Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 4, Week 5 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! November is a month of remembering. Over the first two days we remember the saints (All Saints Day) and all of those who have died and are with God (All Souls Day). May all the Saints, pray for us and for all those whose lives we touch. May God, Who loves and holds us all, let the Spirit guide all our days in the ways of compassion and justice. May we reflect the heart of God, sure in faith, strong in hope, built on love and become all that we are called to be. And may our journey lead us into God’s gentle and almighty Presence, our God whom we will one day see face to face. Amen. On 11 November we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country on Remembrance Day.

Next Friday 09 November we welcome Bishop Joseph Oudeman to the school and parish. The Bishop will be visiting Trinity College in the morning before spending some time with us from noon until about 1.30pm. He then travels south to our new school, Mother Theresa’s, at Ormeau. On Friday evening he will dine with members of the parish pastoral and finance councils. Bishop Joseph will be celebrating the Eucharist in the parish on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. It is always a pleasure to welcome Bishop Oudeman to St Joseph’s and we look forward to seeing him again.

Best wishes to those who will have a flutter on the Melbourne Cup next Tuesday 06 November! The staff will enjoy our traditional shared lunch and cup sweep.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

The focus for this year’s Grandparents’ Day liturgy was unconditional love. Thank you to Marg Hatzis, Peter Lovegrove and Carmel Baillie for their preparation of the liturgy and to the children from 5/6 who led us in prayer. Thank you also to Lyn Giebels for her captivating storytelling, and to the children who through music ministry led us in song. Congratulations once again to the choir and Renuka Haran our music teacher for a wonderful concert after the liturgy. After morning tea, the children took our special visitors to their classrooms where they spent time seeing how teaching and learning might be different from and similar to the days when our grandparents were at school.

Thank you to the staff and families who provided items for the morning tea and to Sr Jenny and her helpers for keeping the tea and coffee flowing! We ask God’s blessing upon those who fill the important role of grandparents in our families. Thank you for the great support you give to the children of St Joseph’s and their families.

Monday 5 November
Assembly: 3P
Yr 1: Swimming

Tuesday 6 November
7.30am: Band Practice
Yr 1: Swimming

Wednesday 7 November
2.05pm: Choir
Yr 1: Swimming
Yr 4: Thunderbird Park

Thursday 8 November
Liturgy Readings: 5/6D
Yr 1: Swimming

Friday 9 November
Banking
9am: Breast Cancer Cuppa
Ice Blocks 50c / $1

Monday 12 November
Assembly:2C
Yr 1: Swimming

Tuesday 13 November
7.30am: Band practice
Yr 1: Swimming
9-10am: 2013 Prep Orientation
7pm: P&F AGM. All welcome

Wednesday 14 November
Partial Solar Eclipse
Yr 1: Swimming

Thursday 15 November
Mass Readings: 6F
Yr 1: Swimming

Friday 16 November
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Ice Blocks 50c / $1
5.30-7.30pm: Prep-Yr 7 Disco

FOR YOUR DIARY
Friday 16 November
School Disco

Wednesday 28 November
1.30 & 6pm: Christmas Concert

UNIFORM SHOP
8:15-9:15am Tuesday
2:15-3:15pm Thursday
Kerry Fenner mob 0432828467
or 32872798 in uniform shop hours

2 November, 2012

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SCHOOL FEES
It is an awkward thing to have to do, to ask for payment of school fee accounts particularly when some families are doing it tough during difficult financial times. However, it is drawing quickly towards the end of the school year and there is quite a large amount outstanding. What this means is that I have had to postpone projects that should have been started and completed before the end of this year simply because there isn’t enough money in our account. November accounts will be sent out soon and I ask that outstanding accounts be finalised before the end of November. Even though we go on holidays, the school still receives bills to pay over the Christmas holiday period and we don’t have money coming in again until February 2013.

Thank you to the families who have made arrangements with the school for payment of accounts and to those who always meet their obligations despite financial hardship.

It is essential that payments are made regularly – once a week or fortnightly. When accounts are left unpaid for months on end they continue to grow until they reach the point where families become overwhelmed with the amount owing. Regular payments keep the account manageable.

If you cannot finalise your account by the end of November, you MUST make arrangements with our finance secretary, Ros Mendo, to set up a direct debit or regular payments so that your account does not become unmanageable.

