Dear Parents

Welcome to St Joseph’s Tobruk for 2013! I really hope that floods and destructive cyclonic weather are not becoming an Australia Day tradition! What a crazy weekend! Like many, we lost power on Mt Tambourine on Sunday around lunch-time. It is unlikely that we will have power restored until the weekend so we cleaned out fridges and are staying on the coast with relatives until then. With no power, there’s no water, no flush etc as we are on tank water. One family from Joey’s spent the long weekend away on the coast and couldn’t even get back to their house on Tuesday due to the flood waters. A number of our families have been affected in varied ways so our thoughts and prayers are with them. There will no doubt be many stories to hear as people gradually are able to get back to school this week and early next week.

For families directly affected by flooding or storm damage, the St Vincent de Paul Society may be able to assist. The society is opening a Flood Relief Appeal soon to which schools, parishes and the general public will be invited to contribute. Please let us know if you are experiencing difficulties because of this disastrous weather incident.

We will support families as best we can. As a spirited community we will rally together to support those who need help.

We wish you a happy and prosperous new year despite the treacherous beginning to the school year and look forward to working with you.

NEWSLETTER

Our weekly newsletter will be published each Thursday this year. After today’s issue it will be available on our schoolbag app and website www.stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au. Please complete the tear off section if you require a hard copy (only available if you do not have internet access).

SCHOOL MISSION AND CORE VALUES

Our school mission promotes six (6) key themes: respect for the environment, healthy living, education in a rapidly changing world, community, celebration of differences and nurturing spirituality. As well, our community celebrates seven (7) core values based on the charisms of our founders: dignity, compassion, courage and resilience, justice, camaraderie, reconciliation, and trust and faith in God. Integrating these themes and core values into every facet of school life is both a challenge and a privilege for every member of the St Joseph’s community.

The full mission statement is published with the Parent Handbook on the school website. Printed copies of the Parent Handbook are available on request.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Sacramental Program for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is beginning with a Launch at St Patrick’s Catholic Church on Thursday 14th February, 2013 at 7.30pm. Parents and their children who wish to participate are required to attend the Launch. For further information please contact the St Patrick’s Parish Office on 3287 2282.
2013 STAFF – ST JOSEPH’S BEENLEIGH

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Please note that class names are coded according to our school Motto (With Courage, Faith and Love). For example, 5C stands for 5 Courage, 5F for 5 Faith, and 5L for 5 Love.

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Karen Cole  Kerry Fenner  Sharon Follett
Katrina Giebels  Sue Logan  sam.vickery
Mary Wynn

Uniform Shop  Kerry Fenner (Convenor)
Tuckshop  P & F (when Tuckshop Days are organised)
Cleaner: Jacky McBain
Maintenance: Scott Edwards

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
The Association exists to support the school in the following ways:
- Provide a forum for parents and friends to meet
- Provide an educational forum for parents and an opportunity for the Principal to report on the school’s activities
- Fund raising. There are a number of fund raising ventures throughout the year.
- Encouraging social activities for parents and families

P & F Executive 2013
President: Dominic Barnes
Vice Presidents: Michelle Jeffery
David Fitzgerald
Treasurer: Belinda Thompson
Secretary: Angela Houghton

P & F MEETING
The first P & F Meeting for the year takes place next week on Tuesday 12 February in the staff room at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.
BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR LITURGY
Our first school liturgy will take place on Thursday 14 February in the school hall from 9.00am. This is an opportunity for our community to get together to pray for God's blessing on our school year. It is a time to pray for those in our community still recovering from the Australia Day weekend cyclonic weather and those who are ill or recovering from illness. It is a time to pray that we will be able to live out our core values and to keep the spirit of our founders alive in our community. Also during this liturgy our school leaders will be commissioned. School leaders and their families are invited to a morning tea in the school hall immediately after the celebration at approximately 10.15am.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2013
CAPTAINS
Madison Shaw
Rhys Towerton

