Dear Parents

November is a month of remembering. Over the first two days we remember the saints (01 Nov - All Saints Day) and all of those who have died and are with God (02 Nov - All Souls Day).

HALLOWEEN – ALL HALLOWS EVE
At the moment in the shops and on TV there is a lot of emphasis on Halloween. Halloween is slowly becoming more recognised in Australia...probably because of all the American television we watch! You might be surprised to learn that Americans didn't come up with Halloween - it is actually a pagan festival that honoured the dead. Halloween is an Old English word and literally means holy and can be used to describe saints. Halloween actually means All Hallows Eve - or the day before All Saints Day. As a Catholic school the emphasis for us is to celebrate All Saints Day – a day when we remember all the saints of the Church today - those people who have revealed the Good news by living extraordinary lives often in the most challenging of circumstances. (from Celeste Boundy – Principal St Paul's Woodridge).

Prayer
May all the Saints pray for us and for those whose lives we touch. May God, Who loves and holds us all, let the Spirit guide all our days in the ways of compassion and justice. May we reflect the heart of God, sure in faith, strong in hope, built on love and become all that we are called to be. And may our journey lead us into God’s gentle and almighty Presence, our God whom we will one day see face to face. Amen.

On 11 November we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country on Remembrance Day.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
The focus for this year’s Grandparents’ Day liturgy was, “Grandparents are great!” Thank you to Peter Lovegrove for his preparation of the liturgy and to the children who led us in prayer and song. Congratulations once again to the choir, band and Renuka Haran, our music teacher, for a wonderful concert after the liturgy. We also took the opportunity to rehearse for the 'Count Us In' song, Keep On. After morning tea, the children took our special visitors to their classrooms where they spent time seeing how teaching and learning might be different from and similar to the days when our grandparents were at school.

Thank you to the staff and families who provided items for the morning tea and to Sr Jenny and her helpers for keeping the tea and coffee flowing! We ask God’s blessing upon those who fill the important role of grandparents in our families. Thank you for the great support you give to the children of St Joseph’s and their families.

TOMORROW /FRIDAY MORNING: Book club orders due
TOMORROW /FRIDAY NIGHT: 5.30 Student Disco
TUESDAY 5 November: NO homework help
**60TH ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Last Friday we celebrated our 60th anniversary with a mass in the school hall. Archbishop Mark Coleridge was the principal celebrant with Fr Tony, Fr Joseph and Fr John Kilinko concelebrating. The children participated wholeheartedly and maintained focus and reverence throughout the mass. They were simply sensational! Congratulations to the children involved in music ministry for leading us in song. Thank you also to the children who led is in the readings and in prayer. At assembly on Monday, we praised the children for their exemplary participation. The mass was also well attended by parents, friends, grandparents, past staff and students, BCE representatives and government dignitaries. There is still a buzz in the community about the celebration and how special it was to have the Archbishop with us for the first time since his appointment.

We were fortunate to have our banner boards installed on the day prior to the mass. These transform our hall, adding colour, symbol and story. Many thanks to the P & F for funding this project and to Mary McBride for her expertise and perseverance.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in planning the mass, organising the commemorative items, producing the art work, preparing morning tea and lunch items, and arranging the special activities for the children.
60th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS FOR SALE

So that we do not end up with numerous unsold commemorative items, we are limiting these to just a few.

Already we have a stubby cooler which was produced for the fete this year ($8).

We have released two (2) different ‘Ladybird’ ports – a standard port with our label for $8 a bottle and a premium quality port with our label at $22 a bottle. You can order these ports for collection on a day in late November. Order forms will be available at the office, through the newsletter and on Skoolbag.

Each family received a bumper sticker promoting our 60th anniversary as a school. Extra stickers can be purchased through a gold coin donation in the office.

Each child also received a special bookmark memento on Friday 25 October.

Sincere thanks to Belinda Thompson, Marg Hatzis, the anniversary committee and the P & F for their hard work and generosity in designing and procuring these special items of commemoration. Thanks also to Rory McBride for his design of the port bottle labels. The label has a special story to tell!

