6 November, 2014

Last Thursday’s External School Review that focused on the last 5 years of educational provision at St Joseph’s was largely an affirming experience. The commendations and recommendations from the day will be closely scrutinised. Thank you to all involved.

At Monday’s assembly, great delight was taken in acknowledging the 20 year service of the school’s cleaner, Jacky McBain, to Brisbane Catholic Education. Jacky was very appreciative of the gifts she received, i.e. the pin, certificate, flowers and golden mop and bucket!

Staff continued their commitment to life-long learning and professional improvement through attendance yesterday, at their 3 hour Term 4 Staff Twilight Professional Development Session. For the second time this year, Positive Behaviour for Learning was the twilight focus.

Staff selection recommendations after interviews have now been approved by the Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education and I am pleased to announce that Miss Taylor and Ms Phillips have been appointed to continuing positions at St Joseph’s. As well, Mr Buckley and Miss Willmot have been appointed to 12 month fixed-term positions for 2015.

Term 4 swimming lessons continued today in the lead up to our Swimming Carnival for all students in Year 1 to 7 on Friday 21 November. I trust that all parents and relatives who are free to come along and support the students on carnival day have claimed the date.

A reminder that 2015 class placement consideration correspondence is due to me tomorrow, with necessary strong education basis.

Next Tuesday we look forward to welcoming the 2015 Prep cohort of students and their parents to St Joseph’s for the Prep Orientation Morning. My thanks to Mrs Carroll, Ms Haley and Miss Willmot for leading the organisation of this special event.

A reminder that a Special General Meeting is scheduled for Monday 24 November from 6.30pm in the staffroom. This meeting replaces the November P&F Meeting and will focus on the proposed changes to stakeholder engagement for our school community. Information related to this proposed engagement structure is available from the front office or school app, and queries can be forwarded to stjosephspandfbeenleigh@gmail.com

Preparations for the 2014 Musical Showcase are gaining solid momentum under the direction of Mrs Carroll. I echo the thanks that Mrs Haran stated in last week’s newsletter to all who are assisting with costume creation. A reminder that performances occur on Wednesday 26 November at 1.30pm and 6.00pm, in the hall.

An Ice Bucket Challenge is coming to St Joseph’s on Monday 1 December during assembly time, to raise awareness and funds for research into Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Similar to Diabetes, MND has touched a family at our school and it is only appropriate that this condition also receives a focus in our community. Further related information in coming weeks.

Prayers are requested for parent, Nicky Hooker, who suffered a serious horse riding accident last weekend. Please also pray for Mrs Hall who is slowly recovering from her recent double knee replacement surgery. We give thanks for the pending return to work, next week, of Mrs Pangbourne after a serious injury in June. Thank you to Mrs Rattansay for her very competent work as Mrs Pangbourne’s replacement.

With next Tuesday being Remembrance Day, we pray for all men and women who have made sacrifices in honour of our wonderful country. For those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice:

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We will remember them. Lest we forget."
PC: Harry Taylor  PF: Frankie Surace  1C: Milly McCallum
1F: Sophia Dougherty  2C: Jake Shaw  2F: Lani Waters
3C: Jack King  3F: Aditya Shah  4C: Sophie Vickery
4F: Tayla Eichmann  5C: Rielly Chambers  5F: Cohen Toovey
6C: Maya Wilson  7C: Meghan Hutchinson

2015 BOOKLISTS
The school has engaged a new text book supplier for 2015. The Lucky Charm Newsagency at Holmview will now be supplying parents with all the “back to school” text book and stationery needs. Please keep a look out in next week’s newsletter for information on the ordering process and timeline.

A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN

DATE CLAIMER - MUSICAL SHOWCASE - Wednesday 26 November at 1.30pm and 6pm in the school hall.

A note went home this week stating the Musical Showcase costumes required for each year level.

PREP ENROLMENTS
Applications for enrolment of Prep 2016 students will begin to be processed over the Christmas holidays. Please ensure you submit applications this term. Applications for 2017 enrolment can also be submitted now.


SPORT TEAM PHOTOS
Orders close this Friday for the swimming squad, soccer, softball, rugby league, netball, basketball, cross country, cricket, touch football and athletics photos.

Alternately, you may order and access the photos on line at www.advancedlife.com.au. The access code is XG7QYM9Q5.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS TREE

Over the coming weeks, until Friday 29 November, Sr. Jenny with the help of year 7C 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 in our community. **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-Yr 2:** tins of ham, beetroot, shortbread, juice, tinned corn  
**Yr 3-4/5:** pretzels, crackers, cordial, salad dressing, plum pudding  
**Yr 6/7:** jelly, bonbons, serviettes, chips, tinned fruit, fruit cake, soft drink

There is a marked container in the office in which to place the food items.

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. Please attach the tag to your gift.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - JOSHUA O’KEEFFE

The St Joseph’s School Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday 21st November, 2014 (9am to 3pm)**. This is a normal school day and **ALL** Year 1 to 7 students are expected to be in attendance and competing for their House.

