**Prep to Yr 5 Parents:** To assist our future planning please advise the office if your family will not be returning to St Joseph’s in 2015.

**NOVEMBER**
14 Junior Joeys Play Group (9-11am)
Geography Incursion (Yr 5)
17 Assembly (4F, 2.15pm)
18 Koala Joeys
Parish Sacramental Program (7pm)
20 Mass (7C)
Swimming lessons (Yrs 1-7)
21 Swimming Carnival (Yrs 1-7)
24 Assembly (7C, 2.15pm)
Book Club distributed to classes
Special General Meeting (7pm)
25 Koala Joeys
Volunteers Thank You Cuppa (8.45am)
Trinity Yr 8 Parent Night
26 Musical Showcase - Treasure Island (1.30pm & 6pm)
Liturgy (Prep)
27 Liturgy (Prep)
28 Junior Joeys Play Group (9-11am)
Scientist Day (Yr 3)

**DECEMBER**
1 Trinity 2015 Yr 7 Orientation & Parent Night
Treasure Island DVD’s available
Assembly (2.15pm, Ice Bucket Challenge)
2 Trinity 2015 Yr 8 Orientation
Graduation (Yr 6 & 7)
3 Wet ‘n’ Wild (Yr 6 & 7)
4 Student Activity Day
School/Parish Christmas Carols (6-8pm)
5 End of Year Mass (10.30pm)
End of Term 4 (12.00noon)

**WEEKLY EVENTS**
Tues Homework Help (8-8.30am)
Uniform Shop (8.15-9.15am)
Wed Yr 6/7 Musicians Graduation Practice
(7.30am)
Homeork Help
Thurs Uniform Shop (2.15-3.15pm)
Fri Sr Jenny’s Cuppa (8.40am)
Student Banking

Congratulations to the 117 students from Prep to Year 6 who were presented with 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificates at Monday’s assembly, when all students were encouraged to understand that ‘Readers are Achievers’ and that ‘Readers are Leaders’!

Also at Monday’s assembly, parent, Tracey Shore, spoke from the heart about the devastating loss, last year, of her husband, Mal, to Motor Neurone Disease (MND). In so doing, Tracey promoted the school’s upcoming MND fundraising Ice Bucket Challenge, scheduled for the last assembly of the year on December 1, and the related Jan Burns art work raffle. We thank Jan for her very kind donation. For the next three Fridays, monetary collections will occur in classrooms for MND. Please give generously if possible and keep an eye on the MND fundraising thermometer in the front office.

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper and Wish Tree Appeal was also promoted at Monday’s assembly and further related information can be found in a latter section. Again, please give generously if possible.

Tuesday’s Orientation Morning for 2015 Prep students was very well received by attending families and my thanks to staff and students who ensured that it was an informative and enjoyable experience for all, especially the children.

The best wishes of staff went with Mrs Burgess last Thursday when she commenced Long Service Leave until year’s end. As well, Miss Taylor will take a short period of leave from next Tuesday to prepare for, and enjoy, her upcoming wedding. We wish Miss Taylor well, for this special time in her life and we look forward to welcoming her back to St Joseph’s as Mrs Baker, the following Tuesday.

Please note that the Parish Sacramental Program Information Night for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation occurs next Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in St Patrick’s Church, for families with children who turn 8 years of age prior to 14 June, 2015.

A reminder that the St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival for all students in Year 1 to 7 occurs on Friday 21 November. Again, 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 also, about the Special General Meeting that is scheduled for Monday 24 November from 7.00pm in the staffroom (please note time change). Again, this meeting will focus on the proposed changes to stakeholder engagement in our school community, and information related to same, is available from the front office or school app. Queries can be forwarded to stjosephspandfbeenleigh@gmail.com

Volunteer help is the life blood of any school and on Tuesday 25 November, our community looks forward to celebrating the wonderful volunteer help that has been received at St Joseph’s this year, with a Volunteer’s Thank You Cuppa from 8.45am. My thanks, in advance, to Sr Jenny for her organisation of this much anticipated event.

