Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 4, Week 2 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! This month is the month of the Rosary as well as the month of World Catholic Missions. In the classrooms, children will be learning about the Rosary which is a meditative prayer reflecting on the life of Jesus. They will also learn that the Catholic Church supports people who are poor through missionary activity throughout the world.

**SILLY SOCK DAY**

This Sunday the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation *Walk for a Cure* takes place in Brisbane (see note below). Josie Hingst (5/6D) has Type 1 diabetes and she will address the school at assembly on Monday. To assist Josie in her fundraising efforts, we will be having a **silly sock day** on Wednesday 17 October. Children who wear silly socks (football socks, odd colours, spots etc) are fined $1. All proceeds will go to the JDRF through Josie.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform to school. The worst infringement currently would have to be where children are wearing shoes that are not entirely black. Please, if the shoes have white on them, paint them black!!! Hopefully we won’t have the huge number of lost items in the lost property cupboard during the warmer months when children aren’t wearing tracksuits or fleecies. Even so, please ensure that you label every item so that anything lost can be returned to the child.

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**Monday 15 October**
Assembly: 1C

**Tuesday 16 October**
7.30am: Band Practice

**Wednesday 17 October**
2.05: Choir
Silly Sock Day– $1 for Juvenile Diabetes

**Thursday 18 October**
Mass Readings: 3C
Trinity College Awards Night

**Friday 19 October**
Banking
50c & $1 Ice Blocks
6pm: Artworx Opening

Saturday 20 October
10am-3pm: Artworx: Children’s exhibition

**Monday 22 October**
Pupil Free Day.
Artworx display will be closed

**Tuesday 23 October**
7.30am: Band practice
8pm-4pm: Artworx open

**Wednesday 24 October**
8pm-4pm: Artworx open

**Thursday 25 October**
Liturgy Readings: Prep C
8.45am: Parent Sounding Board Meeting,
8pm-4pm: Artworx open
World Teacher’s Day BBQ

**Friday 26 October**
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
50c & $1 Ice Blocks

**RECEPTION**
Mon: 8.30-3.45
Tues-Thurs: 8.15-3.45
Fri: 8.30-3.15

**UNIFORM SHOP**
8:15-9:15am Tuesday
2:15-3:15pm Thursday
Kerry Fenner mob 0432828467
or 32872798 in uniform shop hours.

**UNIFORM DAYS**
Formal: Mon, Tues, Thurs
Sport: Child’s PE day & Fri

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Be sure not to miss this unique cultural event and highlight of the St. Joseph’s Community for 2012.

**OPENING NIGHT - Friday 19 October 6pm:** This special night is for adults only. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the office.

**CHILDREN’S EXHIBITION - Saturday 20 October 10am-3pm:** Come along with your children to view your child’s and the community’s artwork. Free admission.

**EXHIBITION CONTINUES - Tuesday 23 - Thursday 25 October 8am-4pm.** Free admission.
MOBILE PHONES AND iPODS
If children are seen with mobile phones or iPods during the day, after they should have been handed in through the pouch system to the office, these items will be confiscated. Parents then need to come to the school to retrieve the confiscated items from the office.

SUNSMART GRANT
The shade sails team have installed footings and posts this week. Once these are set, they only take a short time to put up the shade sail itself. With the weather warming up it will be great to have this extra shade for the Preps.

SOUNDING BOARD
The next Sounding Board for parents will be held in the hall on Thursday 25 October. This will take place amongst the Artworx displays! The meeting will start at 8.45am and finish at 11.00am.

PUPIL FREE DAY
Don’t forget that Monday 22 October is a Pupil Free Day set aside for staff Professional Development. Children do not go to school on this day.

ICEBLOCKS
Each Friday this term the Student Council will be selling ice blocks. 50c-water icy poles or $1.00-choc-coated and fruit splits.

2012 CLASS LISTS
The long process of compiling class lists for 2013 has begun. Current staff are in the best position to make the calls on the composition of the classes throughout the school. We do take into consideration the balance of numbers of boys and girls, academic ability, behaviour concerns, clashes of personalities, and the particular needs of children when making decisions about placing children in classes, and with particular teachers.

Parents can contribute to this process. Should parents have strong educational reasons for us to consider in the placement of their child they must put these reasons in writing addressed to the principal. Ultimately the principal has the final say on the placement of children in classes. Parents are not able to choose teachers for their children. If this were so, we could have the situation develop for example where 50 parents wanted one Year 1 teacher! How would we then choose who gets the place for their child?

We are presently not able to say for certain who our staff will be and in what year level they will be located. There will be some changes in 2013. This information may not be finalised until mid to late November.

Parents will have the opportunity to put their concerns/issues in writing until the end of October. Prep classes need to be finalised before the Prep Orientation morning on Tuesday 13 November. Any submissions after this time will not be considered.

At St Joseph’s, we do not tell children who their teacher is and who their class mates are until the week prior to the start of school in the new year when class lists are posted on office windows.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Grandparents’ Day takes place on Thursday 1 November here at St Joseph’s. This is an occasion at which we celebrate the contribution that those who are grandparents or those who act as grandparents in our families make to the wellbeing of children and their families. Directly and indirectly, grandparents impact positively on student learning. More details will be given next week.

PREP ORIENTATION MORNING
On Tuesday 13 November, Prep children from the 2013 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 drop their children to the prep area before moving to the staffroom for a cuppa. If the children do not settle, parents are welcome to stay with them in the prep area.

