30 October, 2014

From the Principal

Last week’s Silly Sock Day was a great success through its awareness promotion of junior diabetes, and the amount raised at the school through generous gold coin donation from families. On Tuesday, Mrs Mendo electronically transferred $347.00 from the school account into the Junior Diabetes Research Fund. Best wishes to all involved in this Sunday's junior diabetes fundraising walk that follows the path around 7th Brigade Park, Chermside, and finishes in the Walk Village.

On the topic of successful events, last Friday night’s Think Pink Breast Cancer gathering in the school hall was extremely well attended, enjoyed and supported financially through a variety of fundraising initiatives. Thank you to P&F President, Angela Houghton, and her vast team of helpers for providing such a memorable occasion.

What a wonderful sight it was to see so many of our grandparents and those who play a grandparenting role in our school community, present at St Joseph’s today. Prior to the day I was informed that this is always a popular event on the school's calendar, however, I had no idea just how popular. It was a privilege to host these treasured members of our school community and my thanks to all involved in the organisation and catering, particularly Sister Jenny.

A polite request for parents to again assist with a most worthy fundraiser by digging out gold coins (and red items of clothing for children not on excursion) tomorrow on the 2015 Day for Daniel. Raised funds will be forwarded to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and this will be an extra meaningful contribution by the school, given the fact that Bruce and Denise Morcombe visited St Joseph’s earlier in the year.

Tomorrow is also World Teachers’ Day and I offer thanks in advance to those members of the P&F and others across the school who will so generously provide staff with lunch tomorrow. As mentioned at Monday's assembly, students might like to consider bringing along a small ‘something special’ for their teacher tomorrow, in recognition of the wonderful work that they do. Teacher aides are also most worthy of recognition.

Following last Friday’s interviews for 2015 teaching positions at St Joseph’s, recommendations have been forwarded to the Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education and I am now awaiting approval that will allow an announcement of appointees.

Best wishes to Mr Lovegrove who embarks on a week of well-earned Long Service Leave from today. Mrs Schloman will be assisting me with administrative duties in Mr Lovegrove's absence, and Mr French will replace Mrs Schloman when necessary.

A reminder about two significant upcoming events available to members of our school community, them being the Destiny Rescue Galloping Games Night (this Saturday 1 November) and the Trinity College Open Night and Celebration of the Arts Festival (next Thursday 6 November). Related information can be found in a latter section of this newsletter.

A reminder also that staff will soon enter into the important process of organising students for 2015 classes and that I have asked for parents to write to me personally, via email or letter, with any information that they wish to have considered in the class placement process. Please note that this information is due by Friday 7 November and must be strongly educationally based.

Graduation plans continue to develop for our departing Year 6 and 7 students. Thank you to Mrs Hatzis, Mr O’Keeffe, Mr McBride and Mr Lovegrove for liaising with students and between themselves in preparation for this special event that is scheduled to commence in St Patrick's Church at 5.30pm on Tuesday 2 December.

The new drop off and pick-up zone in Tobruk St continues to grow in popularity with our families, mainly due to the safety and convenience that it offers. If you’re a user, another request to please consider avoiding the peak afternoon time and plan to arrive a little later on, knowing that staff supervision in the area occurs until 3.20pm, after which children are escorted to the office.

On Saturday and Sunday we celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, respectively. We ask all saints and good and holy people, especially St Joseph and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, who have gone before us to Heaven, to pray for us. We remember all who have died, especially in the last 12 months and who were known to members of our school community.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
PC: Zac Moody  PF: Alexandra Grindrod  1C: Lola Tyrrell
1F: Ashton Loiselle  2C: Saxon Harris  2F: Rebecca King, Blake Burgess
3C: Kiera Fludder  3F: Matt Eley  4C: Corey Hawkins
4F: Kyle Harrison  5C: Luca McVicker  5F: Alyssa Armstrong
6C: Chanelle Kilby McFarlane  6F: Georgina Marmol  7C: Bethanny Morrissey

A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN

The school band will have their last rehearsal next Wednesday. We will be having an open rehearsal and would like to invite all parents to a final performance at 8am in the music room.