Practice continues for the upcoming Musical Showcase, with two performances scheduled for Wednesday 26 November at 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Due to limited hall seating and space, a polite request that parents/relatives plan to attend only one of the performances. I offer my thanks to those who are assisting with costume and prop creation. This Treasure Island showcase promises to be most entertaining.

Please note the flyer that accompanies this newsletter, advertising the combined School/Parish Christmas Carols from 6.00pm on Thursday 4 December, with fireworks!

Teacher year level allocations for 2015 are now finalised and provided in a latter section, for your information. Transition Meetings for the discussion of student class allocations and individual differences are currently being undertaken by staff. Please note that 2015 classes will be posted in the final week of this term.

In the month of November, we continue to remember those who have been born to eternal life, particularly grandparent, Harry Sykes, and others who have left this world over the past 12 months:

*May the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
Prep – Sarah Taylor and Kate Willmot
Year 1 – Margaret Hatzis and Lauren Mitchell
Year 2 – Phillippa Haley and James Buckley
Year 3 – Chris Pangbourne and Amber Dair
Year 4 – Rebecca Fletcher and Nicolle Ford
Year 5 – Catherine Schloman/Dianne Pennings and Leonie Phillips
Year 6 – Matthew Armstrong/tba and Rory McBride

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: William Fludder
PF: Ava Rossman
1C: Annabel Brown
1F: Paige Stevens
2C: Angelina Gamble
2F: Thomas Finke
3C: Caydence Stevens
3F: Mikayla Heagney
4C: Matthew Bristol
4F: Peter Filip
5C: Kate Murton
5F: Matthew Hoolahan
6C: Matthew Hoolahan
6F: Maddy Payne, Taylah Russell
7C: Liam Hoban

DATE CLAIMER - MUSICAL SHOWCASE - Wednesday 26 November at 1.30pm and 6pm in the school hall.
Costumes – All students were given the costume lists last week. Please ensure that all required clothing along with a hairbrush or comb is sent in a named plastic bag as soon as possible. This is needed for the matinee show at 1.30pm.

All students are required to be at school for the evening performance at 5.30pm.

Band – There will no more school band practice. Years 6 & 7 students who wish to perform at graduation must be at rehearsal on Wednesday at 7.45am.

Instrumental Lessons – Last instrumental lessons will be in the week beginning 24 November (week 8).

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.

2016: Child born between 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.
2017: Child born between 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

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.
Teachers 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. If you think your child has missed being given a nomination form please consult your child’s classroom teacher.
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.
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.
Have you been one of our wonderful volunteers this year? We would like to thank you for your support throughout the year.

A special volunteer’s morning tea will be held on Tuesday 25th November, 8.45am. Hope to see you there.

2015 - BACK TO SCHOOL BOOK ORDERING YR’S 1-6

Lucky Charm Newsagency at Holmview (Ph: 3807 9675) is our book list provider in 2015. Booklists will be sent home next week and orders can be placed either:
- online at www.TLCholmview.com.au from 1 December; or
- completing the form and returning it to the school or directly to the Lucky Charm Newsagency at Holmview.

Please note: the cut-off date for all orders is 24 December.

A temporary store is being set up to fill parents’ “Back to School” shopping needs and book list orders. It will be located at the Bill Norris Oval Multisports Centre, Boundary Street Beenleigh (between the BMX and Soccer clubs) and will be opened from 5 January to 27 January 2015. Orders will be accepted until 9 January; however these will not be ready until 21 January. Pick up times are strictly between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 1.00pm Saturday unless prior arrangements have been made. If these trading hours do not fit your schedule please contact Lucky Charm Newsagency Holmview on 3807 9675 or 0467 321 635.

A home delivery service is also available. The delivery dates for this service are: Monday 5 January, Wednesday 7 January and Saturday 10 January. Delivery will be between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

UNIFORM SHOP - KERRY FENNER

The uniform shop is beginning to get busier as the year draws to a close. All parents and particularly current prep parents may wish to beat the back to school rush and pick up or order their students formal uniforms now.

