Dear Parents

PRAYER FOR THE PHILIPPINES
Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall, has caused widespread devastation in the Philippines and is continuing through Vietnam. Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid relief. The international Caritas network is responding to the disaster, quickly mobilising to address emergency needs such as shelter, clean water, sanitation, hygiene and household relief.

You can help the people of the Philippines by donating to Caritas online at https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/online-donation?DonationCode=ATYPH13

Our thoughts and prayers are with our families who have family and friends in the Philippines. For many, finding out if loved ones are okay is not possible due to disruptions to communications networks and the sheer scale of the devastation. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
At 11am on Monday the school paused to remember our armed service men and women who have fallen in service of their country. In the classrooms, the children were exposed to a Rupert McCall poem called the Pledge of Remembrance. I’m sure there were some fruitful discussions and reflections conducted around this wonderful poem. 1F led us in prayer at our assembly with their theme based on Remembrance Day. Poppies were given to each of the classes as a focus for their Prayer tables.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Please support our St Vincent de Paul hamper and Christmas gift tag appeals. Thank you to the many families who have donated already. Your support is very much appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS’ MORNING TEA
Inviting all volunteers at St Joseph’s School to an end of year morning tea.

WHEN: 9am Friday 29 November
WHERE: Herb Garden area at back of hall
Sincere thanks to all parents who have given generously of their time in many and varied ways during the school year. We appreciate your hard work and wish to say thanks at our special Volunteers Morning Tea.

SCHOOL REPORTS
These will be distributed through the children on Wednesday 04 December (the last week of term). Thank you to the staff for their efforts in writing reports. It is always a stressful time because the reports take significant time to prepare and teachers are still in charge of classes and involved in so many end of year activities.
END OF YEAR CONCERT
We look forward to staging our End of Year Concert in the school hall this year. The concert takes place on Wednesday 27 November. As was the case last year, we are holding two concert sessions to ensure that families have a clear view of the concert when audience numbers are spread. It is important that as many families that are able to go to the matinee session at 1.30pm during the day do so to reduce the crowds at the evening concert starting at 6pm.

It is vitally important that all children are at both concerts.
It would be disappointing if families who attended the day time performance failed to bring their children to the evening performance because they had seen the concert already during the day. We are offering two performances so that everyone in our wonderful community can see the concert comfortably. The concert goes for just over an hour so we assure families that it won't be a late night.

SCHOOL FEE REMINDER
The final school fees for the year were sent out in the first week of November. All outstanding fees and levies must be paid by Friday 21 November 2013. Please contact Roslyn in the office if you are experiencing difficulties and cannot finalise your account by this date. We do not have money coming in during December and January when accounts are not sent out to families. We do however continue to have bills coming in including substantial monthly loan repayments. It can be a scary time for us as we watch our account balances reduce until school fee accounts are sent out in February of the following year. Please make a supreme effort to ensure that your account is finalised before the end of the year. This will keep us afloat and stress free during the holiday period!

60th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS FOR SALE
So that we do not end up with numerous unsold commemorative items, we are limiting these to just a few. Already we have a stubby cooler which was produced for the fete this year ($8). These are nearly sold out.
We have released two (2) different ‘Ladybird’ ports – a standard port with our label for $8 a bottle and a premium quality port with our label at $22 a bottle. You can order these ports for collection on Friday 22 November. Order forms are still available at the office, through the newsletter and on Skoolbag. The premium port is quickly running out so get your orders in asap!

2014 PREP ORIENTATION MORNING
On Tuesday 12 November, Prep children from the 2014 cohort attended an orientation morning at the school from 9.00am to 10.00am with their parents. It was a great way for the children to start getting to know one another and for parents too to mingle. Many thanks to the Prep staff and support staff for your planning and assistance. Thanks also to Sr Jenny and her wonderful band of helpers for another delicious morning tea. It was great that representatives from the Commonwealth Bank were present for families to sign their children up for school banking – thanks Annie. Thanks also to Kirsty Cameron from St Patrick’s OSHC who kept the doors open at the centre for families to come and see and receive information packs.

2014 PREP ORIENTATION EVENING FOR PARENTS
A Prep Information Evening will be held at St Joseph’s Tobruk on Tuesday evening 19 November 2013 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The meeting will take place in the school hall. It is vitally important for parents of 2014 Prep children to attend this meeting. It completes the enrolment process and gives parents valuable information prior to children joining our school community. This is an opportunity also for parents to begin building relationships with other parents and to find out what you need to know as your child begins this exciting phase in their journey of life-long education. The information session is more effective if parents do not have children with them.

YEARS 6 & 7 2014
Staff and students have now voted for student leadership in 2014. The successful candidates will be announced to the community at assembly on Monday 25 November.

YEAR 7 GRADUATION
The graduation celebration takes place in St Patrick’s church on Wednesday 04 December at 6.00pm. After mass there will be a presentation of certificates in the church. The children and their families then move to the Beenleigh RSL located at Mt Warren for light refreshments and more formalities from 7.30pm. The Year 7 students are required to wear their Senior shirt with their sports uniform for this special occasion. Further information will be sent home with the Year 7 children during term 4.
SIGNING SHIRTS
It is okay for children leaving St Joseph's to bring a shirt to be signed by others provided that they have enough shirts to wear throughout the week. Signed shirts are not to be worn at school or to and from school. It is expected that all children will wear the correct school uniform.

