Dear Parents

MOTHERS’ DAY
Mothers play a significant role in the lives of their children and families. Be they living or dead, present or absent, a mother profoundly shapes the life of her children and who their children become.

On Mothers’ Day we celebrate the gift of motherhood, and thank those who mother us for their nurturing love and care. We also give thanks for all mothers and grandmothers who have gone before us in faith and ask God to hold them close.

We wish all of the women in our community who mother others - whether they have children of their own or not - a wonderful Mothers’ Day on Sunday.

We hope you are totally spoiled! Mary MacKillop didn’t have children of her own, however her mother - like warmth and love for the children in her schools gave them hope and dignity.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Prayer
Loving and Nurturing God, thank you for the gift of our mothers and for those who love and care for us like mothers do. Bless all mothers, those who are part of our lives, and those who have contributed to the fabric of our community over time but are no longer with us. May we always show respect and gratitude to those who mother us, and pray that mothers have the courage and strength to shoulder their many responsibilities. We pray to Mary the Mother of Jesus that all children may know the love of God made real through a mother’s touch.

We make our prayer through Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
Many thanks to the many parents who were involved in the organization of the Mothers’ Day Stall and the donation or provision of gifts. The children really appreciate being able to purchase something special for their mum at an affordable price. Thanks for the tremendous effort that went into sourcing and wrapping presents and for the thoughtful contributions of many.

GONSKI SCHOOL FUNDING MODEL
The media has reported extensively the negotiations that continue between the Federal and State governments and with the Catholic and Independent sectors regarding future school funding. The Gonski funding model remains under negotiation, however the following statement from the Queensland Catholic Education Commission provides an update of the progress being made and as further information comes to hand, we will pass this on to parents.

P&F MEETING– NEXT TUESDAY 14 May
Please note: 6.30pm is the new starting time for the meetings

Please note: Weekly events are only published in the first week.

Monday 13 May
Assembly
Yr 1: Fire Fighters visit school

Tuesday 14 May
8-8.30am: Homework help
8.15-9.15am: Uniform Shop
Yr 3,5,7: NAPLAN Testing
3-4pm: Wakakiri Practice
6.30pm: P&F Meeting. Note the new time.

Wednesday 15 May
7.30am: Band
7.45am: St Joey’s Running Club
8-8.30am: Homework help
Yr 3,5,7: Naplan Testing
2.05pm: Choir

Thursday 16 May
Mass
Yr 3,5,7: Naplan Testing
2.15-3.15pm: Uniform shop

Friday 17 May
8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
7.45am: St Joey’s Running Club
Book Club: Last day to place orders

Monday 20 May
Assembly

Tuesday 21 May
Yr 1: Fire Fighters Visit
Yr 5: Astronomy Night

Wednesday 22 May
Yr 2: History Excursion.

Thursday 23 May
Liturgy

Friday 24 May

9 May, 2013
Outcomes of Gonski still unclear for Queensland Catholic Schools
QCEC Executive Director Mike Byrne said:

"While the QCEC welcomes the Federal government’s commitment of an additional $1.4billion funding for Australian Catholic schools (indexed over six years), there are still a number of unknowns to be worked through before we can develop a definitive position on the Gonski funding model.

"QCEC continues to do detailed modelling work to validate the figures provided by the Department (DEEWR) and assess the impact for the Queensland Catholic sector share of the additional funds.

"The funding position of Catholic schools comparative to other schooling sectors is also critical to assessing the model, and we are not yet aware of the details of modelling carried out by the Independent and Government schooling sectors.

"In this respect, I commend Premier Campbell Newman for forming a group comprising the Catholic, State and Independent schooling sectors and senior government officials, that will review the proposed funding model and help inform the State Government prior to the 30 June decision deadline.

"The final outcome that the Gonski model would deliver for Catholic schools in Queensland is also dependant on a significant injection of funding from the State Government.

"QCEC is committed to ongoing negotiations with both State and Federal governments to achieve an equitable funding outcome for Catholic schools.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST – 02 June
The parish will be in contact with families regarding discernment interviews regarding the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

On Sunday 02 June at our school hall, 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.

