This week we welcome the return of Father Joseph from holidays. Also, a minor variation to Mrs Hatzis’ Long Service Leave has occurred and she will now be returning to St Joseph’s on Monday 16 June. Pleasingly, Miss Willmot is able to continue as Mrs Hatzis’ replacement.

Staff continue to win my admiration through their ongoing provision of enriching offerings for students in their core teaching and learning business, as well as homework help and extra curricula offerings, such as club activities and special events. The Talent Extravaganza, Premier’s Reading Challenge and Wakakirri are a few of the ‘big ticket items’ currently on offer for students.

I enjoyed a promising meeting with local councillor and ex-parent at St Joseph’s, Jennie Breene, last Thursday, and I hope to be able to advise of new formal drop-off and pick-up arrangements at the school before too long. In the meantime, could I ask that all school motorists exercise the utmost care when driving in and around the school grounds, particularly when reversing to park in the southern car park area.

In order to enhance safety and organisation regarding tomorrow’s St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School Athletics Carnival for Year 3 to 7, students will be transported to and from the Eagleby venue by bus. Punctual arrival at school for 8.40am roll marking will be necessary, prior to the students moving in classes with teachers to board buses. Please note that you will be able to take your child/children directly from the venue later in the day instead of having them return to school by bus, however, it is requested that children stay until the completion of the final event to add to the colour and excitement of the day. If you do wish to take your child/children directly from the venue prior to the carnival’s conclusion, staff in the scoring tent must be informed. After the carnival’s conclusion, classroom teachers must be informed. If you have organised to take from the venue, a child/children from another family, a written and signed note from that family must be presented. A reminder that permission slips are required for return to classroom teachers prior to tomorrow’s event. I trust that those of you who are willing and able to come along and support the students on the day, enjoy all that the carnival has to offer.

Another reminder that 2014 class photos occur on Tuesday 10 June and sporting/group photos, on Monday 16 June. Please find related information in a latter section.

We pray for the Lin and Lahrs families after the recent passing of Lusiawati and Myra, both grandparents to children at St Joseph’s. Eternal rest grant unto Lusiawati and Myra, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

In the midst of National Reconciliation Week, we also pray that contemporary society in our ancient land, comes to know that true reconciliation requires the full engagement of hearts, minds and hands, by all. May courage allow the acceptance of the realities of our history. May strength and grace allow forgiveness. May love for one another grow, so that we may build a better future for our nation.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
Easter is not just eggs and chocolate!
Easter is the most important and defining celebration and season in the Church’s year. The season is the period in which we reflect on our salvation through Jesus’ sacrifice on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. The readings at the weekend Masses reveal the important legacy Jesus left with his disciples and the beginning of the Christian faith. He prepares them for their role of carrying on and evangelising people to the new way to God. We too, should spend this time preparing and praying for guidance as we move towards Pentecost where the focus is the Holy Spirit and its part in strengthening and supporting Christians in following in Jesus’ way.

Just as Easter is the most important Christian holiday, so too, the Easter season is the longest of the special liturgical seasons of the Church. It extends all the way to Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after Easter, and encompasses such major feasts as Divine Mercy Sunday and Ascension. In fact, Easter sends ripples out through the liturgical calendar even after the Easter season ends. Trinity Sunday and the feast of Corpus Christi, which both fall after Pentecost, are "moveable feasts," which means that their date in any given year depends on the date of Easter. Please take the time to explore this with your child and discuss the importance of Easter as a religious season and that its not just eggs and chocolate!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Ava Rossman  PF: Mitchell Daly  1C: Maddelyn Marston
1F: Danni Drescher  2C: Keegan Rorke  2F: Riley McVicker and Duncan Fekete
3C: Naomi Mataia  3F: Charlee Cohen  4C: Isabella Shala
4F: Kymberly James  5C: Shania-Chloe Smith  5F: Braedon Horsnell
6C: Jake Rowett  6F: Tom Hooker  7C: Dartaynion Wilson
Golden Gnome: 1st–4F. 2nd–2C & F. 3rd–1F.

BEENLEIGH HISTORICAL VILLAGE EXCURSION - YEAR 3

Last Thursday, Year 3 attended an excursion to the Beenleigh Historical Village as a part of our unit on changes and continuities in our community. We participated in many activities, including the old style of washing, working as a blacksmith, sitting in an old classroom and pressing the horn in the old fire engine. We had so much fun!

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Jacqueline Pele, a grade 6 student, left St. Joseph’s last week to return to Samoa to spend some time with her sick grandfather. She will probably not return to her family here until next year and by that time she will be in secondary school.

Jacqueline has always been a great asset to the art room. Her beaming smile and enthusiasm has contributed in a very positive way to the classes she has been involved with. We will miss her. We wish her well and hope that she will visit us when she returns.

Jacqueline produced her Lenten cross in term one and she has taken it to give to her grandfather in Samoa. As it will not be on display with the rest of the grade 6/7 crosses later in the year I thought that we could display it here in the newsletter for all to see.

Her aunt, Mrs Mataia, who Jacqueline lived with, has children here at St Joseph’s and we look forward to hearing all about Jacqueline’s adventures.

TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA auditions were held this week. Once again, our students excelled in a wide variety of performances. There were drummers, keyboard players, comedians, gymnasts, dancers and singers who all excelled in their field. Congratulations to all.

Finalists will be notified on Thursday after snack. Please see the notices outside the music room and hall.

Finals – Wednesday 25 June at 11.30am.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Parents

We will be photographing at 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](http://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.*
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. 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 advertisement in our school newsletter, which goes 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.

DATE CLAIMER... Saturday 26 July 2014

GAMES NIGHT FUNDRAISER   This Sat 31st May, 6pm – 10pm
St Joseph’s School Hall, 53 Kokoda St, Beenleigh
Dinner, play money and drinks on sale
Also, raffle and other prizes to be won.
Child-minding available
For more info: contact Cathy on 0400 494 943
In aid of Destiny Rescue, an International Children’s Charity

PARISH NEWS

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS CLOSING

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.