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

I would like to thank all our wonderful Mums and Dads who are busy making costumes. The show will look spectacular.
Special thanks to Mrs Katrina Giebels who has devoted all her time and energy in making the children’s costumes.
Thank you also to Dominic and Sandra Barnes, Karen Cardiff, Jacqui Hall, Victoria Lin, Sue Logan, Evette Morrissey and Cindy Regan for their time and effort in making costumes.

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.

BOOK CLUB - 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.

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.

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.
**Youth Masses:** 6pm Nov 2٠٠, with practice at 4pm; 9am Sunday 16٠٠ Nov, with practice at 8am;  
Next ‘United’ Youth Meeting: Friday, Nov 14٠٠. 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

**JDRF WALK TO CURE DIABETES - EVETTE MORRISSEY**

EVENT DATE: This Sunday 2 November 2014  
START: Walk site opens at 9.00am for the walk to start at 10.30am  
EVENT LOCATION: 7th Brigade Park, Chermside  
LENGTH OF WALK: 4km around 7th Brigade Park  
REGISTER: online for this walk today! CONTACT: walksupport@jdrf.org.au  
THE WALK: The 4km will follow the path around the 7th Brigade Park finishing in the Walk Village. The walk is pram and wheelchair friendly and dogs on leashes are permitted.  
JOIN US: after the walk for lunch, some kids rides, a raffle and entertainment. You can also share your thoughts on our Wall of Hope and meet Diabetes organisations AMSL, Medtronic and Roche.  
FOOD: There will be some food options available on the day however we do encourage you to bring a healthy diabetes-friendly lunch with you.  
FROM EVETTE: There is no registration fee but a small donation would be appreciated and anyone participating is able to donate by going on to the JDRF site and "donate to a walker" (Evette Morrissey) or can be given to me on or before Sunday, but is not necessary as we would love to see as many St Joseph's families to come and support Hannah. If anyone is unable to attend but would like to support our team "Hannah's Hero's" with a donation, they are also able to go to the JDRF site to do this.

**FLYING HIGH SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE GROUP** for 7-9 year old and their parents  
What is Resilience? Resilience is the ability to bounce back from life’s challenges. It is the ability to still be confident and happy, even when things aren’t going our way. This group aims to introduce parents and their children to the social and emotional skills necessary to provide children with the wings to successfully and independently navigate their future. First session starts 5 November 2014.  
www.cbtprofessionals.com.au 5668 3490  
COURSE: 6 weeks x 1.5 hours, Wednesdays 4 to 5.30pm. A group education session for parents included.  
VENUE: CBT Professionals Psychology Clinic Coomera  
COST: $65 per week (total $390) OR $360 upfront. (Health rebates may be available)  
**JUST BEE…. KIDS GROUP** Anxiety, Resilience & Flexible Thinking Group  
8-10 year olds: 6 week program starting: 25th October to 29th November 2014 11am to 12:30pm  
5-7 year olds: 6 week program starting: 25th October to 29th November 2014  
Children 8-10 years with anxiety symptoms, such as lots of worry, fears, being shy, being scared, and separation anxiety are welcome. This program is also suitable for young children to help learn about emotions and develop tools early on as a preventative approach. This program focuses on teaching different emotions, perspectives of others, and learning thinking tools such as being a flexible thinker, building resilience and self-esteem.  
**PROGRAMME DETAILS** Dr Jennifer Silva (Psychologist)  
This program is a fun-based child group, we want to teach children in a positive & fun way. We include games in every session. We also focus on building self-esteem and learn about emotions.  
**ASTHMA::ASK THE EXPERT SESSION**  
Asthma Foundation Queensland, in partnership with Greater Metro South Brisbane Medicare Local, is hosting an ‘Ask the Expert’ session for parents of children with asthma or allergies. The session will provide parents with the invaluable opportunity to learn more about their child’s asthma or allergies, and to have their questions answered by experts in the field.  
Speakers — Dr Scott Burgess (Paediatric Respiratory and Sleep Specialist, Mater Children’s Hospital)  
— Dr Kim Robertson (Paediatric Allergist and Immunologist, the Wesley Hospital)  
— Lois Quick (Respiratory Clinical Nurse Consultant, Metro South Community Health)  
Date: Wednesday 12th November Time: 6:00pm—7:30pm Cost: FREE  
Venue: Kevin Aspinall Centre, St Bernard’s Primary School, 1823 Logan Road, Upper Mount Gravatt QLD 4122  
Phone 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or register online at asthmaustralia.org.au.
ALL NEW PASSENGERS FOR 2015
To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, please submit your application before the end of November 2014.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EXISTING BUS PASS HOLDERS
At the end of each school year, please ensure that the current pass is retained to be used in the new school year until the new pass is issued.