PARISH NEWS

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

‘United’ Youth meetings for the remainder of 2014: Friday, Nov 28th, Dec 12th. 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.

We’ll soon be starting our preparations for the Christmas Youth Mass – 8pm Christmas Eve. If you’d like to be involved in ministry for the Mass, or just have some good ideas, please contact me. 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

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.

BULK EMAILS

Brisbane Catholic Education has created a bulk email to parents for schools. A test was sent to parents earlier this week. Thank you to parents who responded. A large number of emails bounced back. If you did not receive the test email or your name is below, please send an email to pbeenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au with the subject heading ‘Updated email for Mr/Mrs……. parent of ……….. (eldest child only)’.

Mr Evans, Mrs Rossman, D. Utratney, Barbara, R. Thompson, Bren, Curby, S. Waters, J. Beam, Rakic, Torralba, Gamble, S. Adam, M Brydie, C. Mason, J. Hawkins, A. M. O’Toole, M. Crouch, L. McLaughlin, Mahia.

2015 TERM DATES

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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. BSB & account number available from Bronwyn at the office.
* old jewellery and fashion items you no longer use.

PAST STUDENT
Recently the life of a St Joseph’s and Trinity graduate was lost, leaving behind his wife, 5 children and one on the way. If you can help at all please do, and keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

In loving memory of Malcolm Tumelty
Raising funds for a beautiful little family who has tragically lost their father and husband very suddenly. Malcolm had a heart of gold and so much devotion to his wife and children. Such a beautiful soul taken far too soon.... YOUCARING.COM

CLARKS LOGAN CITY BUS SERVICE
Please note: any student who has changed their residential address/school or will be moving on to high school and will be using our bus services in 2015. A parent/guardian will need to contact Clarks Logan City Bus Service to check your eligibility for School Transport Assistance Scheme 2015 bus pass. You will be required to complete a “New Application” Form. Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm 3200 9606.

BUS AND TRAIN CONNECTIONS ON THE G20 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
School services will operate as normal.
Trains will be operating to an altered Saturday timetable on Friday 14 November, due to the declared public holiday in Brisbane Local Government Area for the G20 Leaders’ Summit.
Your Clarks Logan City Bus Service will be operating to a Saturday timetable on this day. As a result bus and train connections may be impacted. In addition, route 555 services will not travel to the city over the long weekend. They will travel to a transport hub at Boggo Road busway station where you can transfer to a train or a special shuttle service. Please plan ahead and allow extra travel time.
For more information about changes to services during G20 visit translink.com.au or call 13 12 30 any time.

SURFSIDE AFTERNOON BUS 3153
STUDENTS & PARENTS NOTICE: 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.

TWILIGHT MARKETS
Windaroo State School Twilight Markets is happening on Friday 14 November 5:30pm – 8:30pm.
This year we have expanded to make it bigger and better than ever with over 60 market stalls, entertainment, class stalls, Food Zone and a Kidz Zone complete with Rides. The icing on the cake is our Fireworks Extravaganza!!
We want to share the fun with our whole community and extend to you an invitation to come along and enjoy a great family evening out and give you all the opportunity of purchasing ride wristbands at the special discounted price of $20. If anyone is interested in grabbing these, please email windarooopca@outlook.com or message us on our Twilight Market page: Windaroo State School Twilight Markets and we will send you an order form to fill in and return. This offer is only available till Thursday 13 November.
A high quality DVD of the end of year performance “Treasure Island” will be available for purchase from Monday 1 December. Please pick up and pay from the school office. Cost is $5 with all funds raised supporting the St Joseph’s music program and future musicals.
St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School and St Patrick’s Catholic Parish, Beenleigh invites you to

Carols By Candlelight

Join us for our first ever combined school and parish Carols by Candlelight
St Joseph’s School Oval
Thursday December 4th 2014
6pm to 8pm

Featuring the musical duo, MISTRAM, St Joseph’s and Mother Teresa students, St Patricks Choir and St Patrick’s Youth
Concluding with Fireworks

BBQ and drinks, candles and glo products on sale

BYO chairs and picnic rugs, join with family and friends to celebrate the joy of Christmas