By the end of this week teachers will have sent home a nomination form to students who they believe are capable of swimming a whole lap of the pool. If they wish, these students will be placed in competitive seeded heats for the chance of representing the school next year.

All other students will get the opportunity to swim at least four times throughout the day, in either half laps or full laps in the strokes of their choice. If you think your child has missed being given a nomination form please consult your child’s classroom teacher.

It is not possible to provide exact times of your child’s races, however, we would love to see parents coming along, supporting and cheering all swimmers.
BOOK CLUB - LESLEY SOLAR

Book club orders close 9am this Friday. Books will be distributed to classes on Monday 24 November.

YEAR 1 MUSEUM EXCURSION - SARAH TAYLOR

Last week the Year 1 students travelled to the Brisbane Museum where they explored items from the past. We participated in a toy presentation where we sorted toys based on their age. We moved through the different levels of the museum and particularly enjoyed the insects and stuffed animals. All children were on their best behaviour and represented St Joseph’s well. We would like to thank our amazing parent helpers Rachel Elford, Emma McCallum, Jackie Hall and Evette Morrissey.

YEARS 6 & 7 TRINITY ORIENTATION

Year 6 & 7 students who are attending Trinity College in 2015 will have Trinity orientation days in the last week of the term. Students attend school as normal and are walked to and from Trinity College with St Joseph’s teachers. They return to St Joseph’s and remain at school until the normal finishing time. Please note the change of date for Year 7’s Trinity Orientation. The Parent information evening is at 6.30pm 25 November. The students’ orientation will be on Tuesday 2 December. Year 6’s date of 1 December for the orientation and the parents’ meeting remain unchanged.

YEARS 6 & 7 DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

The Metro South Health School Dental Service are requesting parents of years 6 & 7 students to make dental appointments now for their children before they move to High School. To make an appointment, phone 1300 300 850 (Monday to Friday – 7:30 to 4:00). Have your Medicare Card and Health Care Card (if you have one) with you when you call. For further information, please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth/
2015 & 2016 TERM DATES

2015
- **Term 1**: Wednesday 28 January - Thursday 2 April (10 weeks)
- **Term 2**: Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June (10 weeks)
- **Term 3**: Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September (10 weeks)
- **Term 4**: Tuesday 6 October - Friday 4 December (9 weeks)

2016
- **Term 1**: Wednesday 27 January - Thursday 24 March (9 weeks)
- **Term 2**: Monday 11 April - Friday 24 June (11 weeks)
- **Term 3**: Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September (10 weeks)
- **Term 4**: Tuesday 6 October - Friday 2 December (9 weeks)

PARISH NEWS

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**
The Sacramental Program for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is beginning with an information night for parents of the children at **St Patrick’s Catholic Church on Tuesday 18 November, 2014 at 7:00pm.** Launch of the program will be on 5th of February 2015. Registration can be done on or before 18th through the parish office. Please be aware that only baptised children are able to commence the Sacramental Program this year and have turned 8 before 14 June 2015. Older children are also welcome to participate in the program. For further information please contact the St Patrick’s Parish Office on 3287 2282.

**YOUTH MASSES:**
- 9am Sunday 16th Nov, with practice at 8am; 6pm Sunday 7th Dec, with practice at 4pm.

Next **‘United’ Youth meeting:** Friday, Nov 14th. We start at 5.30pm; the younger group finish at 7.30pm, and the older group finish at 8.45pm. The night includes dinner and is held in St Joseph’s School Hall.

**Faith on Tap:** Monday, 10th Nov at The Pineapple Hotel, 706 Main St, Kangaroo Point. For more info contact David: 0431 956 753

**Band practice** is held every Tuesday night in the parish office from 7 – 8pm. New singers/musicians always welcome!
If you would like to know more about youth ministry in our Parish, please contact me.
Cathy 0400 494 943 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

**Irish November Remembrance Mass**
The Irish Australian Support Association of Qld Inc (IASAQ) invites you to our Annual November Remembrance Mass, which will take place on Sunday 16 November at 12 noon in Guardian Angels Church, Scarborough St., Southport.
An opportunity to join in praying for the peaceful repose of deceased relatives and friends. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards – meet new friends and renew old acquaintances

COMMUNITY NEWS

**MELONY UPDATE**
We are on the way in the fundraising for Melony. It is great to see some donations come in, so thank you everyone who has been able to help, but there is a long way to go yet.
If you can help donate: * items for a garage sale please send to the office.
  * anything to raffle.
  * money. We will have a bank account next week or give to Melony or Bronwyn.
  * old jewellery and fashion items you no longer use.

**STUDENTS & PARENTS NOTICE - Afternoon Bus 3153**

Please be advised of following:

Effective from Monday 1 December 2014, afternoon school service 3153 will operate 5 minutes later, departing St Joseph’s School at 3:15pm. The bus route will remain the same.

Thank you. Network Planning Department
Detailed timetable for this service will be available on our web site from 27 November 2014.
or further information please contact Association Co-ordinator on 0432 087 328. www.surfside.com.au