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
6.45-8am: Partial Solar Eclipse
2.05pm: Choir
Yr 1: Swimming
Last Day Dental Van

Thursday 15 November
Liturgy 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-Yr7 Disco

Sunday 18 November
9am St Patrick’s Mass: Readings St Joseph’s School.

Monday 19 November
Assembly: 2F

Tuesday 20 November
7.30am: Band practice

Wednesday 21 November

Thursday 22 November
Mass Readings: 5/6L
6pm: 2013 Prep parents meeting, Hall

Friday 23 November
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Yr 5: Night of the Notables

Friday 28 November
1.30 & 6pm: Christmas Concert

RECEPTION
Mon: 8.30-3.45
Tues-Thurs: 8.15-3.45
Fri: 8.30-3.15

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

Dear Parents

Welcome to term 4, Week 6 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! There are four weeks to go until the completion of the school year. Wow! The year, particularly this term, has gone so quickly!

Today we welcomed Bishop Oudeman to St Joseph’s. The Bishop visited Trinity College in the morning, St Joseph’s in the middle session, and Mother Theresa Primary in the afternoon. Bishop Joseph will celebrate the Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses in the parish this weekend. After listening to our wonderful choir perform, Bishop Joseph watched our Wakakirri performance on DVD over a sumptuous lunch. We took Bishop Joseph on a quick tour of the school, during which he visited several classrooms. We couldn’t let the opportunity pass without taking him to the art room where he was given a ceramic lady beetle and a blessing from St Mary MacKillop.

VOLUNTEERS’ MORNING TEA
Inviting all volunteers at St Joseph’s School to an end of year morning tea. WHEN: Friday 30 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.

BEFORE SCHOOL CONCERNS
Some families are dropping children to school far too early. In previous newsletters I have stressed that teachers do not go on duty until 8.20am and that it is dangerous to leave children unsupervised even if they are in the school grounds. It is also not fair to the families who do the right thing by the school and their children and who enrol their children into before school care. I can appreciate that the cost of living is going up and families need to find ways of cutting back budgets but the safety of children is paramount and an area not worth compromising.

CONSUMABLES LEVY 2013
For most year levels the consumables levy has reduced. This is because we have either reduced the amount ordered or because the new supplier has lower prices. These savings will help to offset increased costs to the Technology and Capital Levies.
Prep  2013: $125 (2012 was $110)
Year 1 2013: $100 (2012 was $100)
Year 2 2013: $85 (2012 was $85)
Year 3 2013: $80 (2012 was $75)
Year 4 2013: $70 (2012 was $65)
Year 5 2013: $70 (2012 was $65)
Year 6 2013: $70 (2012 was $65)
Year 7 2013: $70 (2012 was $65)

9 November, 2012
SCHOOL REPORTS
These will be distributed through the children on Wednesday 05 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 28 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 FEES 2013
(Prep-Year 7)
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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.

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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.

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 30 November 2012. 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!

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.

2013 PREP STUDENTS ORIENTATION MORNING AND PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
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 hall area at 9.00am before moving to the area behind the hall for a cuppa.

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.)
SKOOLBAG APP
Skoolbag is a school to parent communication tool. 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 need to download the App from the App store. Search for St Joseph's Tobruk. There are a number of
schools with the new App. It is free.
Peter Lovegrove has been busily updating the information on the Skoolbag app for St Joseph's. Please make use
of this convenient communication tool.

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

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 are asking families and children not to bring these to school
either to eat themselves or to give to others as gifts in a card. 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, that they consid-
er ornaments for the Christmas tree or stickers or cards only or handmade felt Christmas Trees....

FROM PETER LOVEGROVE-ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL SPONSORED MASS
Our school will be hosting and serving at the Sunday Mass on November 18. We are looking for any and all students and their families to join us in
celebrating with the wider St Patrick’s Parish family. Mr Lovegrove is
looking for student volunteers to read and sing on the day. If you and your
child are able to come and would like to lead us in celebration in someway
please email me at plovegrove@bne.catholic.edu.au