PREP ORIENTATION MORNING

On Tuesday 12 November, Prep children from the 2014 cohort are invited to an orientation morning at the school from 9.00am to 10.00am.

The orientation morning allows the children to become just a little more familiar and comfortable with the routines of Prep, with the teachers and with one another. Parents accompany their child to the hall. The children are escorted by teachers and teacher assistants to the prep classrooms, while parents remain in the hall for a cuppa. A number of staff will address parents during this time.

A Prep Information Evening will be held at St Joseph’s Tobruk on Tuesday evening 19 November 2013 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The meeting will take place in the school hall. It is vitally important for parents of 2014 Prep children to attend this meeting. It completes the enrolment process and gives parents valuable information prior to children joining our school community. This is an opportunity also for parents to begin building relationships with other parents and to find out what you need to know as your child begins this exciting phase in their journey of life-long education. The information session is more effective if parents do not have children with them.

2015 PREP

At St Joseph’s, the processing of enrolments and conducting interviews for 2015 Prep children will begin next year. If you have a child who will be turning five (5) before 30 June 2015, you need to get your application in. So far we already have 38 applications for Prep 2015. Please don’t leave it to the last moment! Please get your applications in BEFORE the end of this year.

YEARS 6 & 7 2014

A leadership preparation and discernment process began with the children from Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday 14 October. We have now received applications from potential student leaders and will, as a staff, consider these carefully. Should applicants not meet the school’s criteria for leadership which are clearly stated in the application documents, they will be informed of the decision and will not be eligible to continue in the leadership process. The applicants who do meet the criteria will be invited to deliver a speech to the student body (years 5-7) in coming weeks.
YEAR 7 GRADUATION
The graduation celebration takes place in St Patrick’s church on Wednesday 04 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 RSL located at Mt Warren 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.

ARE YOU LEAVING ST JOSEPH’S AT THE END OF 2013?
Please let Bron in the school office know if you are leaving the school at the end of this year. Thank you to the families who have let us know already – this really helps us in our planning.

SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNTS
We now have one billing month to go before the end of the school year (Nov). Please ensure that your account is settled before the end of November. As we do not have any income in December and January, we rely on the settlement of accounts in November to keep us afloat.

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 ask families and children not to bring these to school either to eat themselves or to give to others as gifts. 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 through the final term, that they consider ornaments for the Christmas tree or stickers or cards only or handmade felt Christmas Trees....

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Sean Ranieses
1F: Khasydi Little, Khanya Hughes
2C: Tonisha Houghton, Ky Aphene, Madeline McErlean, Annabel Downs
3C: Daniel Boyd
4C: Ben Elford, Tom Hooker
6C: Bethanny Morrissey
7L: Georgia Brehmer, Kiwa King

JOEYS CUPPA FOR CANCER
Please come along and raise some much needed funds for Breast Cancer research and support. Our morning tea is on Fri 8 November in the school hall. If you could please make a tax deductible donation on entry where there will be an official receipt book available, that would be great.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, you can send donations to the office in a clearly marked envelope and I will send the receipt back home to you.

Or, you can donate online by going to the official Pink Ribbon Breaky website and searching for our event... The instructions are below.

Anyone who would like to donate a prize, it would be greatly accepted and used in the prize draws/ raffle.

Come and have some laughs and well-deserved time out with your friends.. We do not spend nearly enough time celebrating our friendships!

We also will acknowledge and remember those who have faced Breast Cancer and the widespread effect it has on family and friends as well. Looking forward to seeing you there!

www.pinkribbonbreakfast.org.au

Find an Event
Name: Joeys Cuppa For Cancer
Host: Lesley Solar
Postcode: 4207

STUDENT BANKING

TOKENS: Please be aware that all tokens must be redeemed this year. Next year a new reward system will be starting and the current tokens will be obsolete. In 2014 the bank will track the tokens and a slip will be put in the bank books to notify students.