WHAT IS OUR FUN DAY?
The School Fun Day takes place every year on the Thursday before the last day of school. This year, the Fun Day will occur on Thursday 05 December. Children come to school in sun smart free dress. This means a shirt (no tank tops, singlets, string straps etc), sunscreen (to be reapplied during the day), hat, closed-in shoes (joggers not thongs or sandals) and a water bottle. Classes are rostered to play on hired rides/equipment such as the super slide, circus fun house (jumping castle), chair-o-plane, animal farm, ball crawl and mini golf. The P & F provide the children with a treat. Last year this consisted of a sausage on bread and a popper. Families should still provide lunch and morning tea. Class teachers will take children out of the classroom for games when the children are not on the rides. There will be a variety of indoor activities as well, such as DVD’s and board-games that the children may take part in as part of their fun day.

ARE YOU LEAVING ST JOSEPH’S AT THE END OF 2013?
Please let Bron in the school office know if you are leaving the school at the end of this year. Thank you to the families who have let us know already – this really helps us in our planning.

NEW GATE TO KOKODA STREET BUSES
Unfortunately our beautiful Norfolk Pines are playing havoc with the bitumen at the gate leading out to the buses on Kokoda Street. The new gate has now been installed and the old gate locked.

PLEASE - NO CANDY, CHOCOLATES OR LOLLIES
Already the shops are selling candy canes, chocolate Santas and lollies for the Christmas Season. In keeping with our Healthy Living section of the School Mission, we ask families and children not to bring these to school either to eat themselves or to give to others as gifts. Children do not need the sugar, artificial colours and preservatives and staff do not need to endure the effects caused by these! Some children could be allergic to the ingredients as well and parents should be able to rest easy that their children are not eating foods that they would not want their children to have. We suggest that if children are going to bring gifts at all through the final term, that they consider ornaments for the Christmas tree or stickers or cards only or handmade felt Christmas Trees....

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Whole Class
1C: Duncan Fekete, Blake Burgess
2C: Naomi-Joelle Mataia, Maddison Schipplock, Anastacia Jreige, Jordon McArthur
2F: Hayden Clark, Summer Lahrs
4C: William Wright, Braedon Horsnell, Demi Love
5C: Connor O’Toole, Elijah Thompson
6C: Maddison Scowcroft
7L: Zain Goode, Grace Billington
PF: Savannah Paniagua, Harry Sykes
1F: Whole Class
3F: Ellen Topan, Mackenzie Robson, Sunka Boll-Jago
4F: April Smith, Shania-Chloe Smith
5F: Caitlin Rorke, Liam Johns, Grace Fairbank, Hannah Evans
7C: Katelin Nieling
Golden Banking Award: PC

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A MUSICAL NOTE – RENUKA HARAN

BAND: We had our last band practice for 2013 this morning. Mrs Chivers and I would like to thank our wonderful group of musicians who come early every Wednesday to make music. Thank you also to the parents who are up early to ensure that their children get to practice. The band have had the opportunity to perform to the whole school at two instrumental performances. One at the school fete and we were honoured to be invited by the P&F to perform at the cancer morning tea. The YEAR 7 INSTRUMENTALISTS will need to come at 7.45am every Wednesday to the music room to practice for graduation.

TUCKSHOP DAY

Next Friday the 22 November St Joseph’s will be having a tuckshop day. Order forms went home on Wednesday. This tuckshop day is to support those affected by Motor Neuron Disease. Motor Neuron Disease (MND) is the name given to a group of diseases which effect the nerve cells (neurones) controlling the muscles that enable us to move, speak, breathe and swallow. Coloured wristbands will also be on sale at lunchtimes from Tuesday November 19th. The wristbands can be worn at school for the remainder of the year and will cost $1.50 each. Your donation will help the Motor Neuron Disease Research Institute of Australia find a cure for MND.

SILLY SOCK AND HAIR DAY FOR JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION

THANK YOU from Josephine Hingst in Year 7 to everyone who took part in her annual fundraising event for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Josie was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes when she was 5 and in Prep. Type 1 Diabetes is a chronic auto-immune disease and is not linked to diet or lifestyle. Every day in Australia 6 more children and young people up to the age of about 30 are diagnosed with this disease - usually in a life threatening situation. No one knows why the body attacks the cells in the pancreas that produce insulin, a hormone needed to allow the glucose from our food to be transformed into energy. Josie wears an insulin pump 24/7 just to keep her alive. Type 1 Diabetes is at present a life long disease with devastating complications. The children, parents and staff raised an amazing total of $634 for the JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes and Josie’s team, the Josie Beans - an event that is held all around the world. This money will go directly to the scientists who are working on a cure, prevention and ways to make Josie’s life easier. Josie would like to thank everyone who wore their silly socks and made a great effort with wild, wacky and silly hair! THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. Your donation may just help us get one step closer to the Clinical Research Trials that we so desperately need. Josie Hingst Year 7

PINK RIBBON CUPPA

A huge thank you to all those who supported our very special "Cuppa" by donating money, prizes and great nibbles! Thanks too for my helpers in set up, collecting money and tickets and clean up. You make it SO much easier! It was great spending time with everyone! A big thanks too, for a special performance from our school band lead by Mrs Haran and Mrs Chivers with a guest appearance from Mrs Hayley! They all played beautifully! We reached our goal of $500 and raised $649 in total! Receipts were sent home on Wednesday. It is still possible to donate online for the next week, so please encourage your friends, family or workmates to add to our wonderful efforts! https://pinkribbonbreakfast.org.au

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FREE CRICKET AUSTRALIA T20 BLAST COME N TRY EVENING!

Come & sample cricket under lights, with music & prizes
Date: 18/11/13 4:30 pm -6pm
Venue: Daught Park, Alamein St, Beenleigh 4207 (next to PCYC)
Contact: Jon Stimpson 0409 879 975 or jons@qldericket.com.au
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!