Dear Parents

During the month of November we continue to remember those who have died. We celebrate the example of our saints and are inspired by their lives lived following in the footsteps of Jesus. We remember our loved ones who have died and pray that they may be at peace in God. We remember those who have fallen in service of their country in wars and in peace-keeping missions all over the world.

Please support our St Vincent de Paul hamper and Christmas gift tag appeals.

YEAR 4 EXCURSION
I enjoyed the Year 4 excursion to the Daisy Hill Koala Centre on Tuesday. It is a delightful, bush setting and well worth a visit as a family. Our children were good ambassadors for the school and certainly learned so much about koalas and the impact of urban development on their habitat. Thanks to Cath Schloman, Sarah Taylor, James Buckley and Mary Wynn for their organisation and supervision of this excursion.

FROM Catherine Schloman: On Tuesday, the Year 4’s visited the Daisy Hill Koala Centre, where they were keen listeners at a presentation. We learnt about the threats to koalas and what the public can do to help protect these amazing creatures. After lunch, team building games were played in the surrounding open area, while smaller groups of students walked along trails finding clues for their mapping activities. Many thanks to Mr Boulton and Mrs Wynn for coming along to help.

Sincere thanks to the many parents who contributed in various ways to the success of the school disco last Friday. We really appreciate your effort & time. Thanks to our resident DJ, Mr Lovegrove, and to the staff who assisted with supervision, ticket sales, banking, and packing up. Finally, thanks to the children who came along, and to those who helped out with sales of glow products.

UNIFORM SHOP
Kerry Fenner  mob 0432828467 or 32872798 in uniform shop hours.
MELBOURNE CUP
I hope those who had a flutter on the cup were successful in some way! Staff at Joey’s had a shared lunch and cup sweep to mark this annual event.

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
We look forward to staging our Christmas 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 Christmas 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 a day in late November. Order forms will be available at the office, through the newsletter and on Skoolbag.

ICEBLOCKS
Each Friday this term the Student Council will be selling ice-blocks for $1 each. Proceeds from ice-block sales go towards the Student Council for charity donations and for a legacy item that the senior leaders donate to the school at the end of the school year.

PREP ORIENTATION MORNING
On Tuesday 12 November, Prep children from the 2014 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 accompany their child to the hall. The children are escorted by teachers and teacher assistants to the prep classrooms, while parents remain in the hall for a cuppa. A number of staff will address parents during this time.

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
Children from Years 5 & 6 who are aiming for leadership positions in 2014 are currently delivering speeches to their peers each morning this week as part of the discernment process. Today, the children voted for their leaders. The results of this vote will be taken to our staff meeting next Wednesday. Staff have an opportunity to vote as well. School leaders are announced to the school 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 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.

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.

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: Emman Manchanayake, Owen Kilby-Love
1F: Rhylee Jackson
2F: Eva Crouch, Charlotte Purkis
5C: Elijah Thompson, Evie Classen
6C: Lillian Bevan
7C: Caitlin Barlow
7L: Jy Supple, Perrin Marshall

Golden Gnome: 1st: 2F. 2nd: 3C & 3F. 3rd: 4C.

A MUSICAL NOTE – RENUKA HARAN
We had a wonderful performance last Thursday, as the whole school participated in Music, “Count Us In”. The children sang with gusto at 11.30am and it was great to hear the countdown from the top of the Q1 on the Gold Coast. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who participated with us. A big thanks to Mr O’Keefe who organised the technical aspect of the show. Our band of musicians accompanied the school very professionally and expertly.

DATE CLAIMER
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Date: Wednesday 27 November. Time: 1.30pm (Matinee) 6.00pm (Evening)
Venue: School Hall
Costumes lists will be sent out this week. Thank you to Katrina Giebels for organising this.

BALINESE MUSICIAN PERFORMANCE
To promote Indonesian language and culture studies, the University of the Sunshine Coast funds a project to invite Balinese musicians to come to schools where Indonesian language is taught. Thus, Dr. Phillip Mahnken who is the Indonesian Lecturer at the University of the Sunshine Coast and a Balinese gamelan player, Pak (Mr) Made Denis will be visiting St Joseph’s on Wednesday 13 November 2013. Gamelan is a set of traditional musical instruments from Bali. Pak Made Denis will display the cultural side of Indonesia through the traditional harmonic rhythm of the gamelan and provide a short session to years 4 and 6. Meanwhile, Dr. Mahnken will present activities such as story telling to years 2 and 3. The activities will start with a whole school assembly under the shed at 9.00am, then will con-

TUCKSHOP DAY
continue with a short gamelan session and story telling. A note will come home this week from the P&F with the details of the next tuckshop day which will be held on Friday 22 November.
Please come along and raise some much needed funds for Breast Cancer research and support. Our morning tea is on Fri 8 November in the school hall. If you could please make a tax deductible donation on entry where there will be an official receipt book available, that would be great. If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, you can send donations to the office in a clearly marked envelope and I will send the receipt back home to you. Or, you can donate online by going to the official Pink Ribbon Breaky website and searching for our event... The instructions are below. Anyone who would like to donate a prize, it would be greatly accepted and used in the prize draws/ raffle. Come and have some laughs and well-deserved time out with your friends.. We do not spend nearly enough time celebrating our friendships! We also will acknowledge and remember those who have faced Breast Cancer and the widespread effect it has on family and friends as well. Looking forward to seeing you there!

www.pinkribbonbreakfast.org.au

Find an Event
Name: Joeys Cuppa For Cancer
Host: Lesley Solar
Postcode: 4207

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

STUDENT BANKING

TOKENS: Please be aware that all tokens must be redeemed this year. Next year a new reward system will be starting and the current tokens will be obsolete. In 2014 the bank will track the tokens and a slip will be put in the bank books to notify students.

OPENING ACCOUNTS: A bank employee will be at the school next Tuesday 12 November between 9-10am for students (including prep 2014) wishing to open an account.


WHO WOULD LIKE TO PLAY CRICKET?

Logan Village Cricket Club is looking for keen girls or boys to play for their Under 11's and Under 10's cricket teams. We have only 2 spots left on each team. So if you are aged 8 to 12, are keen to play cricket then you can play for us! We train Friday nights and play Saturdays 8am to midday. The club is on Weaber Rd only 5 minutes drive from Holmview. Registration is $50 and includes a team hat and team shirt. You can come down and try it out on Friday nights. Call Dominic Barnes for more information - 0447 710 730

GRANDPARENTS DAY