SCHOOL FEES 2013
One child – primary (Prep-Year 7) from $1200 to $1250.00
Two children – primary from $1620 to $1680.00
Three children – primary from $1830 to $1900.00
For larger families, please consult the principal.

Additional Charges – ALL FAMILIES:
*P&F Levy - $80.00 per family (no increase – no rebate) *Art Levy - $45.00 per child (up $5)
*Technology Levy - $100.00 per child (no increase) *Capital Levy - $400.00 per family (no increase)
Cost of excursions and camps is extra and must be paid before the camp or excursion occurs.
Cost of the following programmes is extra. *Swimming – Term 1 (Year 1 - Term 4) *Ausdance – Term 2 or 3
Outside specialist teachers conduct the programmes in the school. These programmes are compulsory.

ICEBLOCKS
Each Friday this term the Student Council will be selling ice-blocks for 50c and $1 each.

2013 CLASS LISTS
The time for parent input into the process of compiling class lists for 2013 has now expired. Thank you for your contribution to the process.

SKOOLBAG APP
Skoolbag is a school to parent communication tool. It provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications. No more lost paper in school bags!

School newsletters, Schools notices, and School alerts, School permission notes and other documents are communicated directly to parents’ smartphones via the Skoolbag Web App.

You can install it on your Smartphone by pointing the Smartphone Web Browser (eg iPhone Safari, android web browser) to: http://www.skoolbag.com.au/stjoeysms

You can then add it as a shortcut to your Home Screen by following the "add to homescreen" prompt on your iPhone, or by creating a shortcut to your desktop/home screen, if using an Android powered phone.

There is no cost to parents or children, but it does use a small amount of internet download on your phones. It is a ‘ubiquitous’ (anytime, anywhere) app, and is something that is proving to be very useful.

Peter Lovegrove has been busily updating the information on the Skoolbag app for St Joseph’s. The APP is also available to download from the APP store. It is free.

PREP ORIENTATION MORNING
On Tuesday 13 November, Prep children from the 2013 cohort are invited to an orientation morning at the school from 9.00am to 10.00am.

The orientation morning allows the children to become just a little more familiar and comfortable with the routines of Prep, with the teachers and with one another. Parents drop their children to the prep area before moving to the staffroom for a cuppa. If the children do not settle, parents are welcome to stay with them in the prep area.

A Prep Information Evening will be held at St Joseph’s Tobruk on Tuesday evening 20 November 2012 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The meeting will take place in the school hall. It is vitally important for parents of 2013 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.

(We changed the date for this orientation evening because of poor attendance in previous years at the meeting scheduled in the week prior to school starting.)
YEAR 7 GRADUATION
The graduation celebration takes place in St Patrick’s church on Wednesday 05 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 Bowls Club 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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013
If you are part of a committee and have dates for next year already, please forward them to the school for inclusion on the school calendar.

ARE YOU LEAVING ST JOSEPH’S AT THE END OF 2012?
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. Don’t forget, there are families on our waiting list and we would like to let them know now if there is a place available for their children at St Joseph’s.

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....

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
PC: Dakota Cantrell, Lola Whitby  PF: Zac Utratny, Khanya Hughes
1C: Brianna Faint, Natalia Zakrzewski  1F: Jesh Curley, Kate Herbst
2C: Dylan Schipplock  2F: Natasha Souvannasing
3C: Jack Harrison, Anabelle Watson, Taylah Vickery  3F: Bradon Horsnell
4C: Taylah Russell, Brock Supple, Jarrod Eaton  56D: Leiliane Basis, Tayn Wilson
4F: Lauren Whitford, Liam Johns, Katrina Shala, Georgia Marmol
6F: Rahni McInnes, Elana Martig, Amelia Hasenkam, Alex Elford
7C: Aleisha Bailey  7F: Teresa Martin
Goldene Gnome: 1st: 4C, 4F, 7C, 7F. 2nd: Prep F, 2C. 3rd: 2F

LITERACY PLANET-MELISSA BURGESS
AS OF this week OUR SCHOOL IS IN 2nd POSITION IN AUSTRALIA. Wow –Amazing effort 10-20 minutes a day is all that is needed.