VICE CAPTAINS
Kacee Te Hau
Nathan Burns

SPORTS CAPTAINS
MacKillop
Elana Martig
Ryan Marsh
Steele
Andrea McLean
Jett Muller
O’Shea
Samantha Heaton
Alana Topan

MUSIC
Jessica Platell

STUDENT COUNCIL
Aimee Vargas-Bell
Harley Coghlan
Holli Brehmer
Georgia Brehmer
Caitlin Barlow
Matt Sheehan

CAMPS 2013
There are some changes to our school camp venues and dates for 2013.
Yr 7 Lake Ainsworth Mon 04 March – Wed 06 March
Yr 6 Emu Gully Wed 11 September – Friday 13 September
Yr 5 Edmund Park Mon 26 August – Wed 28 August

PARKING IN DESIGNATED DISABLED AREAS
There are two designated disabled parking zones outside the church. These zones are for disabled parishioners and members of the school community. Please refrain from parking in these zones which are clearly marked.

UNIFORM STANDARDS
At St Joseph’s we ask children to have tidy hair and hair styles that do not draw undue attention. Therefore undercuts, hair shaping (engraving) and hair dyes are not permitted. This is not aimed at discouraging individuality, but rather at preventing children from competing with one another (who can have the craziest hairstyle or the most different dye combinations). There can be significant pressure placed on families when children want to outdo their mates with particular styles.

Please note also that body piercing (other than the ear lobe) cannot be visible. For example, I realise that some children might have their belly-button pierced. This should not be visible at school or during school activities such as camps and swimming.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL
Before school children gather in the area outside the staff room rear entrance where they are to sit. There are no games played during this time. They are dismissed by the teacher on duty at 8.20am to place their bags in port racks before heading down to the oval. If it is raining, children gather on the verandah areas outside ground floor classrooms and in the covered walkway across the parade area.

Children who arrive at school before 8.00am should be enrolled in OSHC.

After school children gather in the mango tree area where they sit and wait for families to collect them. Again, there are no games played. Because bins have been put away for the day, children do not eat during this time. If it is raining, children assemble in the hall where they are collected by families.

RESPECT RULES
At this time of the year, class teachers will be negotiating with children their class rules. These are based on our general school RESPECT RULES. At St Joseph’s all members of the school community are expected to follow our Respect Rules. The children are taught an extended version of these rules which includes descriptions of what the rule looks like and what it doesn’t look like when enacted.

RESPECT FOR SELF
Safe and Sensible
I Can Do It!
School Spirit
Smart Choices

RESPECT FOR OTHERS
Speak to Please
Active Listening
Friendly and Fair
Safe and Sensible

RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT
Keep it clean & tidy (even if it’s not mine!)
Special Spaces
Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle
Be Responsible for Property

RESPECT FOR LEARNING
Active Listening
Be Organised (I Can Do It!)
Have a Go
Co-operate

SR JENNY’S CUPPA
Each Friday, our Pastoral Worker - Sr Jenny Scari - holds a cuppa for parents at the back of the school hall (or inside the hall if it is too hot, too cold or too wet!). The cuppa takes place after the children line up in the parade area and go into class. Don’t be shy if you are new to the school! The parents there will make you feel most welcome! This is a time also to meet the school administration. Peter and I try to get along to the cuppa as often as possible.
JEWEILRY
The school’s policy on the wearing of jewellery takes into consideration the safety of children, temptation for theft, and the prevention of loss of precious / sentimental items. In brief, St Joseph’s children are not to wear any jewellery to school. In other words, there should be no bracelets, bangles, rings, necklaces, chains, or fashion earrings. However there are some exceptions to this general rule of thumb. Boys and girls with pierced ears must wear studs or the smallest sleepers in both ears. These are to be plain gold or silver. Religious medals and scapulars may be worn around the neck however they should not be visible under clothing. Watches are allowed to be worn, however, children are responsible for looking after their watches at all times. During school sport, children must remove their watches for safety reasons.