Students with an existing bus pass need only re-apply for a 2015 bus pass if your child
- is moving from Primary to Secondary School
- is repeating a grade
- is changing their home address or school

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FORMS

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO
Surfside Buslines PO Box 3036 ROBINA Q 4230
Email schools@tagroup.net.au or Fax 5571 6556

Applications will be processed over the Christmas school holidays. Once applications are approved, bus passes are sent to school for collection. Please allow 10-15 working days from the start of Term One 2015.

Prior to Government approval of bus travel assistance, all students can travel by bus to school using a TransLink gocard.

REMINDER
A valid bus pass must be produced TO THE DRIVER or the relevant fare paid via cash or gocard. Information on fares, go cards, zones and bus timetables is available from TransLink http://translink.com.au/ or phone 13 12 30.

52 LIVES - BRONWYN MOORTON

For some time now I have been aware (prompted by Sr Jenny) of the daily struggle of one of our school's parents. I nominated her to a Facebook group in the hope to raise money for this mum. This group aims to change the life of 52 people. One each week. This week they have chosen to promote her on their site. It would be wonderful to receive the amount of funds she needs, but I am sure it will not reach the $12,000 necessary.

Here is her story: Life # 37 - Melony from Australia.
This week, 52 Lives wants to help Melony, a woman from Australia. Melony is struggling. financially, emotionally and physically. She has two children, a son who has autism and a little girl. Her husband has bipolar depression. Melony has battled with self-confidence over the years due to people staring and making comments to her about her appearance. She even stayed home for 2 years as she did not want to be seen. She struggles even now to go out in public. Melony has been desperately wanting a breast reduction since she was 16 years old. She suffers migraines, rashes, back and neck ache due to the size of her breasts. This feels like an incredibly personal thing for me to share about her publicly, but it is having a negative impact on every aspect of her life and I want us to help her. She is developing a dowager's hump already. Everyday jobs are unbearable for her. She can't even pick up her children to comfort them.

Her only wish is to be comfortable and free of pain. The lady who nominated Melony works in the school her son attends. Melony said she was unable to even bring her son to school one day last week as she couldn't afford to put petrol in her car. So paying for surgery is not even remotely within her reach. Medicare rebates are available but they don't cover the full costs. A fundraising page has been set up for Melony. Please help if you can. It will change this woman's life. (Melony sent me a photo to use, which is remarkably brave given how self conscious she is. With that in mind, I decided not to publish it. I don't want to do anything that will make her feel uncomfortable.)

My request to you is, if you could in anyway support this fundraiser, it will not only change her life but also her family. Money: The site did have a fund account to donate to, but they take a percentage. Donations can be given to Melony or Bronwyn at the office. I will try and get an account number if you prefer that method. Flea market: I will hold a garage sale/flea market. Donations of items to sell would be appreciated. Deliver to the office or contact Bronwyn to arrange a transfer of items. Raffle: Items to raffle. Cake stall: If you are able to bake, please let me know your name and I will contact you if we can get a sale venue. Please contact me for any other suggested fundraising ideas. 0416 165 340
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

Hosted by Paddys COWs in aid of

St Joseph's Hall
53 Kokoda St Beenleigh

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

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank

For more info about Destiny Rescue
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RESCUE the sexually exploited and enslaved
RESTORE the abused
PROTECT the vulnerable
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Trinity College

Open Night & Celebration of the Arts Festival

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

Light refreshments available for purchase

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