Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4, Week 7 at St Joseph's Tobruk! This Sunday at 9.00am, children from St Joseph's and Mother Theresa's will be leading the prayers and readings at mass. This is an opportunity for children to explore their full participation in the life of the Church. The children have the chance to take part in liturgical celebrations here at school but it is great for them to be involved in parish celebrations and to be there with their family. Thank you to the families who have supported this occasion and let Peter Lovegrove know that the children will be attending and available to participate. Thank you also to Peter for organising the occasion, and to all who will assist him on the day or beforehand. I hope to see a big Joey’s contingent at mass on Sunday.

Congratulations to Dianne Kibble (Year 4 teacher) and her husband Brant. They are expecting their first child in late April 2013.

PREP 2013 ORIENTATION MORNING
Last Tuesday morning, children who will be coming to Prep in 2013 spent a morning in the big school getting a taste for what it will be like when they put the school uniform on for the first time next year. For an hour they took part in a range of fun activities while their parents enjoyed a cuppa outside the hall. Thank you to our prep staff and to all involved in the organisation of the morning. Thanks also to Sr Jenny and those who assisted her in preparing the morning tea. I also would like to thank year 1 staff for their participation in the event as the current prep children spend the hour in the year one classrooms. Sincere thanks everyone for your co-operation and effort.

PREP 2013 PARENT ORIENTATION EVENING
Next Tuesday 20 November, there will be an orientation evening for parents of 2013 Prep children. The evening starts at 6.00pm in the school hall. It is expected that the orientation will conclude at 7.30pm. It is better if children are not present for this orientation evening. It is vitally important for parents to attend, even if you have had children at Prep previously.

WAKAKIRRI
We won the Qld State Finals but a school from Victoria was the National winner. Congratulations to Pearcedale Primary School on their wonderful achievement. Once again, congratulations to the St Joseph’s Tobruk Wakakirri Team – we are so proud of your accomplishments in 2012!
At St Joseph’s, the processing of enrolments and conducting interviews for 2014 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 2014, you need to get your application in. So far we already have 32 applications for Prep 2014. This year 36 out of 56 places were filled by siblings, that is, brothers or sisters of children who are already enrolled at St Joseph’s. Please don’t leave it to the last moment! Please get your applications in BEFORE the end of this year.

CURRENT YEARS 4 AND 5
Students currently in year 4 and year 5 should now be applying to Trinity for enrolment in years 7 and 8 in 2015.

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 06 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. Last year this consisted of a 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.

YEAR 7 FUN FAIR
On Friday 30 November the Year 7’s will be running a Fun Fair, similar to the Lenten Fun Fair Year 5/6 children conducted earlier in the year. If you have a coin jar at home it would be just perfect for this day! There will be lots of different activities that the children will be able to take part in for as little as 20-50cents per activity. The money raised will be donated to charities nominated by the Year 7 students.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2013
Over the past three weeks current Year 6 children aspiring for leadership positions in 2013 have delivered their speeches to the children from years 5-7. Voting for our school leaders 2013 will take place as soon as all the children who have nominated for leadership positions have made their speeches. We announce the school leaders to the community at assembly in the last week of school (Monday 03 December). We do not tell families before announcing our leaders so it will be a surprise to all of the children. The 2013 leaders are commissioned at our school mass at the beginning of next year.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL
Monday * 9.00am Assembly: School Leaders 2013 announced * Yr 7’s at Trinity Orientation
Tuesday * Year 5/6 (Marg Hatzis & Josh O’Keeffe) at Paradise Point * Year 7’s at Wet ‘n Wild
Wednesday *Moving Day (classes that need to move do so on that day)
Thursday *Fun Day
Friday 8.40am: * Children go to classrooms for celebrations, farewells, pack up & clean up
* P & F Presentation to Year 7’s
10.00am: * Lunch
10.30am: * Emu Parade
10.45am: * Mass, Presentation of Awards, Thank you to P & F Executive
12.00 noon: * Dismissal (Please ensure that you have made arrangements to pick children up at this time)

FIRST WEEK BACK 2013
Mon 21 Jan * School Office re-opens.
Tues 22 Jan * Class lists displayed on the door to the uniform shop entrance and the School Office Door.
* PLEASE NOTE: Class list information will not be given out over the phone.
Mon 28 Jan * Australia Day Public Holiday
Tues 29 Jan * Pupil Free Day (Staff Professional Development)
Wed 30 Jan * 1st Day Children attending

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

WHEN: 8.45am 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.

CONSUMABLES LEVY 2013
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)

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) 
One child – primary from $1200 to $1250.00
Two children – primary from $1620 to $1680.00
Three children – primary from $1830 to $1900.00

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!