If children are wearing inappropriate or dangerous jewellery or jewellery that does not meet our guidelines, they will be asked to remove it. It will be placed in an envelope and sent to the school office for collection later that day.

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING
Our Parent Information Evening (Prep-7) will be held in Week 2 on Thursday 07 February in the school hall. Prep parents are most welcome to attend even though they have already attended an orientation evening late last year. Prep teachers will not be expected to be there.

The format for this year will be:
5.15pm Year 1 Meeting – Year 1 classrooms
6.00pm General meeting of parents in the Hall. At this meeting the Principal and other key personnel will address parents on a wide variety of issues relevant to all families.
7.00pm Parents will be able to meet the teacher, collect a class information handout, organize an interview with the teacher, meet other parents etc during this time. Teachers will not be making a formal address to parents at this time as most information will be covered by the principal’s address and the class handout.

From 7.30pm Wine/Beer and cheese/Tea and Coffee in the hall.

This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and to begin to forge that relationship between family and school so vital for your child’s success and general well-being. Please do not bring children to the Parent Information Evening.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
The school calendar is to be found on the school website and portal. The calendar shows school events and religious seasons, feasts and celebrations. As many things happen that are planned by the staff with their children throughout the year, the calendar is regularly updated.

EMAILING TEACHERS
Please respect the privacy of teachers. Emails should be used for quick messages. Please do not expect that teachers will have the time to respond at length to detailed emails via return email. Rather, teachers will acknowledge receipt of an email and make contact with families usually by phone to follow up on issues raised in an email.

VEOLIA BUSES
Veolia Transport Qld will be making a number of school network changes, which will commence 29 January 2013. Info regarding updated school routes will be available on Veolia’s website at http://www.veoliatransdevqld.com.au/, from 14 Jan 2013.

I require a hard copy of the school newsletter as I do not have internet access.

Due to printing /publishing costs, hard copies are only available to these families.

Please forward each Thursday to _____________________________(eldest child) in ____________(class).

Signed _____________________________
**DROP OFF AND PICK UP**
Children must be dropped off in the school car-park before school. **The entrance to the staff car-park is not a safe place to drop children off as staff are driving in and out of this area throughout the day.** If you use the parish car-park, please walk your child/ren in to the school grounds. After school the children wait at the mango trees to be picked up. Please do not ask children to wait for you at other locations within or outside the school premises. The lives of the children are endangered if they wait elsewhere as they would not be supervised.

**SCHOOL FEES DISCOUNT**
Families receive a discount of 5% off their tuition fees if they pay the **yearly** amount by Thursday, 28 February.

**STAFF MEETINGS AND PRAYER TIME**
Staff gather together for prayer and briefings on Monday and Friday mornings from 8.15am to 8.35am. Staff Meetings are held on Wednesday afternoons from 3.00pm. Please take this into consideration when making appointments with teachers.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**
Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. The formal uniform with the green hat is worn on Monday, Tuesday and either Wednesday or Thursday depending on when the class will have PE. The sports uniform with the blue hat is worn on Friday and PE day. If PE day is on Friday, the other sports uniform day is worked out by the class teacher.

**LABEL EVERYTHING!**
Please ensure that all items that children bring to school – lunch box, water bottle, library bag, art shirt, uniform items - are clearly labelled with the child’s name. Families will save money by not having to replace lost items and staff will be able to easily return lost items to the children. The lost property bin is located at the rear entrance to the staff room.

**MORNING ASSEMBLY**
At our morning assembly we ask children to be quiet and to face the front as soon as the second bell goes. It is very important that parents who are gathered at the back of the assembly area respect this expectation by remaining quiet at this time and during the assembly.

**LATE PASSES**
If children arrive late to school, they do require a late pass from the school office. Parents / Guardians need to come into the office and sign the late pass. Children will be marked late in the class roll if they are not in the classroom at 8.45am.

