Last Friday’s Disco and Creative Dance Showcase was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the school year, with many rave reviews received. To see the children enjoy their music and dance so much was a true joy for parents, relatives, staff and other visitors to witness. Thank you to all who had a hand in organising this highly successful event. We look forward to another wonderful showcase next year.

New drop-off and pick-up arrangements in Tobruk Street continue to settle well, with a growing number of families taking advantage of the safety and convenience on offer, morning and afternoon. A request that motorists consider arriving a little later in the afternoon to avoid the peak time.

Today was Silly Sock Day at St Joseph’s, in support of the Junior Diabetes Research Fund. As many would know, Diabetes is a serious medical condition that has touched families at our school. Thank you to those who offered their financial support through gold coin donation. Tonight I look forward to attending the Trinity College Awards Night at Logan Entertainment Centre. I am sure that past St Joseph’s students will be well represented among the night’s awardees.

Tomorrow is yet another big day at St Joseph’s, with 2015 teaching position interviews occurring, Junior Joeys Playgroup having its inaugural gathering, the final Gala Sports Day for Year 5 to 7 students, and the Think Pink event in the hall from 6.00pm (related information follows). As well tomorrow, our Learning Support and ESL Teacher, Mrs Hall, will work her last day for 2014, prior to undergoing knee replacement surgery next week. We wish Mrs Hall well for a successful operation and a speedy recovery.

Next week, excursions continue to complement curriculum offerings for students, with Year 7 venturing off to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on Tuesday, and Year 1 and Year 5 visiting the Queensland Museum and Planetarium, respectively, on Friday.

A reminder that a ‘one-off’ change of days for Term 4 swimming occurs for logistical reasons next week, with it being on Wednesday 29 October, instead of Thursday 30 October. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

The latter part of next week presents a list of important events with the school’s 5 Year External Review, our Music-Count Us In song and Grandparents’ Day occurring on Thursday 30 October, and World Teachers’ Day and Day for Daniel occurring on Friday 31 October. We trust that all participants in this range of events enjoy their time and experience at the school. Thank you to all organisers.

Staff will soon enter into the important process of organising students for 2015 classes. This is a process that is complex and not taken lightly by staff, who have precise knowledge of student academic abilities, support needs, peer relationships, etc. Given that this placement process will soon occur and that final decisions in this area will rest with me, I ask parents to write to me via email or letter by Friday 7 November, if you have any strong educational reason/s you wish me to consider.

A reminder that the November P&F Meeting is being replaced by a Special Meeting on Monday 24 November from 6.30pm in the staffroom, where proposed changes to the school’s parents and friends engagement structure will be tabled and voted on. Related information will be available from the school office from tomorrow and I encourage all members of our community to familiarise themselves with the proposal and consider attending the Special Meeting.

A reminder also, that 2016 Prep enrolment submissions are now being called for. These can be presented at the school office.

At this busy time of the school term and year, let us not lose sight of, or lose touch with, our greatest gift, that is, our faith in God, as Father, Son and Spirit. Sustain us, O Lord.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
GRANDPARENTS’ DAY - PETER LOVEGROVE

It’s always a great pleasure to welcome guests into our school but nothing brings such great delight to the hosts and guests as the day we celebrate with grandparents each year. Next Thursday we invite grandparents and grandparent figures to join us for a liturgical celebration, morning tea and a visit to their grandchildren’s classroom. We begin the liturgy at 9:00am in the hall. Following this we have the band and choir perform and then the school will sing as a whole in preparation for the national simultaneous singing initiative of “Count Us In”. A morning tea will be held in the hall and we ask that families whose grandparents are attending supply a plate of food to help cater for this. We then invite grandparents to visit classrooms and get involved in any activities happening at that time. We look forward to filling the school with our “Grand Parents”!

HOMEWORK HELP

PLEASE NOTE: Wednesday 29th October : No Homework Help today

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.


BOOKCLUB - LESLEY SOLAR

Book club orders are due back to the office by 9am, Friday 7 Nov. Due to swimming carnival the books will be distributed to classes on Monday 24 Nov. If necessary, orders can be collected from the office. Please state this on the order form with your phone number.

SPORT TEAM PHOTOS

The swimming squad, soccer, softball, rugby league, netball, basketball, cross country, cricket, touch football and athletics photos have been returned for ordering.

The photos are now on display and order envelopes are available in the school office. Alternately, you may order and access the photos on line at www.advancedlife.com.au. The access code is XG7 QYM 9Q5.

Envelope orders need to be returned to the school by 7 November to ensure delivery before the end of term.

SWIMMING CHANGES - JOSHUA O'KEEFE

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:
9am-Yr 7 9.45am-Yr 4 10.30am-Yr1
11.15am-Yr 5 12pm-Yr 6 12.45pm-Yr 3 1.30pm-Yr 2

YEARS 6&7 TRINITY ORIENTATION

Year 6 & 7 students who are attending Trinity College in 2015 will have Trinity orientation days in the last week of the term. Students attend school as normal and are walked to and from Trinity College with St Joseph’s teachers. They return to St Joseph’s and remain at school until the normal finishing time.

Please note the change of date for Year 7’s Trinity Orientation. The Parent information evening is at 6.30pm 25 November. The students orientation will be on Tuesday 2 December.

Year 6’s date of 1 December for the orientation and the parent’s meeting remain unchanged.

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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 - P&F
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.
Our first meeting date is 9-11am tomorrow, 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.

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.

DAY FOR DANIEL - ANGELA HOUGHTON
Students are invited to wear a red t-shirt for a gold coin donation in support of The Daniel Morcombe Foundation next Friday 31 October. Official ‘Day for Daniel’ t-shirt orders for parents and children are due back to the office with money no later than 9am tomorrow, Friday 24 October. Sample t-shirts are in the office to view for sizing. A child's t-shirt is $15 and adult sizes start at $20 for a tee and $40 for a polo. Visit the Daniel Morcombe website to view their range of products. We are happy to source other items for you.
Please remember, in line with our sun safe policy, all shirts must have sleeves and no singlets will be permitted.

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.

YOUTH NEWS
Youth masses: 6pm Nov 2nd, with practice at 4pm; 9am Sunday 16th Nov, with practice at 8am;
Next ‘United’ Youth meeting: Friday, Oct 31st. We'll be assembling ‘Christmaschild’ shoeboxes! 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.
Faith on Tap: Monday, 10th Nov at The Pineapple Hotel, 706 Main St, Kangaroo Point. For more info contact David: 0431 956 753
Band practice is held every Tuesday night in the parish office from 7 – 8pm. New singers/musicians always welcome!
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

FOUND
*A child’s Translink Go Card was found in the hall after the disco * High achiever medal for Darryl Lyons.
From 6pm tomorrow, Friday 24, our Breast Cancer fundraiser will be held in the hall. Enjoy 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. Bring along family and friends and together we will have fun as we share some breast cancer facts. Gentleman 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.

**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**

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.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**
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 MONEY
$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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Thursday, 6 November 2014
Starting: 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

All Are Welcome - Come Visit Us

Bring your child to meet our staff, tour the College, view our facilities & see current students engaging in a wide variety of activities

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