OPENING ACCOUNTS: A bank employee will be at the school next Tuesday 12 November between 9-10am for students (including prep 2014) wishing to open an account.

WINNERS: Congratulations Mahlee Atutolu. She won the random draw from students who had banked in term 3. She won a dollamite back pack.
Please be aware that homework help on next Tuesday 5 November is cancelled. This is due to unavoidable staff commitments. Children will not be supervised on this morning until the first bell of the day at 8.20am.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Over the coming weeks, until Friday 29 November, Sr. Jenny with the help of year 7L and 6C, 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. (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-Gr2: tins of ham, beetroot, shortbread, juice, tinned corn
- Gr3-4/5: pretzels, crackers, cordial, salad dressing, plum pudding
- Gr6/7: jelly, bonbons, serviettes, chips, tinned fruit, fruit cake, soft drink

There is a marked container in the office to place the food items in.

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.

P&F AGM NOMINATION-DOMINIC BARNES

The AGM for the St Joseph’s Tobruk Parents and Friends Association will be held on Tuesday 12th November at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. Each year there are 5 committee positions that are opened up for nomination and election. These positions are President, 2 x Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

If you would like to nominate someone, please collect a nomination form from the office, complete and return by Friday 8th November. If there is no nomination for a position prior to the AGM, only then can nominations be taken from the floor on the night.

The nominated person/s must be at the AGM to accept nomination and the voting will occur if there is more than one nominee. To vote you must be present at the meeting, no postal voting is permitted.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOTHER TERESA PRIMARY SCHOOL LADIES MARKET NIGHT

On Friday 1 November 2013 at 7.00 pm Mother Teresa Primary School is holding its annual Ladies Market Night. Market Stalls featuring handmade cards, jewellery, cupcakes, shoes, clothing, hair accessories, timber ware, home wares, handbags, and lots more! Entry is only $5 which includes a glass of champagne or juice to enjoy while you browse. Pre-purchase your tickets now and receive a FREE ticket in the special draw. Come and enjoy a night of fun and friendship to help support Mother Teresa Primary School 169 Eggersdorf Road, Ormeau. Contact 5549 5000

FATHER & SON WEEKENDS: Edmund Park CAMP LAURENCE, LAKE MOOGERAH

Fathers and sons... life goes by so quickly. Come along for some quality time together, explore the outdoors and experience a range of adventure activities under the supervision of our specialised facilitators. Arrive Friday from 5pm. $165.00pp (inc GST) - all inclusive. 1st - 3rd NOVEMBER 2013. 17th - 19th JANUARY 2014

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My name is Chris I am a Centacare employee here at St. Patricks OSHS. I am currently studying a Bachelor of music (Piano Major) at University, I have been playing music for over 5 years. I have a strong knowledge of music theory and have been teaching for just over 2 years!

Home Studio located in Logan Reserve.

Prices: $25 per half hour or $40 per hour. Evening slots available. Call or email me!

Email: Christophermstan@gmail.com Phone: 0421 145 891
P & F will be giving away a prize to a student who has bought a ticket to the Halloween disco. Prize is valued at $80.00 and will be drawn at the disco.

**Prep – Yr 7**

**1st November**

5:30-7:30

**Entry: $5.00**
Kids and bats can’t be friends

Bats and flying foxes carry germs which can make you very sick.

1. If you see a bat or flying fox, don’t go near it or try to touch it—even if it looks hurt.
2. You are much bigger than a bat and it may get scared and try to scratch or bite you if you go near it.
3. The bat’s germs can be passed on to you if you get scratched or bitten—this can make you very sick.
4. If you do get scratched or bitten by a bat or flying fox tell your parents, a teacher or an adult straight away.
5. An adult can help you wash where you were scratched or bitten with soap and water for about five minutes.
6. They will then need to take you to a doctor very quickly, who will look at the scratch or bite and then treat you to stop the germs making you sick.

If you do see a bat or flying fox that’s hurt you should tell an adult and they can call:

- RSPCA—1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection—1300 130 372
- your local wildlife care group/rescuer/carer for assistance.