**WET AFTERNOONS / SEVERE STORMS**
If it is raining at pick up time or a severe thunderstorm is threatening, parents are to collect children from the school hall and/or classroom verandahs after school. The staff and children will enact Lock-Down Procedures should a storm be severe. Information may be passed to you via the skoolbag app. Buses may be held at school if the driver considers it is dangerous to leave.

**MOBILE PHONES**
These days it is common for parents to give mobile phones to children for safety reasons, especially to children who travel to and/or from school on public transport or those who walk home. If you require your child to have a mobile phone at school for safety reasons, the phone must be clearly labeled with the child’s name and handed in at the school office either upon arrival or through the class pouch system. If you do not wish the mobile to be returned via the school pouch system, you must let the office know.

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL Year 2-7**
Our school swimming carnival will be held at the Robert Nay Pool inBeenleigh on Friday 08 March. The carnival will start at 9.00am and should finish between 2.00pm and 2.30pm.

**SWIMMING LESSONS**
Swimming lessons will then start in Week 3 for Years 5, 6 & 7 and in Week 5 for Years 2, 3 & 4.
A MUSICAL NOTE – RENUKA HARAN

Welcome to Music in 2013.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS
On Wednesday students were given forms if they wished to have private instrumental music lessons. ALL new and old students who want to learn this year, MUST complete a form. These forms must be returned by Monday 4 February to guarantee a place in the music program. Additional forms are available from the office.

Lessons will commence in week 3.

Instruments offered this year are:

- Keyboard
  - Mrs Colleen South- 0421 925 939
- Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone
  - Mrs Kylie Chivers- 0417 626 522
- Guitar, Ukule
  - Mr Michael Smith- 0412 773 758
- Drums / Percussion
  - Mr Patrick Stevens- 0431 140645
- Violin, Cello
  - Miss Anasuya Datta- 0406 615 622

Mrs Harbottle will sadly not be returning to St Joseph’s in 2013 as her family are moving to Canada. We wish her well in her exciting venture.

FEES are listed on the form. It must be paid to the teacher when the invoice is presented. All teachers who take the private instrumental lessons are specialists who use this as a source of their income. Lessons ARE NOT FREE. Lessons will be terminated immediately if fees are not paid. All students who have not paid fees in the past, will not be a part of the program in 2013.

CHOIR AUDITIONS
Will be held on Wednesday 6 February. Students will be required to sing in pitch (tune) and to be able to project their voice to be heard clearly.

BAND
Will commence once instrumental lessons start. Students will be invited to join the band.

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I look forward to seeing you at all music functions this year. Please see me if you have any queries.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ARIA ANGELS is an exciting program for babies and children birth-5 years with parents, grandparents, carers and friends. These weekly 90 minute sessions comprise music, art, craft, prayer and morning tea. The music segment is facilitated by qualified music specialists, and volunteers support the children and adults during the sessions.

**Please phone for locations, dates and times.**

Cost: $5.00 per family.
Jean 0400 488221 pa.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au or Gail at familycentre@bne.catholic.net.au

BEENLEIGH AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL CLUB

SIGN-ON 2013 - Saturday and Sunday 9 & 10 Feb 10am – 2pm At Beenleigh Sports Club, Alamein Street (or training Session 5.00pm-6.00pm) . You Can Play AFL for FREE. Simply Sign On, Sell a book of Raffle Tickets before the due date and your fees will be paid for the 2013 Season. Extras included & No Weekly Game Fees.

All age groups. Players 5 to 16 years & Seniors (New junior players required to bring birth certificate)
Contact: Kylie Jordan 0450 330 124 or beenleighjuniors@aflbj.com Website – beenleighjuniors.aflbj.com.au

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LOGANHOLME SOCCER 26/27 January (9am – 3pm) and 2/3 February (9am – 3pm) at Cornubia Park.
Football Squirts (4-5 year olds) – **reduced to $150** for a full 20-week season (includes shirt, bag, photo, trophy & presentation day).
Small Sided Football (U6-11) – 20-week season plus free development sessions for all SSF players.
For more information please visit www.loganhomesoccer.com.au

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