VOLUNTEERS - STUDENT PROTECTION
If you are a volunteer at St Joseph’s, entering the school grounds to help out, for example, in classrooms or the art room or at a school event and are therefore working with/near children, you need to be familiar with the Student Protection Handbook for Volunteers which is available at the office. Legislation requires that all school volunteers must receive this information and complete all attached forms (Volunteer Suitability Declaration Form / Volunteer Student Protection Information Sign-off Sheet). If you have not done so already, please collect a copy from Bron Moorton in the office.

NAPLAN TESTING 2013
NAPLAN tests for years 3, 5 & 7 take place on 14, 15 & 16 May this year. Children in these year levels have been practising 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.


SCHOOL FINANCES
Please make every effort to keep up to date with school fees and levies. We rely on your prompt payment of accounts to meet our budget commitments and every-day running expenses. Currently there is $82 000 owing in school fees and levies.

Colds and FLU
As the weather gets colder we enter the season during which colds and flu seem to be commonplace. Please encourage children at home to practise sensible hygiene routines especially during the cold and flu season. When sneezing or coughing, use a tissue. Throw the tissue in the bin and wash your hands. Wash your hands regularly throughout the day even if you don’t have a cold. Avoid putting fingers in the mouth or eyes or nose.

WINTER UNIFORM
For Prep children (every day), and for other children in Years 1–7 (PE Day and Friday) the uniform is the school sports uniform. This consists of the school polo shirt, shorts/skort, school socks and black joggers. The school blue hat is to be worn. During winter, the children wear the school tracksuit with their sports uniform. Should children still be cold, they are allowed to wear appropriate clothing under their uniform such as spencers or thermals or leggings. Please ensure that leggings are the ‘school’ blue colour and that clothing worn underneath the polo is white, black or school blue. Please don’t send children to school in pink or other ‘non-school’ colours! For children in Years 1–7 the formal winter uniform includes the green fleece jacket. Children are allowed to wear our school long trousers or bottle green leggings.

Please do not mix and match uniforms. The tracksuit is for the sports uniform (and Prep uniform). The green fleece jacket is for the formal uniform.

St Joseph’s Beenleigh

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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.

YEAR 7 TO SECONDARY – 2015 (Repeated from last week)
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
Best wishes to our Cross Country team competing in the District Carnival at Canterbury College today!

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: Tristan Puliafico, Sean Raneses, Ethan Unsworth, Aaliyah Brandsen
PF: Sean Bailey, Thomas Houghton, Mia Plucknett
1F: Trent Horsnell, Keegan Rorke
2C: Destiny King, Duncan Fekete, Joshua Witham
3C: Lucy McCallum
3F: Megan Plucknett, Lachlan Moody
4C: Alisha Souvannasing, Cohen Toovey
4F: Brittany Honey, Keegan Bradley, Isabel Skerman
5C: Matthew Hoolahan, Andrew Kennedy, Fynnley Leonards
6C: Tom Haseler
6L: Anton Maxwell-Jones, Iggy Matvejs
7C: Caitlin Barlow
7L: Alisha Souvananasing
Golden Gnome: 1st: 2F, 3C. 2nd: 3F, 7F. 3rd: 2C. Golden Banking Award: Prep C
BOOK CLUB—LESLEY SOLAR
There is 1 week left to order Bookclub. Orders close Fri 17th May at 9am.

ANZAC—2C
The editor apologises for this article missing last week’s newsletter.
2C has been learning about the ANZAC spirit. We read about Jack Simpson and his brave donkey Duffy. Together, they helped many men by carrying water to them and helping them to reach safety and medical help.
This fantastic illustration was done by Ryan Kennedy.

THANK YOU FROM YEAR 3
Year 3 students and teachers would like to thank the P&F for purchasing the mushroom compost for our vegie gardens. A Huge thank you to Mr Barnes for collecting and spreading the mulch. A great solo job!

P&F NEWS
Sadly, we have been unable to secure a truck for the Cane Festival. We will not be participating this year.

BANKING
TO OPEN 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.

BEENLEIGH MARKET PLACE
Thank you to everyone who could support us in the Beenleigh Marketplace Run Around Australia competition. This week our school were the winners of a Digital Camera.

