added to our ever present promotion of literacy at the school.

Also at Monday’s assembly, the 2014 Peer Mediators were announced and presented with their distinctive red hats and badges. These very generous Year 6 and 7 students will provide a most important service as a ‘port of call’ in the playground for students who experience interpersonal difficulties with their peers. These Peer Mediators are listed in a latter section.

Please note the cancellation of the Year 7 to Secondary Forum that was scheduled tonight at Coorparoo. Parents who had planned to attend have been advised to contact their child’s enrolling secondary school for any desired information.

This afternoon I welcomed Councillor Jennie Breene to St Joseph’s to commence discussions for improved drop-off and pick-up arrangements at the school.

Next Wednesday our Year 6 students will travel to Assisi College, Coomera, to engage in their Leadership Day. We trust that it is a memorable leadership experience for them.

In the latter part of next week, sporting focus occurs with the Catholic Zone 2 Cross Country Carnival on Thursday and the St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival for students in Year 3 to 7 on Friday. Related notes should now have arrived in relevant homes.

School photo envelopes should have also arrived in homes and parents are asked to read the provided information, carefully. We look forward to students presenting beautifully for class photo day on 10 June. Sporting and group photos are scheduled for Monday 16 June.

2015 Prep enrolment interviews have now concluded and offers of enrolment are on the threshold of being posted. I trust that there are no current families who have overlooked these interviews for children born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive.

This week we welcomed Adam Pereira (Year 2) and his family to the St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School community. We trust that your time with us is richly rewarding and everything that you hope for.

Mother Mary, in your devotional month of May, again we pray for your intercession in our lives, especially of the unwell. May they find comfort and strength in their weakness and have confidence in God’s loving care.

With Courage, Faith and Love

Stephen Johnson
PC: Eva Jago          PF: Hayden McDonald          1C: Havana Toeava
1F: Camryn Hinds      2C: Hayden Van De Langenberg  3C: Jacob Miller
3F: Tonisha Houghton  4C: Dylan Schipplock          4F: Shannon Crouch
5C: Dylan Cardiff     5F: Kaleb Van De Langenberg  6F: Jarrod Eaton
7C: Elliot Fekete     Golden Gnome: 1st–4F. 2nd–6F. 3rd–7C.

BOOK CLUB - LESLEY SOLAR

Book club orders close tomorrow, Friday 23 May at 9am

A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN

Talent Extravaganza auditions will be held next Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 May. Students are reminded to bring the music and any necessary props to their auditions. The audition timetable was posted outside the music room today.

DATE CLAIMER… Wednesday 25 June 2014—Talent Extravaganza Finals 11.30am in the school hall
Thursday 26 June 2014—Instrumental concert 2.10pm in the school hall

Dear Parents………………….about your Leonardo - MARY MCBRIDE

Congratulations Jess Miller. Jess is a grade 3 student whose entry in the Logan World Environment Poster Competition has been chosen to receive a winning award and prize.

Miss Ford and Miss Dair used the competition as a basis for a unit on the environment in grade 3 classes and then chose a number of art works to enter into the competition which is sponsored each year by Logan City Council.

Jess’ entry is one of 13 overall winners which will feature in Logan City Council’s 2015 World Environment Day Calendar and will be on display at LEAF (Logan Eco Action Festival) on Sunday 8th June and at the Logan Art Gallery from 16th May until 21st June 2014.

Jess will receive her award at Griffith University on 8th June. Well done, Jess. We are so proud of you.

LEAF is a free eco-festival with a wonderful array of free family and children’s activities including a giant slide, jumping castles, a rock climbing wall, face painting, hands-on eco workshops, eco business exhibitors, community environmental group displays, organic food, free trees and more.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY– ADVANCED LIFE PHOTOGRAPHERS

Dear Parents

We will be photographing your school on Tuesday 10th June 2014

A flyer/envelope was sent home this week on the 20 May for each of your students explaining the products available. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day. (Late orders are not accepted at the school.)

We have an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school office. Please collect and return the “family order envelope” to your school office. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography Ph: (07) 3216 8280 Fax: (07) 3216 8850

Please Note: Please have correct money in the envelopes. Change is not available at the school office.
CONGRATULATIONS 2014 PEER MEDIATORS

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joel Seeto and Tania Newton on the birth of Marley. A baby sister to India and Max.