MOVEMBER
It's Movember and time to focus on men's health. To show my commitment, I'm donating my face to the cause by
growing a moustache for the entire month of November, and need your support. My Mo will spark conversations, and
no doubt generate some laughs; all in the name of raising vital awareness and funds for prostate cancer and male men-
tal health.
I will keep you updated with the latest growth with photos and anecdotes regarding the caterpillar as it develops.
Why am I so passionate about men's health?
*1 in 9 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime
*This year 20,000 new cases of the disease will be diagnosed
*1 in 8 men will experience depression in their lifetime
I'm asking you to support my Movember efforts by making a donation by either:
*Donating online at: http://mobro.co/peterlovegrove
*Writing a cheque payable to 'Movember', referencing my Registration ID: 4917965 and mailing it to: Movember, PO
Box 60, East Melbourne, VIC, 8002
If you'd like to find out more about the type of work you'd be helping to fund by supporting Movember, take a look at
the Programs We Fund section on the Movember website: http://au.movember.com/about/funding-overview/
Thank you in advance for supporting my efforts to change the face of men's health.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Whole Class
PF: Emma Cook, Angelina Gamble, Hayden Dent, Thomas Finke
1F: Samantha Thompson Bacorro, Summer Lahrs
2C: Tyrone Bates
3C: William Wright
4C: Caitlin Rorke, Hannah Evans, Daniel Powell, Andrew Kennedy, Kasey Leadbetter, Jackson Babin
4F: Adam Porter, Brendan Searle, Kent McMahon
56D: Jacob Huth, Jacqueline Falani
56L: Alana Topan, Jessica LeBillon
6C: Madison Shaw
7C: Corrina Cheney
Over the next few weeks Sr. Jenny, with the help of year 6, 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 will be a marked container in the office to place the food items in.

The wish tree will be displayed in 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.

AS OF this week OUR SCHOOL IS IN 6th POSITION IN AUSTRALIA. Wow -Amazing effort

CLASS LEADERS from 29th – 4th November
PC – Keegan Rorke  PF – Ella Marshall  1C – Shannon Robinson  1F – Maddison Schipplock
2C – Isabella Shala  2F – Dylan Schipplock  3C – Kynan Charlton  3F – Maurice Rosales
4C – Sasha Clark  4F – Katarina Shala  56L – Tamika Buttigieg  56D – Liam Hoban
6C – Connor Black  6F – Caitlin Rorke  7C – Bianca Chua  7F – Josie Shala

OUR SCHOOL LEADERS and in TOP 50 in Australia:
1st – Josie Shala, 2nd – Tamika Buttigieg, 3rd – Maurice Rosales (15th)

TOP STUDENTS OF LITERACY PLANET AUSTRALIA
When I am back next week I will issue certificates for any missing weeks.

It is the wonderful organisers of our once a term tuckshop day; a day when happy and hungry children alike say ‘Hooray for Tuckshop Day! Thankyou Annette Lahrs and Bernie Armstrong who are the brains behind this initiative. After all their great organising for these days, they are well supported by members of the P & F as well as other parents who give a helping hand on the day. When one mum was asked if she liked the idea of Tuckshop Day, she replied “I love it. Not having to think about what I need to make for lunches that day is just great.” A group of our students were unanimous in their appreciation for the Tuck Shop Day. “I like it because I get to eat things that I don’t have normally. It’s a treat.” Thanks to all associated with Tuck Shop Day. You are generous spirits who are making a difference at St Joseph’s.

SOLAR ECLIPSE AT SCHOOL!!!  WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14

Next Wednesday 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 from 6am to 8am, peaking at 7am. 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.

What to bring: Everything you need for school and breakfast if you like.
Weather: If Wednesday morning is raining or over cast the viewing will be cancelled.
Warning: Do not look at the sun without using proper and safe viewing equipment, or you could damage your eyes.

SHOE BOXES
Please send in empty shoe boxes to Bronwyn at the office. They will be used for Christmas Hampers.
P&F AGM - DOMINIC BARNES

P&F Annual General Meeting - Tuesday November 13 - 7pm
After another great year it's time again to elect office bearers the P&F for 2013. Being part of the P&F is a great way to contribute to your children's school and make some great friends. Positions open for election are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Being on the committee doesn’t take up much time depending on what events are coming up. All of the current P&F committee are happy to stay on for another year but there is always room for people interested in getting involved on the committee. Nomination forms are below and at the office. You can nominate yourself or someone else! You are also welcome to attend the meeting without nominating for any positions. Hope to see you there.

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

Name of person nominating: _______________________________ Signed: _______________________________

Person being nominated: _______________________________

Position being nominated for: ______________________________   Date: ________________________

BOOK CLUB

Orders have started to arrive. Won't be long until the rest arrive and will send home ASAP. Thank you for your support in 2012. Your orders enabled the school to donate books for the library to the value of over $500!