CLASS LEADERS from 15th – 21st October
PC – Elise Sulusi  PF – Ella Marshall  1C – Naomi Joelle Mataia  1F – Max Shore
2C – Sasha Whitby  2F – Goldie Martin  3C – Hannah Marsh  3F – Maurice Rosales
4C – Grace Fairbank  4F – Katarina Shala  56L – Heidi Le Masurier  56D – Lachlan Lahrs
6C – Rhain Norton  6F – Samantha Heaton  7C – Bianca Chua  7F – Teresa Martin
SCHOOL LEADERS: 1st – Maurice Rosales, 2nd – Ryan Eley, 3rd – Jayden Schipplock
TOP STUDENTS OF LITERACY PLANET AUSTRALIA: Maurice Rosales – 3nd

APP of the WEEK by ST J’s APPSTARS
Reading Eggs have just announced the release of their new app for iPad called Tap the Cat. In Tap the Cat there are 9 different activities for your child to enjoy, ranging from rhyming words, to drawing and colouring, to speaking and handwriting. Tap the Cat provides lots of variety to ensure that your child will get many hours of enjoyment and learning from this app. An extra special feature of the app is that it makes an ebook out of the completed work of the child (such as coloured in pictures and voice recordings). This ebook is then unlocked and played back to the child when they have completed all 9 activities. Tap the Cat is suitable for children who know some 3 letter words. As a special launch offer you can download Tap the Cat for $2.99 until 5 November (7 days) after which it will revert to its normal price of $4.49.
BOOKLISTS 2013 - KATRINA GIEBELS

Booklists for 2013 were sent home this week. Please read the following notes prior to ordering your child’s books for 2013. Students in years 5 to 7 may already have the correct Dictionary, Thesaurus, Atlas and Bible so please consider this before making your order. Students may already have an art smock, calculator and recorder so you may not need to order these items again. All OfficeMax orders are to be made either by mailing the order form to OfficeMax directly or by using the online option. No orders are to be sent to the school. Please use the OfficeMax Customer service number to make any enquiries about your orders. Ph 1800 004 427. If you have any complaint with OfficeMax in relation to quality of service could you please email Mrs Katrina Giebels at kgiebels@bne.catholic.edu.au so that we have an idea of how OfficeMax is servicing our school requirements.

A MUSICAL NOTE—RENUKA HARAN

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All children are looking forward to seeing you at our annual Christmas Showstopper on Wednesday 28 November at either 1.30pm or 6pm in the hall.

Costume requirements have been sent home. Thank you for your help with this. Special thanks to our P&F who financed all the skirts and vests and to the staff, mums and grandmothers who helped to make them. Mrs Katrina Giebels has done a wonderful job in ensuring that our students and the show look spectacular.

DRUMS

Patrick Stephens, the drum teacher, will be holding extra rehearsals on Thursday lunch time starting next week. All drum students who wish to perform at the concert must attend the lunch time practice to ensure that they will perform on stage.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Student Council will be selling the following for Remembrance Day. More stock arriving Monday.

ART WORX RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Framed Painting by Liz Burton valued @ $500.00
   Makayla Lin
2. Prize: Framed Painting by Jan Burns valued @ $300.00
   Ros Robertson—Ex staff volunteer
3. 1kg Cooked Frozen Prawns, Gold Coast Marine Aquaculture
   Catherine Clark
4. Skin Treatment & Makeup Bag, Chedi Skin Management
   Sharon Kennedy
5. $50.00 Gift Certificate, Damians Jewellers - Coles Mall
   Mark Thompson
6. $30.00 Mitre 10 Gift Card, Harrison’s Hire
   Kate Dalton
7. Oz Kleen Cleaning Products, Oz Kleen
   Nick and Tracy Moore
8. HP Deskjet 1000 Printer, St Joseph’s School
   Emily Doyle
9. 2 x 3 hours court hire & use of bbq facilities, Beenleigh Tennis Club
   Roslyn Mendo
10. $25.00 Coles/Myer Gift Card, Mark Thompson Plumbing & Backflow
    Deb Brand
11. Crepe Maker, St Joseph’s P & F
    Jacky McBain
12. Logitech Keyboard & Mouse, Steve McBride
    Bronwyn Moorton
13. Bottle of Windy Peak Classic White, De Bortoli Wines
    Bec Haseler
    MAREE ConDON

Thank you to all the suppliers for their donations.

JOEYS CUPPA FOR CANCER

Friday 9 November, 9:00am in the school hall. Please come along and support this worthwhile event. Food treats and gift donations would be gratefully accepted.