ST JOSEPH’S 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.
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.

TOUGH MUDDER
Here at St Joseph’s we are putting a team together for TOUGH MUDDER on the Sunshine Coast in August!!!
So what is TOUGH MUDDER? It’s a 20km obstacle course (with 25 obstacles in total). For more info or to join our team go to toughmudder.com. Be quick as the price increases each month! We have 7 people signed up including Mr O’Keefe and Mr Lovegrove and we have two Joey’s Mums on the team! Our team is for both WOMEN and MEN (minimum age 18). Our team’s plan is for everyone to stick together and help each other finish. Tough Mudder is not a race, it’s about finishing and helping your team mates. You just need a bit of fitness under your belt, and you want to take on a challenge too big to chew! Most of all we are doing it for “fun”.
When: Sunday August 18 starting at 9am Logon Details: Team Name: “G.I. Joeys” Team Password “Joeys”
Where: TBA, somewhere on the Sunshine Coast. For more info please contact Dominic

THANK YOU—TAMARA ARMSTRONG
A massive thank you to St Joseph’s students, staff and especially the P&F for their support in my fundraising efforts in support of the Leukaemia Foundation. I far exceeded my goal with a total of $10,300. Thank you all very much.
To make our fete a great success, which ultimately supports the students, we need your help.

- **STALLS.** There are many stalls in the table below already asking for donations. Items can now be sent to the school office or classroom.

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<td>TOY WORLD</td>
<td>Toys and books in good condition</td>
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<td>PREP: JEWELLERY MAKING</td>
<td>Life savers, fruit loops, etc for threading.</td>
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<td>Note going home to parents</td>
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<td>YR 2: CHIPS &amp; DRINKS</td>
<td>Coke/Diet Coke/Coke Zero, Fanta (any flavour), Sprite lemonade, any bottled water. Smiths chips, Copper Kettle chips, Twisties, Cheetos.</td>
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<td>YR 3: CAKES</td>
<td>Cakes, biscuits. Brought in on the Friday or to the stall at the fete.</td>
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<td>YR 4: PLANT STALL</td>
<td>Potting soil, clean pots, potted plants, seedling from your garden.</td>
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<td>YR 5: SIDE SHOW ALLEY</td>
<td>A note was sent home with year 5 students on Wednesday</td>
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<td>YR 6: BOOK STALL</td>
<td>Books in good condition</td>
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<td>YR 7: TRASH &amp; TREASURE</td>
<td>Artwork, Bikes and trolleys, Gardening equipment, Homewares, Sports Equipment, Hardware and fixings, Tools, anything else you have lying around, Clothing and Fabric. All items in good, sellable condition</td>
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- **MONSTER RAFFLE.** The raffle has 5 prizes. First prize is a 7x5ft high side trailer filled with outdoor goodies!! Raffle tickets have been sent home. There is a booksellers prize for the family that sells the most tickets. So if mum or dad can sell more tickets at work or to the extended family, extra tickets can be collected at the office. The raffle will be drawn at the fete.

- **ON THE DAY.** Support a stall and work for an hour or few or even the day. We will need many hands to set up before and clean up after the fete. Be a masterchef and help in the BBQ, look out for a note coming home next week.

- **BUSINESSES.** Donations of camping, outdoor and entertainment goods to fill the trailer. Your support can be advertised in the newsletter.

Return to P&F

I can support the fete by:

I _________________________________ setting up before the fete. Phone no: ___________________________

I _________________________________ cleaning up after the fete. Phone no: ___________________________

I _________________________________ can help with the BBQ. Phone no: ___________________________

I _________________________________ can work on the ________________ stall if required, for _________ hours, starting at __________________________. Phone no: ___________________________

My eldest child __________________________ is in __________________________ (class).
ST JOSEPHS 2013 FETE

12 noon Saturday 1 June

RIDE OPERATE: 12noon - 5pm

PURCHASE FAMILY / SINGLE RIDE PASSES

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

PURCHASED ON THE DAY:
SINGLE PASS AVAILABLE ONLY - $35

Preferred payment method: Cash / Cheque to office. Eftpos is available if necessary.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN