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.

**OCTOBER**
- 16            Swimming lessons (Yrs 1-7)
- 17            Gala Sports Day (Yrs 5-7)
- 20            Pupil Free Day
- 21            Gala Disco / Creative Dance Showcase
- 22            Dyslexia parent session (9am & 6.30pm)
- 23            Silly Sock/Crazy Hair (Gold coin) / Swimming lessons (Yrs 1-7)
- 24            Junior Joeys Play Group (9-11am)

**NOVEMBER**
- 1              Feast of All Saints
- 2              Feast of All Souls
- 4              Koala Joeys
- 6              Swimming lessons (Yrs 1-7)
- 7              Book Club orders close (9am)
- 11             2015 Prep Orientation (9am)
- 13             Swimming lessons (Yrs 1-7)
- 14             Junior Joeys Play Group (9-11am)
- 18             Koala Joeys
- 21             Swimming Carnival (Yrs 1-7)
- 21             Book Club distributed to classes
- 24             Special Meeting (6.30pm Replacing P&F)
- 25             Koala Joeys
- 26             Trinity Yr 8 Orientation & Parent Night
- 1              Musical Showcase (1.30pm & 6pm)

A big thank you to those members of our school community who attended last Saturday’s working bee, our final one for the year. Again, an excellent result was achieved and a good social time shared.

Diabetes is a serious medical condition that has touched families at St Joseph’s over a number of years and continues to. Therefore, next Thursday 23 October, Silly Sock/Crazy Hair Gold Coin Day will once again be held at the school to support the Junior Diabetes Research Fund. Thank you to Josie Hingst (ex-student) and Hannah Morrissey (current student) for promoting this event at Monday’s assembly.

Staff continue their commitment to effectively integrate technology into the learning and teaching environment at St Joseph’s and this was plainly evident at Tuesday’s IT Committee Meeting. Top of the agenda was the acquisition of new interactive whiteboards for classrooms. These will be installed prior to the 2015 school year and I again thank the P&F for financially supporting this important IT resource purchase.

This month’s P&F meeting was held on Tuesday night and interest surrounding proposed changes to our parents and friends engagement structure, continues to be high. I invite all members of our school community to a special related meeting on Monday 24 November from 6.30pm in the staffroom. This special meeting will replace our November P&F Meeting.

In staff related matters, I am overjoyed to announce that Mr and Mrs Buckley are expecting their first child in February. As well, Mrs Anderson will continue her current period of leave for the whole of the 2015 school year. Currently, Mrs Hanrahan is enjoying some well-earned long service leave, and we wish Mrs Mendo well with her recovery from knee surgery that occurred today.

Please note that advertisements for 2015 teaching positions at St Joseph’s have been posted today on Catholic Jobs Online. My thanks to Mr Lovegrove for facilitating this.

Today, teaching staff acknowledged the extraordinary contribution that our highly valued school officers make at St Joseph’s, with a shared lunch. These ladies add so much to the education that your children receive at school.

New drop-off and pick-up arrangements are settling well, with many families enjoying the safety and convenience that is now on offer, morning and afternoon.

Tomorrow’s Disco and Creative Dance Showcase continues to be highly anticipated by students and we look forward to a most enjoyable school event from 5.30pm.

The 2015 Student Leadership Program commences next Wednesday and my thanks to Mr O’Keeffe and Mr Lovegrove for their related organisational work.

On this same day, Mrs Hall will be presenting dual ‘Let’s Talk About Dyslexia’ Parent Information Sessions at 9.00am and 6.30pm, that will serve to enlighten attendees on this prevalent societal condition.

A reminder that our newly formed Junior Joeys Playgroup commences Friday 24 October from 9.00am under the mango trees. All are invited to this ‘nut free’ gathering.

Please be aware of important date claimers in the adjacent column, particularly the upcoming breast cancer awareness event. Pink Ribbon event which promises a good time amid the seriousness of awareness and treatment.

Please note that next Monday 20 October is the annual Term 4 pupil free day that allows staff to engage in important professional development.

Earlier this week, we received news of the death of Father Joseph’s father and cousin, Varkey Jacob Kanatt and Thressiamma Jose, in India. Father Joseph is now with his grieving family in India. In this, the Rosary’s devotional month of October, we offer Our Lady’s sacred prayer for Varkey Jacob Kanatt and Thressiamma Jose:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

With Courage, Faith and Love

Stephen Johnson
PC: Tracy Said  PF: Shea Mason  1C: Fraser Allan
1F: Aaliyah Brandsen  2C: Milan Wellington  3C: Brianna Faint
4C: Kieran Calton  4F: Emily Doyle  5C: Joe Jreige
5F: Kyla Mairhofer  6C: Kassie Cole  6F: Vincent Villanes
Golden Gnome: 1st– 2F. 2nd– 1C & 1F. 3rd–4F.

BOOKCLUB - LESLEY SOLAR

Book club brochures have been handed to students. Orders are due back to the office by 9am, Friday 7 Nov. Books will be distributed to classes on Friday 21 Nov. If necessary, orders can be collected from the office. Please state this on the order form with your phone number.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Book club again in 2014. The library has benefited greatly with the freebies we generate.

As I finish here at St Joeys this year, I am leaving book club in the very capable hands of Susan McGovern and Raelene Marston.

They have done a great job learning how to collate, process and distribute. Thank you and well done ladies for volunteering for this job!

Please continue to support them and Book club in 2015!

DYSLEXIA PARENT MEETING - SUE HALL

Dyslexia is one of the most complex and misunderstood neurological conditions. Dyslexic kids are smart, very smart but not in the areas of reading, spelling and writing. There are specific skills that a child needs in order to learn to read successfully. We can prevent reading failure by understanding what these skills are and ensuring our children have the opportunities to develop them.

You are invited to a session LET’S TALK about DYSLEXIA on Wednesday 22 October at either 9am to 10am or 6.30 to 7.30 in our staff room.

LET’S TALK about DYSLEXIA will cover:
• What is dyslexia and what it is not.
• What causes dyslexia.
• How to support a child who may have dyslexia.

October is International Dyslexia Month. We want to share awareness about this learning difference. The more we know, the more we can do. All parents and friends are very welcome.

Please email me if you would like to join us on Wednesday 22 October at 9am or 6.30 on sehall@bne.catholic.edu.au

KOALA JOEY’S at JOEYS - SUE HALL

How busy were we at Koala Joey’s this week! Thanks Mrs Haran for inviting us to the Music Room. We had lots of fun guessing the names of the instruments, singing with the Possums and listening to Tyrone play his guitar. We listened to Granny Gwen as she told us a very funny story about an old woman who swallowed a fly. We finished our time today in the hall - what a very big space that is!
Due to an unforeseen and unavoidable calendar clash with Grandparents day and ‘Count Us In’ the swimming day for week 4 will be changed to Wednesday 29th October.

Timetable Wednesday 29th October:

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A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN

Term 4 has started and the children are already in performance mode.

MUSIC, COUNT US IN
St Joseph’s is once again participating in ‘Music, Count Us In’ with over 2 1/2 thousand schools across Australia. We will be performing on Thursday 30 October at 11.30am. The whole school will be singing while being accompanied by the school band.

We would like to invite the whole school community to join us and sing. The song can be accessed and listened to on www.musiccountusin.

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

JUNIOR JOEY’S PLAYGROUP - ANGELA HOUGHTON

The P&F will be starting a school based playgroup at St Joey’s in week 3 this term. Junior Joey’s will meet every Friday in the hall from 9am to 11am. All children from birth to school age are welcome to attend with their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or carers. Donations of toys and craft/collage items are needed to help get us started.

Included on our wish list is play dough, toys, dress ups, baby toys, Tonka trucks, Matchbox cars, dolls, sand toys, stove, large rug and floor cushions. It would be awesome if you could help us.

Our first meeting date is 9-11am FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER. Please bring a hat for outside play, water bottle and morning tea. Due to allergy concerns Junior Joeys is a Nut Free environment.

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS, WIVES - THINK PINK THIS OCTOBER

On Friday 24 October St Joeys will be holding their annual Pink Cuppa fundraiser. This year for something a little different, we will be holding this event in the evening starting at 6pm with a fashion parade hosted by Leah from Beenleigh’s own ‘Fashion Is’. Guests will have the opportunity to purchase items on the evening with 10% of sales going to breast cancer research. Volunteers are needed to model on the evening, so if you have what it takes, please contact me on 0403 834112, you will be rewarded for your efforts!!! We challenge all mothers, daughters, sisters and wives to bring along family and friends and together we will have fun as we share some breast cancer facts.