Matthew Hoolahan has become a brother to his new baby sister. Congratulations to Matthew, Becci and Justin Brown.

P&F NEWS – ANGELA HOUGHTON

DATE CLAIMER… Saturday 26 July 2014

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MAVERICK NIGHT

Come one, come all, bring along family and friends to this fun games night with a difference. We will be setting the scene with a Black and White, Rags to Riches Theme as we join together in fun to raise funds for improved resources at our school. This is an adult only night so please book your baby sitter now… You won’t want to miss out on the fun!!!

We are seeking the support of businesses within our school family to help ensure the success of this night as our major fund raising event for 2014 and would greatly accept any donation family businesses can offer us. We are asking for donations of goods or services that we can raffle on the night or monetary sponsorship to help cover the costs of the evening. In return for your donation or sponsorship we will offer your business weekly advertisement in our school newsletter, this would include on our website, advertisement on the school notice board and visual advertising during our fundraising night via a power point presentation throughout the evening. Should you be able to help with sponsorship or donations please contact Angela Houghton on 0403 834 112 or email pbeenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au and mark Attention P&F Maverick Night. Thank you for your support.

APPRECIATION

We have received a certificate of appreciation for supporting Caristas’s Typhoon Haiyan Emergency Appeal. “Your life giving support assisted the International Caritas Network in providing much needed help to the millions of people affected by the typhoon in the Philippines”.

Thank you for helping support this worthy cause.

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES– SEMESTER 1, 2014

Bus Fare Assistance

Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary? Does your family spend more than $25/week* on fares to and from school (* $20/week if you hold a concession card)? Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities

Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school? Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent? Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 May 2014. Late applications cannot be accepted.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MORETON BAY 100 CHARITY BIKE RIDE- Lawnton Brisbane Queensland

Sunday August 10, 2014
163 km 100km 50km
Online Registration open now

www.moretonbay100.org.au

All proceeds aid Lions Youth Emergency Accommodation Center

Newsletter 22 May 2014
SENSORY MOVIE DAY- MR PEABODY- Event Cinemas-Browns Plains  
SUNDAY 25TH MAY  TICKETS only $8  ***NEW TIME – 10:15am***  
Every month we hold a movie at Events Cinemas Browns Plains for families with special needs. These screenings are so children can try every seat, flap, stim. The lights stay on dim and the sound is lowered. You will need to present a “Sensory Movie Day” membership card to purchase tickets. Membership cards are available at the cinema or will be handed out in the foyer before each screening if you don't have one. All family members are welcome!! Companion i.d. cards accepted. Children 2yrs and under are free. No Proof of Diagnosis necessary. $5 Small Popcorn and Small Drink available. Face-painting – Spot prizes – Balloons. C: Jacinta Huch 0458045881 sensory.movies@hotmail.com

BOOK NOW FOR CHALLENGE  2014  
Venue: Brisbane Boys College, Toowong  Time: 10am to 3pm  
Dates: Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July  
Please note: This is the second week of the school holidays  
Challenge 2014 is an exciting two-day program of challenging activities designed for students from Prep to Year 7 who are seeking extension beyond the regular school curriculum. All workshops offered are fast-paced and rigorous, and involve challenging activities pitched at individual abilities rather than chronological age. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to step up to a challenge, to meet other children of like minds and to establish new friendships. The workshops are presented by leaders with a keen interest in gifted education—experts in their field—who design programs to stimulate the interests, abilities and curiosities of gifted children. Each activity must have a minimum of 5 for it to run and there is a maximum of 15 in most sessions. Each day's workshop is for 4 hours. You can choose 1 workshop for 1 day of your choice or 2 workshops - 1 for each day if coming both days. There are some workshops which run for both days in which case you register only for that one workshop for both days. Information on the Challenge Activities provides an outline of the workshop to help decide which workshop you are interested in attending. 
To register complete Registration paperwork and submit according to the instructions. Registrations MUST CLOSE on 6th June with post and payment to be received by that date. Nothing can be accepted past this date. Activities description details and Registration paperwork can be found at http://www.qagtc.org.au/challenge-2014-workshops-for-gifted