Dear Parents

This weekend is the feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and the weekend before the church season of Advent. Jesus envisaged a world, a kingdom on earth, in which compassion was the core value. This challenged the purity focus of his contemporary Jewish religious leaders. In the Good Samaritan story for example, Jesus stresses the importance of reaching out to others in need. For the religious leaders, staying away from anything that made them unclean or unfit for performing rituals or completing their daily religious tasks was the priority. Blood from the beaten stranger was 'taboo' for Jewish religious leaders and so when confronted with the injured man, they crossed over to the other side of the road so as to remain 'pure'.

The reign of God is now, here in our midst. It is something towards which we are challenged right here and now to contribute to fulfil our Christian baptismal obligations. So the feast of Christ the King (created by Pope Pius XI) is a day to celebrate and remember Christ's kingship over all creation and of our human obligation to 'submit' to Christ's rule. Put simply, Jesus's vision for the reign of God in the world is a kingdom right here and now. Christ is the head of this kingdom. As Christians we are called to be compassionate, to see a need and do something about it if we can.

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**End of Year Concert:** 1.30pm & 6pm Wed 27 Nov

**End of 2013 School Year:** 12 midday 6 December

*Please arrange for your child/ren to be collected early on this day*

**60th Anniversary Port Orders:** Friday 22 November

*Must be collected this Friday. Adults only please*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Weekly events are only published in the first week.

**Monday 25 November**
Assembly: PF. 2015 leaders announced
Year 1: Swimming

**Tuesday 26 November**
8-8.30am: Last 2013 Homework help
8.15-9.15am: Uniform Shop
9am: 2014 Prep's Playdate in the Park
Year 1: Swimming
Year 2: Celebration of Learning
5.30pm: BBQ - student leaders & families

**Wednesday 27 November**
7.45am: Year 7 Musicians
1.30pm & 6pm: Christmas Concert

**Thursday 28 November**
Liturgy
2.15-3.15pm: Uniform Shop
Year 1: Swimming

**Friday 29 November**
8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
9am: Volunteers Morning Tea
Banking
Ice Block Day
Year 1: Swimming
Year 2: Pizza Party
Anniversary Port Order Collection Day
Last Day for St Vincent De Paul donations
Last Banking Day. Redeem tokens

**Monday 2 December**
Assembly
Year 7: Trinity Orientation

**Tuesday 3 December**
Year 7: Wet n Wild

**Wednesday 4 December**
Report cards go home with students
Graduation Mass and Reception

**Thursday 5 December**
Whole school fun day

**Friday 6 December**
10.45am: Final Mass
12noon: End of 2013 School Year
Arrange for children’s early pick up please

**RECEPTION**
Mon: 8.30-3.45
Tue-Thurs: 8.15-3.45
Fri: 8.30-3.15

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Kerry Fenner mob 0432828467 or 32872798 in uniform shop hours.
VOLUNTEERS’ MORNING TEA
Inviting all volunteers at St Joseph’s School to an end of year morning tea.

WHEN: Friday 29 November TIME: 9am 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.

P & F
I extend my sincere thanks to parents who have made the effort to attend monthly P & F meetings on a regular basis in 2013. To all who have helped out in many and varied ways throughout the year, your support is much appreciated. To our ‘outgoing’ executive, (President: Dominic Barnes; Vice-Presidents: David Fitzgerald and Michelle Jeffery; Treasurer: Belinda Thompson; Secretary: Angela Houghton) sincere thanks for your support, friendship, loyalty, sacrifice, service and sheer hard work during 2013.

To the P & F as a whole, you have achieved so much this year and I congratulate you on your efforts and thank you on behalf of a grateful Joey’s community. You have continued to forge positive and productive relationships with families, students and staff throughout the year and the many projects you have supported have made a significant difference to school resources and therefore to the children’s education.

A snapshot of activity and support:

School Fete – another great event
Tuckshop Days – 60th Anniversary Celebrations and memorabilia
Discos – Financial Support for Banner Boards-hall concrete columns
Bus for choir – Resources for Library, Art Program, Music (xylophone)
Classroom Interactive Whiteboard – Yr 6 Tables in the hall
Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day Stalls – Book Club
Banking – Sausage Sizzles
Family Camp Out – Canteen – installation of new stove/oven & stainless steel work
Lego Robotics – Security screens to the school library
Outdoor maintenance equipment - gerni – St Mary’s Beaudesert –student sausage sizzle & staff morning tea

Every time there was a school event or activity, you were present and supportive. Many thanks for a great year.

EXECUTIVE FOR 2014
Congratulations and thank you to our new Executive for 2014.
President: Angela Houghton Vice-President: Michelle Jeffery & David Fitzgerald
Treasurer: Belinda Thompson Secretary: Dominic Barnes

SCHOOL LEADERS
School Leaders for 2014 will be announced at assembly on Monday 25 November.

PREP 2014 PARENT ORIENTATION EVENING
Thank you to our prep teachers, Ellen Anderson and Phillippa Haley, for their preparation of this orientation evening for parents of prep children 2014. The event provided important information about routines and procedures in prep. Thank you to all who attended.

COURTESY IN THE CARPARK
Thank you to the majority of parents who are respectful and mindful of others in the carpark before and after school each day. Don’t forget to reverse park in the main carpark and to make room for others wherever possible as space is very limited. Entry is via Kokoda Street and the exit is via Tobruk Street. The exit through the nursing home will not be available when work begins on the hospital next door.

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.

PREP 2015
At St Joseph’s, the process for processing enrolments and conducting interviews for 2015 Prep children will be taking place in Term 1 next year. If you have a child who will be turning five (5) before 30 June 2015, you need to get your application in. So far we already have 43 applications for Prep 2015. Please don’t leave it to the last moment! Please get your applications in BEFORE the end of this year.