Gentlemen are also welcome to attend. This is not a female only disease so please men come along because we have some great tips for you too! Come one, come all, don your best pink attire and join in the fun of this evening, as together we raise awareness and work towards a cure. $10.00 entry includes supper.

SEMESTER 2 STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $25/week* on fares to and from school (*$20/week with a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2014. Late applications cannot be accepted.
During our visit earlier this year from Denise and Bruce Morcombe our school committed to supporting the Day for Daniel on Friday 31 October. On this day all students are asked to show their support by wearing a red t-shirt. With this in mind the P&F are happy to offer families the opportunity to purchase the official ‘Day for Daniel’ t-shirts to be worn on Friday 31 October in support of The Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Order forms will be coming home by the end of the week, and shirts can be ordered both for parents and children. All orders will need to be returned to the office with money no later than 9am Friday 24 October to ensure the shirts are available for distribution on Wednesday 29 October. The order form will have a size chart to help with ordering and we have been assured by the Morcombes that the t-shirt sizing are the same as a standard t-shirt you would purchase from the likes of Kmart or Big W. A child's t-shirt is $15 and adult sizes start at $20 for a tee and $40 for a polo. Please take the time to have a look on the Daniel Morcombe website at their range of products. Whilst we are primarily ordering t-shirts, should parents wish to take advantage of this opportunity and order other product/s we are happy to source it/them for you. This shirt is not compulsory and as such students can also wear plain red t-shirts. Please remember, in line with our sun safe policy, all shirts must have sleeves and no singlets will be permitted.

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 are 8 years before 14 June 2015 and older. For further information please contact the St Patrick’s Parish Office on 3287 2282.

**2015 & 2016 TERM DATES**

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**RUGBY LEAGUE - MATTHEW ARMSTRONG**

St Joseph's MI SMARTE Rugby League team played at half time of the Titans v Bulldogs game at CBus Super Stadium, Robina. It was a wonderful culmination to their MI Smarts program & a great experience for all students involved, especially as they formed a tunnel for the Titans players as they returned to the field for the second half of the game. Congratulations to all students involved.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Applications for enrolment of prep 2016 students are 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.

**BETHANIA AQUATIC SWIMMING CLUB SIGN ON.** Monday 20th October from 5:30pm. Races begin at 6pm Sign on for the summer season of swimming is being held at Aqualogan Bethania 88 Station Rd Bethania. Improve Fitness-Meet New Friends-Increase Confidence. Low cost membership. Beginners and Masters welcome. Email bethaniaaquatic@gmail.com or Phone: 0403589981
SCHOOL DISCO / CREATIVE DANCE SHOWCASE

After a term of learning to dance as part of the Australian Curriculum the St Joseph’s School students are to present their learning tomorrow evening 17 October. Free entry.

As well as this, the night will include a mini disco. A sausage sizzle, drinks, ice-blocks and flashing LED products will be available for purchase.

Students are expected to attend this night as a school function and showcase their skills at this culminating activity. Dance Curriculum Showcase will start with Prep to Year 7.

Parents are welcome to take their children home after they have completed their performance/s.

Dancing with the Stars of St Joseph's
Friday 17 October
Official school function for all students

5:30 BBQ and Mix & Mingle
6:00 Disco
6:45 Dancing Showcase

Sausage sizzle, drinks, ice-blocks and flashing LED products for sale
Put on your glad rags, find your fascinators (or buy one on the night), grab a friend and join the fun.

Saturday 1 November
6.30-10pm

MEALS
$10 Adult  $5 Child
PLAY MON- 
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$10 Wallet

For information about the Games night & RSVP for catering purposes to Cathy 0400 494 943  Bronwyn 0416 165 340

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**MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS, WIVES**

**THINK PINK**

**Date:** 24th October 2014  
**Place:** St Joseph’s School Hall  
53 Kokoda St, Beenleigh  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Dress:** THINK PINK

A fashion parade hosted by Leah from Beenleighs own Fashion Is. Guests will have the opportunity to purchase items on the evening with 10% of sales going to Breast Cancer.

We challenge all Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Wives to bring along family and friends and together we will have fun as we filter fact from fiction around Breast Cancer. This is not a female only disease so please men come along because we have some great tips for you too! Come one, come all, don your best Pink Attire and join in the fun of this evening as together we raise awareness and funds as we strive to find a cure.

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**PINK** for Women  
**BLUE** for Men  
MEN GET IT, TOO!