If you or anyone else you know, would like to help, and are unable to come, donations can be made online.

Log on: www.pinkribbonbreakfast.org.au
Type: ‘Joeys Cuppa For Cancer’, 9 Nov, Beenleigh in the list.
Click: on this and then you can donate securely.

Our Target is $300. Please come along and have some fun and spend time with friends!!

BOOKCLUB—LESLEY SOLAR

Bookclub has been processed and should start to arrive shortly. I will send out when ALL orders and back orders have arrived. Thank you
The P&F Annual General Meeting will be held to elect office bearers for 2013. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As per each year, roles up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself please fill in the Nomination Form available at the office and below.

Attention P&F, Return to the office by 4 November

Date: ________________________

Name of person nominating: _______________________________ Signed: _______________________________

Person being nominated: __________________________________

Position being nominated for: ______________________________

In 12 days time you can witness a very special event called a Total Solar Eclipse. In Cairns this will be a total solar eclipse where the moon will completely block the sun and day will become night for about 5 minutes! Here in Beenleigh we will see 80% of the sun blocked by the moon. This will happen early in the morning (very early for some!) from 6am to 8am, with the peak at 7am. If you would like to come and have a look we are going to have a special viewing at school from 6:45am to 8am where you can safely view the eclipse using special eclipse viewing glasses and a modified telescope. Students are welcome to bring their breakfast and be ready for school if that suits. If you can't make it you can buy Solar Eclipse Glasses on ebay for $5 and you can watch at home. Please do not look at the sun without using proper and safe viewing equipment, you can permanently damage your eyes.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2013 BUS PASSES DUE NOW

A new application is required for a 2013 bus pass if your child is moving from Primary to Secondary School.

is taking part in the pilot year 7 in Secondary Schools Program at Pimpama State Secondary School, Southport State High School, and Varsity College.

is repeating a grade.

Reminder: A new application is required for all other instances where a child’s home address or school changes.

Information on the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS), eligibility and application forms is available from the Department of Transport and Main Roads http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/School-transport.aspx or by contacting your local School Transport Office on 5630 8857. Information regarding school bus timetables is available at www.surfside.com.au

BUS NUMBERS CHANGING

From Monday 5th November, some Qld School Buses numbers will be changing. These are bus number changes only, Bus routes and times will remain the same. School bus drivers will be handing out notices and the information will also be available on our website www.surfside.com.au from close of business Monday 29th October. If the students bus number is not listed, then there is no change. Number change is effective from Monday 5th November 2012.

LOST PROPERTY

The telephone number for Lost Property enquiries is Surfside’s Reception No.: on 55 716 555 8:15-4:15 Monday-Friday (Monday mornings are our busiest, we appreciate your patience if you are calling at this time). Lost property is held for a maximum period of 4 weeks.

A Mary MacKillop medal set in a clear cylinder is missing from the office counter. Can everyone please keep an eye out for it? It was presented to Sr Jenny for the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop. Sr Jenny has been very generous in letting us display it in the office and it would be wonderful if we could find it again as it has special significance to Sr Jenny’s vocation.

SHOE BOXES

Please send in empty shoe boxes to Bronwyn at the office. They will be used for Christmas Hampers. Thank you
This disco being organised by the student council will be open to all grades. They will all attend at the same time.

Enrolment packages for 2013 have now been updated on the school website. www.stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au

We expect the Christmas vacation care booking form and the open and closure dates for this period, to be available and updated to the website next week.

Leigh Wagner is a Brisbane Artist who specialises in jewellery making. She works in contemporary materials producing modern, funky designs. Leigh has been commissioned by the National Art Gallery to produce jewellery for their gallery as well as by other museums, galleries, etc.

We have commissioned Leigh to produce a limited edition of Mary MacKillop Lady Beetle brooches for ART-WORX12. The brooches can be viewed and purchased for $20 at the school office.

The first annual St Joseph’s camping trip is set to go off this weekend with around 70 people booked. If you haven’t booked, you can pay on arrival. Bring your 20c pieces for a warm shower, remember sites are unpowered. Head to the park office upon arrival and they will point you in the direction of the St Joseph’s area. Anyone arriving Saturday morning can arrive any time after 8:00am.


Cost? Adults (16 years of age and over) - $8.00 per night.
Children (5 to 15 years of ages) - $4.00 per night
Family (2 Adults and up to 4 Children 15 and under) - $27.00

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