At Monday’s assembly, I was most pleased to be able to present medallions to the high achievers at this year’s St Joseph’s Cross Country. The names of these outstanding runners can also be found in a latter section of this newsletter. Congratulations to these students.

Safety will always be of the highest priority at St Joseph’s and this was evidenced by the staging of an Emergency Evacuation Drill, yesterday. My thanks to the school’s Workplace Health and Safety Officer (WHSO), Mrs Logan, for coordinating this important undertaking.

The Mothers’ Day Stall that has run over the last two days has been a highly successful offering for students. They have been happily shopping away with the thought of spoiling their ever loving mothers. My thanks to P&F President, Angela Houghton and her team of helpers for all that they have done to enable this gift purchasing.

Our next P&F related activity is this Saturday’s Term 2 Working Bee from 8.00am to 11.00am. Again, tasks will be mainly of the gardening variety and such tools are requested to be brought. Please come along if you are willing and able. Enjoyable camaraderie, refreshments and snacks are assured.

A reminder about the important meetings being held in the staffroom next Tuesday 13 May, i.e. Year 6 and 7 Graduation planning (5.30pm), Maverick Night planning (6.00pm) and May P&F (7.00pm). All are welcome to each.

This time next week, NAPLAN will be over for another year. A table outlining specific assessment dates, follows. Again, the Parent Carer Support section on the NAPLAN website (www.naplan.edu.au) is a highly recommended read for parents with students in Year 3, 5 and 7.

Please note that Term 2 school fees are due next Tuesday 13 May. Please strive for due date payment.

I can confirm that Year 2 students will be welcome to join students in Year 3 to 7 for the Bruce and Denise Morcombe child safety presentation in the hall from 9.00am on Thursday 21 May. Parents, relatives and friends across the school are also most welcome to attend.

Best wishes to one of our hard working teacher aides, Mrs Follett, who will be enjoying some well-earned Long Service Leave next week.

I trust that on Sunday, all mothers, and those who assume a motherhood role in their lives, are made to feel very special. We thank God for the love and support that you provide to those in your care.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
COMPUTER GAMES

As a long-time fan of computer games (going back to the original Space Invaders and Atari home systems) I have enjoyed many hours of creative (and destructive) fun and have found playing games a good way to unwind and de-stress. Whether we like it or not they have become a part of everyday life. They are part of home, school and everywhere in between. We use them for recreation and learning in both the child and adult worlds.

I would like to comment over the next weeks on how they can affect kids in a positive and negative way at the same time. I believe that computer games offer many positive outcomes for your children (our students). This week I would like to highlight the benefits of children engaging with computer games. I can hear the kids cheering now that Mr Lovegrove said we should play computer games and they are good for you. Next week I will focus on some of the negatives associated with playing computer games. I anticipate lots of boos after that.

Some of the benefits associated with kids playing computer games include:

- Problem solving and hand-eye coordination, fine motor and spatial skills.
- Multitasking, simultaneous tracking of many shifting variables and managing multiple objectives.
- Improved ability to rapidly and accurately recognize visual information.
- Planning, resource management and logistics.
- Quick thinking, making fast analysis and decisions.
- Situation.
- Perseverance.
- Estimating skills.
- Mapping.
- Concentration.
- Taking risks.
- How to respond to frustrations.
- Teamwork and cooperation when played with others.
- Simulation, real world skills.

For more information please visit [http://www.raisesmartkid.com/3-to-6-years-old/4-articles/34-the-good-and-bad-effects-of-video-games](http://www.raisesmartkid.com/3-to-6-years-old/4-articles/34-the-good-and-bad-effects-of-video-games)

CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS

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WORKING BEE

THIS WEEK END

Saturday 10 May 8am-11am.

- Bring your tools and gloves
- Kids are welcome to help
- Babysitting available

We will finish the morning with lunch together.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Ella Russell
PF: Malaika Lancaster
1C: Cohan Pitts
1F: Sean Bailey
2C: Jake Ferrari
2F: Khanya Hughes
3C: Jacyntha McCormack
3F: Locky Buchbach
4C: Matthew Bristol
4F: Harry Bowe
5C: Maddie Fowkes
5F: Jewell Mitchell
6C: Lauren Whitford
6F: Jasinta Keo
7C: Meghan Hutchinson

Golden Gnome: 1st–2C & 2F. 2nd–4F. 3rd–1C & 1F.

A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN

DATE CLAIMER

Talent Extravaganza 2014 finals – Wednesday 25 June
Instrumental Concert 1 – Thursday 26 June.

We look forward to seeing you at all these musical happenings in term 2.

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

Logan Art Gallery will host from 16 May to 21 June ‘Open Books’, a travelling exhibition from the National Library of Wales. This exhibition showcases works by artists from the UK, China and Australia working in the tradition of the folding book. Each of the artists involved use artist’s books as part of their practice.

On Thursday 22 May from 3.30pm to 4.45pm Logan Art Gallery will host a children’s workshop as part of Under Eights Week celebration. The theme is ‘Paper Stories and Folded Books’.

It will involve drawing, assemblage, collage and artist’s books. Children will create a folded book displaying part of their own personal story through collage and drawing.

Places are restricted and are available to children between 4 and 8 years. Ph: 3412 5573 if interested.

We are interested in purchasing some new plinths (display boxes) for exhibiting artworks and would like to know if there are any trades people out there who could possible make these for us. They would need to have a ABN. Please contact the art room or office if you are interested.

BOOK CLUB - LESLEY SOLAR

Term 2 book club has been sent home. The due date is Friday 23 May. Orders will be placed and when all books have come in (incl back-orders), they will be distributed on Fri 13 June.

If you are missing anything from your last order, please contact Bron at the office and leave your details, or she will give you my contact number. Thanks again for your support! Term 1 rewards for the school were $477 worth of books!! How awesome!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Peter Filipps and Noah Coombes in U11’s, William Wright in U10’s and Henry Wright in U9’s. The boys have all been selected to represent QLD in futsal. Well done and all the best.

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A huge thank you to the many parents who were involved in the organization of the Mothers’ Day Stall and the donation of gifts and various goodies. The children really appreciate being able to purchase something special for their mum, grandma, or that someone special at an affordable price. Thanks for the tremendous effort that went into sourcing and wrapping presents and for the thoughtful contributions of many. To all who came along over the three days to offer smiles and assistance to our eager little shoppers, thank you. The volunteers patience and guidance has again assured all the children have chosen a heartfelt gift for their mum and/or special someone, to open on Sunday morning.

INTRODUCTION TO All Hallows’ Day – Sunday 1st June 2014 Time: 11.00am
The day will commence with an introduction and information session at 11.00am which will include an address by the Principal. There will also be opportunities to view displays and musical items, talk to students and staff, and undertake tours of the School. Refreshments will be available in the Piazza. All welcome to attend. Car parking is available in the School’s car park accessed from Dodge Lane, in the parking areas in Kemp Place, surrounding streets and nearby public car parks.

C&K KENT STREET
Enrolments are open for the 2015 Kindergarten program. Provided by the well respected, Kent Street C&K Beenleigh Community Pre-schooling Centre. Ph 3287 2141 Email kentstcak@optusnet.com.au

REWIRE IT is an e-waste recycling business, specialising in computer refurbishment. The refurbished computers are sold at very affordable rates to students and low income earners. Rewired IT can provide computers to students from as little as $99. We are also happy to collect any disused computer equipment that you no longer have need for and we conduct repairs at $40 an hour. 3287 1290 or 0400 780 294.

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.

YEAR 7 LEADERSHIP DAY