SKOOLBAG APP
Skoolbag is a school to parent communication tool. School newsletters, notices, alerts, 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.

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013
If you are part of a committee and have dates for next year already, please forward them to the school for inclusion 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 consider ornaments for the Christmas tree or stickers or cards only or handmade felt Christmas Trees....
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
PC: Kira Finlay
1C: Fraser Leabedtter, Hayden Clark, Naomi-Joelle Mataia
2C: Natalie Fenwick, Dalialh Clarke, Lachlan Moody
3F: Isabel Skerman
4F: Adam Porter, Jett Cavell, Gabrielle Hingst, Bethany Rorke
6C: Fraser Leadbetter, Hayden Clark, Naomi-Joelle Mataia
6F: Emma Barlow

PF: Juliette Barreras, Ryan Wey
1F: Jess Miller, Jennifer Witham
3C: Shania Chlo-Smith
4C: Ethan Nash, Emilia Zakrewski
6C: Tayla Moody
7C: Phransis Sioasi

YEAR 2 CELEBRATIN OF LEARNING– YEAR 2 TEACHERS

We invite you into the Year 2 classrooms on Friday the 23rd of November from 9-10am to showcase the students learning for this semester. This is a wonderful opportunity to support your child, their classmates, year level and teachers. We hope to see you there.

LOST & FOUND
- Sr Jenny’s Mary MacKillop medallion has been found hiding behind a portrait of the bishop.
- Plates left over from functions.

WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH’S?

Every week, Mr Frank Erbacher, a retired teacher, trained in the Learning Connections Program, gives of his time and expertise to run this valuable program with some of our students. This program focusses on the strong link between movement and learning. We are also delighted to have Mrs Pat Gerding and Mrs Ros Robertson, both ex teachers at St Joseph’s who run the Ready Reader program with our Year 3 students each week. We thank Mr Erbacher, Mrs Gerding and Mrs Robertson for giving of their time and their years of experience. Your generous spirits are making a difference to the students of St Joseph’s. Thankyou.

PINK CUPPA– LESLEY SOLAR

Thanks to everyone for all the support! We raised $633.00. Receipts will be sent out next week.
Donations can still be made online.
Find: a Breakfast (left hand side)
Find: ‘Joey’s Cuppa For Cancer’, 9 Nov, Beenleigh in the list.
Log on: www.pinkribbonbreakfast.org.au
Type: ‘Joey’ in the Event name.
Click: on this and then you can donate securely.

Bishop Oudeman is welcomed to St Joseph’s by our: Parish Priest-Fr Tony,
Principal-David Boulton,
A. Principal-Mr Lovegrove,
and members of our P&F committee, Tina Hall, Angela Houghton and Belinda Thompson.
Sport photos are now on display at the office. To ensure they are returned by the end of the year we will need all orders returned to the office by next Friday 16 November.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TRIPLE P
Do you want to encourage your child to live a healthy lifestyle? Join Lifestyle Triple P today!
This 3-week program offers parents practical and easy-to-follow steps to help the entire family live a healthy lifestyle. Learn how to…
* Manage both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
* Help your family eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
* Learn to read food labels and provide healthy meals and snacks
* Motivate your child to be more active
* Establish healthy family eating routines

Groups are run at St Lucia and Ipswich during school term. Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering this program FREE-of-charge to parents of children aged 3 to 7 years in exchange for participation in research. To register: www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/life. E: lifestyletriplep@uq.edu.au P: 3103 3395 (leave a message)

BLUE LIGHT DISCO Fun for all ages
International Disability day. Monday 3rd December 10am to 2pm. Lunch 11am to 1pm
Door entry fee $2.50 (includes one free raffle ticket)
Additional costs: Sausage sizzle $2, Hot Chips $2, Can of Soft drink $2, Raffle Tickets -3 for $1
Lions Club Hall, WHARF ST LOGAN VILLAGE. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT 32096300 or 0412876807

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS Useful websites:

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Activities:
Elorac Place Carole Park runs School holiday activities in conjunction with the Brisbane City Council for young people aged between 11 - 16. Activities could include; speed karts, bowling, ice-skating, pottery, laser force, body painting and more.


Residential Camps
“Explode” week long Summer Camp Age group: Yr 7 to Yr 9. Dates: 10 to 14 December 2012.
Registrations close: 30 November 2012. Pricing: $437 per camper, $407 per subsequent child from the same family.

Edmund Rice Camps
January 7 - 11 | Summer Camp Week 1 January 14 - 18 | Summer Camp Week 2 January 21 - 25 | Summer Camp Week 3
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Scripture Union Camps (Qld wide) http://www.suqld.org.au/camps/index.php