PLEASE NOTE: Weekly events are only published in the first week.

Friday 31 May
8-9am: Banking account opening day

Saturday 1 June
St Joseph’s Fete

Sunday 2 June
Confirmation and 1st Eucharist

Monday 3 June
Assembly

Tuesday 4 June
8-8.30am: Homework help
8.15-9.15am: Uniform Shop
3-4pm: Wakakirri Practice

Wednesday 5 June
7.30am: Band
7.45am: St Joey’s Running Club
8-8.30am: Homework help
2.05pm: Choir

Thursday 6 June
Liturgy Readings: PC
2.15-3.15pm: Uniform shop

Friday 7 June
8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
7.45am: St Joey’s Running Club

Monday 10 June
Queen’s birthday public holiday

Tuesday 11 June
School Photos: Take envelopes to class
P&F Meeting

Wednesday 12 June

Thursday 13 June
Mass Readings: 4C

Friday 14 June
Yr 2,3,4: Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems
School Disco

Friday 21 June
Tuckshop Day
2.55pm: End of term 2
Dear Parents

**FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**
This Sunday is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. When I was growing up, I attended a yearly mass and march at the RNA showgrounds celebrated usually by the Archbishop of Brisbane. All of the Catholic Schools would attend and we would gather proudly behind our school banner and march into the showgrounds before mass was celebrated. The occasion was the feast of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ). What this special occasion did was to emphasize in the community the importance of the Eucharist, its primary place in the practice of our faith.

At **St Patrick’s Church this Sunday, on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**, 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.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN – “YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO ME”**
A letter from Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be posted to parents/guardians of all BCE school students, asking for their support of the Annual Catholic Campaign. As all school families are part of the wider Catholic family, the Archbishop will be making contact with you even if you do not regularly attend parish weekend masses. Instead of having several fundraising collections in the parishes, the Archdiocese is focussing its resources and energy on one combined appeal across parishes and schools. The Annual Catholic Campaign raises money for the training of priests, the provision of the Catholic agency Centacare (not Centre Link, which is a government agency), and the establishment of a fund (MacKillop Fund) to assist families who cannot afford to send their Catholic children to Catholic Schools.

Schools are encouraged to conduct fundraising activities to support the ACC as well, so the Student Council may organise a free/themed dress day before the end of this term. Please support this appeal in any way you can because you can make a real difference!

**SCHOOL FETE – SATURDAY 01 JUNE**
I am looking forward to our fete on Saturday 01 June. It is a great community event bringing all of our families, the parish and the wider community together for a fun day. I hope to see you there!!

**WINE STALL – SCHOOL FETE**
The wine stall (organised by Peter Lovegrove and me) 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. Many thanks to those who have been able to contribute bottles of wine already – your donation is much appreciated.

**ABSENTEE**
If your child is away from school, please contact the school **on the morning of the day of absence**. Dial 1 when prompted and leave a message. Or send your child’s class teacher an email. Or send an email to beenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au Remember, if you don’t let us know, we can only assume that he/she is away sick. We won’t know that he/she might have walked to school and did not make it – a possible scenario. AND you would not know that he/she did not get to school until someone came to pick her up that afternoon. Please let us know as soon as possible on the day of absence.

**LATE ARRIVALS**
It is concerning that we can have on any given day up to 30 children arriving late to school. The time varies but some can regularly be late by 20 minutes. Over a term, a semester or a year, that’s quite a lot of school time missed! 20 mins X 5 days a week = 1hr 40 mins; over 40 school weeks this would be close to 67 hrs or over 13 full days that a child would miss! Please endeavour to have children at school on time. Thank you to the families who consistently do this!

**APPOINTMENTS**
If you have to pick up your child for an appointment outside of school, please ensure that your child and the class teacher know when you will be picking them up. Children can be sent to the office to be waiting ready for when you arrive. It is difficult to find children around the school especially during lunch break. It is also time consuming and disruptive for office staff to ring around classrooms searching for children who could be at specialist lessons or instrumental music lessons or doing outside classroom activities.

**NO PARKING IN FRONT OF STAFF CAR-PARK**
Please do not block the exit of the staff car-park either before or after school. **Use only marked car-park spaces for dropping off or collecting children.**

**PLEASE WAIT FOR CHILDREN IN THE MANGO TREE AREA AFTER SCHOOL**
It seems that many parents are waiting in the staff car-park just behind the Tobruk building ready to catch their children as they come by after school. Unfortunately they are blocking the pathway through to the mango tree area and classes are finding it difficult to get through. Please wait in the mango tree area to collect children after school.
DATA PROJECTORS FOR SCHOOL HALL
PLS (Performance Lighting and Sound) will be installing the data projectors and screen in the hall from Wednesday 29 May to Friday 31 May. The hall will be unavailable during installation.