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 for the children such as an outdoor 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.
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.

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.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

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<td>Dismissal (Please make sure that you have made arrangements to pick children up at this time)</td>
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK
1F: Michelle Thomas, Montana Ruhland
2C: Joey Johnson, Ashlin McMillan, Kate Herbst
3F: Sunka Boll-Jago, Flynn Wickens
4C: Brittany Honey, Nicholas Whitford, Lily Watson
5F: Taylah Russell, Jake Rowett, Conor Bowers, Jaqueline Pele
6C: Liam Hoban
7L: Madi Clark, Lachlan Scharneck
1C: Whole class
2F: Brianna Faint, Ashling Mairhofer
3C: Nathan Andrews
4F: Benjamin Southam
5C: Ethan Thompson, Bethany Rorke
7C: Imogen Dunkowski
Golden Banking Award: PC

HOMEWORK HELP
Homework help will no longer be available from Tuesday 26 November. Mrs Holman, Mrs Hall and Mrs Carroll would like to thank the students who attended so regularly—especially our eager group of year sevens. All our students had such positive attitudes and were a pleasure to assist. Keep up the great work everyone.

LIBRARIAN– LYN GIEBELS
Calling all volunteers! The library desperately needs a little cleaning! We are hoping that as all our books and laptops are returned that we may get some volunteers to assist us with cleaning the covers of the picture books and the screens, keyboards and covers of the laptops, iPads and iPods. Our home readers are also in need of some repairs. If you are able to help in the last two weeks, please contact either myself or Karen.
Don’t forget, all library books are due back next week. Lost books are expected to be paid for. Year 7 students will not receive graduation/year books unless all library books are either returned or paid for.
Looking for a good Christmas story as a gift for a child and a chance to win one? Check out these reviews on the My Busy Day website: http://www.mybusiday.com.au/november-giveaway/ , where I was recently asked to be guest reviewer. Happy reading!

STUDENT BANKING - ANGELA HOUGHTON
The final banking day for 2013 is Friday 29 November. Please ensure all tokens are returned and rewards redeemed by this date. Tokens need to be recorded so they can be carried over for 2014. Contact: 0403 834 112
Last Wednesday on 13th November 2013, a talented Balinese musician and a lecturer of the University of Sunshine Coast (USC), Mr Phillip Mahnken, visited St Joseph. St Joseph students watched Indonesian traditional musical instruments from Bali, the Gamelan, played by Pak Made Denis followed by a speech in Indonesian language translated by the Indonesian student of the USC, Aaron. Year 4s and 6 had opportunities to learn how to play the gamelan instruments and years 2s and 3 students listened to the talk presented by Mr Mahnken about Indonesia. The students enjoyed the activities very much. We would like to thank the University of Sunshine Coast for considering St Joseph to be part of the project to promote Indonesian language and cultures.

Over the coming weeks, until Friday 29 November, Sr. Jenny with the help of year 7L and 6C, is organising a St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper and Wish Tree Appeal.

We are hoping that all students in the school will donate canned or packaged food which can be added to Christmas hampers for the less fortunate. (We are unable to accept fresh or frozen food.) All classes have been divided into three groups with each group being responsible for certain items.

Prep-Gr2: tins of ham, beetroot, shortbread, juice, tinned corn
Gr3-4/5: pretzels, crackers, cordial, salad dressing, plum pudding
Gr6/7: jelly, bonbons, serviettes, chips, tinned fruit, fruit cake, soft drink

There is a marked container in the office to place the food items in.
The wish tree is displayed at the office. Similar to the tree the parish displays in the Church, we are asking families to come in, take a tag from the tree and buy a gift for those in need this Christmas.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Christmas Holidays DANCE CAMP – Gold Coast**

Bounce Dance are holding a dance camp for children aged 5 to 18 in the second week of school holidays Monday 16th December to Friday 20th December. Combining Hip Hop, Yoga, Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, Bootcamp & Pilates. For more information please visit [www.bouncedance.com](http://www.bouncedance.com).

**Asia Pacific Tennis League Beenleigh 2013**

22nd November from 6pm at the Beenleigh Tennis Club, Alamein Street, Beenleigh

World Ranked Players at Beenleigh. 6 QLD Teams competing to represent Qld in Melbourne during the Aus Open Free Entry. Wear Red to Support our team the "Beenleigh Blaze"

**N.G.C.T.A. SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS at THE BEENLEIGH TENNIS CLUB**

DATES: 10th, 11th, 12th December (8.30 - 10am for 4-7 Yrs $60 & 8.30am to 12noon for 8+yrs $90)

DATES: 16th, 17th, 18th December , DATES: 13th, 14th, 15th January, DATES: 20th, 21st, 22nd January

Red Ball 8.30am -- 10am (Ages 4 -- 7) $60

Half Day 8.30-12pm (Ages 8+) $90

Full Day 8.30am -- 3.30pm (8+) $110

**BEENLEIGH TENNIS CLUB TENNIS COACHING**

We are now taking tennis coaching enrolments for 2014. Coaching is held 5 afternoons per week and Saturday mornings. For further information or to book your child in please call us here at the Beenleigh Tennis Club on 38077555.

**The Iona Passion Play - AUDITIONS**

**Easter 2014 – back in Brisbane**

Experience Easter as part of the cast or crew of The Iona Passion Play.

All are welcome – you can involve the whole family! Plenty of speaking, non-speaking and support roles available.

Sunday Dec 1st @ 2pm and Sunday Jan 19th @ 1pm. Veronica on 3333 1993 or info@ipp.org.au