PINK RIBBON CUPPA

What a great gathering!! A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along, donated yummy treats and wonderful gifts and prizes. Thank you to everyone who donated money for this special cause! Thank you too, for those who helped out with setting up, cooking, serving and clean up!!
If you were unable to make it and would still like to donate, you can send your donation to the office in a clearly marked envelope and I will give you an official receipt! Or you can donate online using the details below:
Log on: www.pinkribbonbreakfast.org.au   Find: a Breakfast (left hand side)
Click: on this and then you can donate securely.

PREP-YEAR 7 DISCO

This disco being organised by the student council will be open to all grades. They will all attend at the same time.
CHRISTMAS CONCERT – RENUKA HARAN
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.

LOST & FOUND
LOST: 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.

FOUND: Cross from a necklace

YEAR 4 STUDENTS
Current Year 4 students should now be applying to Trinity College for placement in Yr 7, 2015. Applications can be accessed on www.trinitycollege.qld.edu.au or Trinity’s office on 3442 5222.

ST PATRICK’S OUTSIDE SCHOOL CARE
Enrolment packages for 2013, Christmas vacation care booking form and the open and closure dates are on the school website. www.stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au

LADY BEETLE BROOCHES
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
TRIPLE P: Parenting is one of the hardest jobs faced in life. Raising healthy, well adjusted children who have all the skills they need for life is a stressful process, and it can be hard for parents to know the best place to go for support, guidance and reassurance. Whether a family is dealing with temper tantrums, disobedience, or sibling rivalry ... or if they'd just like support to set limits and build positive relationships with their child, Triple P is here to help. Triple P is a system of easy-to-implement, well-tested solutions that helps to solve current parenting problems and prevent future problems before they arise. It has been designed to prevent behavioural, emotional and developmental problems in children aged 0-12 by enhancing the knowledge, skills and confidence of parents. It helps parents understand the way their family works and uses the things they already say, think, feel and do in new ways, to support them to create a stable, supportive and harmonious family environment, deal positively, consistently and decisively with problem behaviour and build positive relationships with their children.

A number of FREE Triple P groups and seminars for parents of children aged 0-12 will be running at Salisbury. Registrations are essential to ensure a spot is allocated for each person and spaces are strictly limited.

All three Triple P seminars (1 - The Power of Positive Parenting, 2 - Raising Confident, Competent Children and 3 - Raising Resilient Children) are being presented each day.
To register please contact Krissy Campbell kcampbell@accoras.com.au from Accoras or 3274 1886.

SURFSIDE BUS ROUTES: In conjunction with the school bus changes commencing Monday 5th November, there are some actual route changes included in the bus number changes for the Ormeau, Pimpama, Beenleigh, Windaroo, Mt Warren Park area. Leaflets have been handed out by the drivers to the students this week.
Information will be on our website surfside.com.au

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Last weekend the first annual St Joseph’s Family camp was held at Flanagan’s Reserve approximately ten kilometres outside of Rathdowney. The weekend was well attended with over 70 parents, staff, friends, past, present and future students of St Joseph’s all gathering in what can only be described as a weekend not to be forgotten.

Friday night saw many people arrive after a long week at work and quickly set up camp and put their feet up. Saturday morning rolled around very quickly, and as the rest of our happy campers arrived it was down to the creek for a swim, and for the brave, a jump off the tree into the water hole. After lunch a large contingent headed down the road for a leisurely bushwalk to the lower portals at the base of Mt Barney. At the end of the track, that some had dubbed ‘The Kokoda Trail’, was a pristine little waterhole that resembled something akin to paradise! You just had to be careful of the hungry Portal Croc, a species know to nibble a few ankles (ask Mr Edwards about that one). Back to camp the hikers headed, and settled in for a well-deserved dinner, toasted marsh mellows and stories around the campfire. Some had so much to talk about it lasted well into the night. Sunday morning was a lazy sleep in for many, followed by another swimming session at the creek, back to camp for lunch and then the task of packing up to head home began.

Thanks to my Co Camp Chief Dominic Barnes (President of the P&F), and to all the families and staff that came along to help make the weekend an extremely enjoyable one and a great success. The feedback from all who attended was very positive so keep an ear out next year for the second annual, or perhaps bi-annual, St Joseph’s Camping Weekend. With many people keen on a bushwalk, there may also be a few day trips on the calendar. If you have any feedback or suggestions about location, time or distance for future events please don’t hesitate to contact me (Josh – jokeeffe@bne.catholic.edu.au).

The dental van will leave our school next week on Wednesday. Forms can be collected at the school office if your child has not yet been examined by this free dental service.

FROG change of date: Frog will be having their break-up on Friday, 16th November instead of the 23rd, as Cathy will be away.