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.

PARISH FUNERALS – PARKING ARRANGEMENTS
Quite regularly there are funerals held in the parish church. Some funerals are very private, whilst others can be supported by hundreds. When a funeral is taking place, the parish notifies the school well beforehand. Our maintenance staff put out markers to secure parking spaces for those who need parking at the funeral. When you see the markers outside the church, it will remind you not to park in the church car-park because there is funeral on that day. For large funerals, we open up the school netball court/car-park for visitors.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
Children are only allowed to use the adventure playground in the Mango Tree area (P-2 Playground) under the direct supervision of staff. St Joseph’s children are not permitted to ‘supervise’ younger siblings before or after school. Teachers on duty after school are not supervising the adventure playground – they are there to look after the Joey’s children waiting to be picked up after school. It is a concern that young children (presumably younger siblings) are playing unsupervised by their parents on the playground equipment. Teachers will not order children who should be supervised by parents away from the equipment. They will intervene when Joey’s children are there. Parents, please supervise your children if they are on the equipment.

PREP 2014
Prep 2014 interviews are now complete and first round offers now sent to families. Usually we have a few families from outside the school who decline the offer of a place at Joey’s so those who will miss out in the first round of offers may still have a chance later in the term.

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.

COLLECTING CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL
Recently one of our children was found at 4.15pm by OSHC staff waiting on Tobruk Street to be picked up after school. Apparently, the person picking the child up was running late. Anything could have happened to this child who was obviously not supervised during this time.
For the safety of every child, we ask that children wait to be picked up by families after school in the mango tree area. Teachers are on duty in this area and children who are not collected by 3.20pm are taken to the office where their parents are contacted. This is the only safe place for children to wait after school.

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.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1C: Destiny King, Cruz Sula-Siaosi  1F: Jack Byron, Macey Buttigieg
2F: Max Shore  2C: Madison Schipplock, Ryan Kennedy
3C: Colby Bale  3F: Kyle Harrison, Henry Wright
4F: Jaden Schipplock, Hannah Marsh, Kate Radburn, April Smith, Kyla Mairhofer, Mikaelah James
4C: Jenna Butler  5F: Khloe Brinkmann, Nicholas Whitford
5C: Brendan Searle, Cooper Barnes  6C: Charlee Feast
7F: Filloreta Shala  7L: Gemma Watt, Riley Bale
Golden Gnome: 1st: 2nd: 3rd:  Golden Banking Award: 1C

HOMEWORK HELP

As well as St Joseph’s Homework Help for our students each Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8am to 8.30 in the school library, there is a free online tutoring service offered by Logan City Libraries. It is available for school students from Years 3 through to 12 and operates each Monday to Friday from 4pm to 8pm. How it works
- Students first select their subject and year level.
- They then enter the Online Classroom where they are connected to a live tutor.
The student asks their question and the tutor works through it with the student.
For further information, see http://loganlibraries.org/tutor

WOOLORTHS EARN & LEARN POINTS

This fundraising program by Woolworths finishes at the end of June. At this stage we have 6 600 points. If you have loose stickers at home and no official points sheet, either send the stickers to school where they will be placed on a sheet or pick up a new points sheet, available from the front office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be held on Tuesday 11 June this year. Student envelopes were sent home on Monday 27 May. Please note:
- Send envelopes to class on photo day. (Not office)
- Correct money required as change will not be available.
- The school cannot accept late envelopes.
- One student envelope per child.
- One sibling envelope (available at the office) per family. (For portraits of siblings together)
- Please read instructions and complete envelopes carefully to ensure your child’s photo is taken.

A MUSICAL NOTE– RENUKA HARAN

Auditions for the talent Extravaganza were held this week. We have very talented children at our school. Students have devised their own acts, chosen the music and practiced regularly. Finalists who will perform at the show on the 19 June will be informed next week.

INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE

The choir, band and many instrumentalists will be performing in the hall at 12noon Saturday at the school fete.

ST JOSEPH’S CAMPING WEEKEND

Come and relax and unwind, share a story around the campfire and bush-walk with friends. St Joseph’s are going camping again! Swimming, bushwalking, fun and games are all on the agenda again, and it’s set to be a fantastic week-end. Past, present and future Joey’s community members are all welcome.

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

Have you made your booking?
Last year we had a great turn out, and it is again looking like it’s going to be a well-attended weekend, with around 18 families and 62 people already registered. But there is still room for plenty more, so grab your friends and get organised! Secure your spot with 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.

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES – SEMESTER 1 2013

Bus Fare Assistance & Students with Disabilities
Visit www.schooltransport.com.au to see if you qualify and apply for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport by 31 May 2013.
Late applications cannot be accepted.