A Prep Information Evening will be held at St Joseph’s Tobruk on Tuesday evening 20 November 2012 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The meeting will take place in the school hall. It is vitally important for parents of 2013 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.

(We changed the date for this orientation evening because of poor attendance in previous years at the meeting scheduled in the week prior to school starting.)

YEAR 7 GRADUATION
The graduation celebration takes place in St Patrick’s church on Wednesday 5 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
It may be very early for some, but we are working towards putting our calendar together for 2013 now! We hope to build upon what we have produced in 2012 and continue to improve our communication in this regard. 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.

ARE YOU LEAVING ST JOSEPH’S AT THE END OF 2012?
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.

STUDENT PROTECTION
Student Protection Contacts are teachers to whom children or parents or teachers can go to report or discuss issues pertaining to the safety or well-being of the children at St Joseph’s. Student Protection Contacts at St Joseph’s are David Boulton, Carmel Baillie, Peter Lovegrove, Sr Jenny and David Higgins.

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.....

FROM THE APRE – PETER LOVEGROVE
On Wednesday this week World Mental Health Day was held. This is a day to acknowledge a growing problem here in Australia, and indeed across the world, of depression and other mental health issues. I’m sure most of us, if not all, have been touched by the problem of depression in some way. Perhaps we, a friend or a loved one has suffered or is suffering from this terrible problem. Often we don’t know how to help or what to do when someone is depressed. It can be confusing and difficult for all involved. Christians follow Jesus’ “Golden Rule” of treating others as we would like to be treated (Luke 6:31). In the case of helping others with depression we really need to “be there” for them and acknowledge that while they have depression the world looks completely different to them. Activities some might consider mundane or easy may be quite difficult for them to handle at that time.

To end on a positive note I would like to share some inspiration from Mother Teresa of Calcutta who shared her thoughts on life. The 15th anniversary of her death has recently passed. In a way, I suppose, it is related to my words above. God bless you

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfil it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it.

ART WORX: Will be closed on Mon 22 (pupil free day).
BANKING: Banking will not have a break as previously advertised.

Thank you to all the families who worked hard to raise money for the heart foundation. Total money raised as a school $1806. The top fundraiser is Tom Cohen year 6 [$372.85] All prizes will be sent home this week.

PLEASE NOTE

A MUSICAL NOTE—RENUKA HARAN

AURASMA Lite - Ever wished you could bring the real world to virtual life? Well now you can. Aurasma allows your smart phone or tablet to recognise images and objects. It then augments your view of the real-world with videos, music and 3D animations called “Auras”.

When you see this logo you will know there’s a world of virtual content for you to unlock and view. Watch out around the school in months ahead for this logo.

ARTWORX – This year at Artworx we will have some Augmented Reality for you to view. Before coming download this app and subscribe to the St Joseph’s channel. This can be done on any smart phone or device. (Apple or Android) Come to the Place of Hope & Possibility – and view the world beyond.

Once you have downloaded this app, open Aurasma and hold the device over this section of the newsletter to see something hidden. Don’t forget to subscribe to St Joseph’s channel. In the settings in Aurasma click across the bottom of the page to find ‘SEARCH’. Type in ‘St Josephs’ and subscribe. See Melissa Burgess if you have any issues.

Welcome back to Term 4. This will be a very busy term for the music classroom and instrumental lessons.

The School Choir, after their very successful performance last term, will be performing at the opening of the Art Exhibition on Friday 19 at 6pm. It is a honour to be invited by Mrs McBride to perform at this function.

The School Band start rehearsals on Tuesday and will be rehearsing to perform at the Cancer Morning Tea on Friday 9 November. Once again we are honoured to be invited by the P and F to perform for this event.

The whole school has started rehearsing for our Christmas Show on Wednesday 28 November. Keep this date marked on your calendar.

World Teachers Day Lunch Thursday October 25!

October 26 is World Teachers Day! To celebrate all the wonderful teachers in our children’s lives at St Joseph’s the P&F is putting on a BBQ lunch for ALL teachers, staff and teacher aides at our school. Please note - the lunch will be a day early on Thursday October 25th. If you would like to help out by sending along a salad, dish or even dessert for the lunch please contact me (Dominic Barnes) on 0447 710 730. Your help will be much appreciated.

Tuckshop Day from Term 3

The tuckshop day on the last day of last term was another hit with over 300 students ordering yummy sausage rolls! We on the P&F would like to thank every family for supporting the tuckshop days this year. Annette Lahrs did another fantastic job organising the day. Just over $1000 profit was made for our school, a wonderful result again.

Where does your P&F fundraising money go?

Each month the P&F meets and decides with great care how P&F money is spent. You are most welcome to come along and have a say. Here is an update of what has been purchased recently:

More iPads – the P&F bought 10 iPads at the start of the year and it was decided at Tuesday night’s meeting to purchase 20 more iPads to make a class set of 30 which will benefit our children’s learning in almost unlimited ways!

Lego Robotics and Busy Bee: With the profits from the chocolate drive, we have just purchased multiple sets of Lego Robotics and Busy Bee Robots to be used in class rooms.

Tuckshop Equipment: We acquired 2 pie ovens, 1 pie warmer and a microwave for the canteen to be used for tuckshop days and other school functions.

Prep-Playground Shade Sail: The Cancer Council awarded us with a grant of $2500 to build a shade sail over the Prep playground to keep the summer sun off our Preps. This will be completed by the end of October. The P&F will contribute $7000 toward the cost.

Wakakirri and Choir Transport: To help get our winning Wakakirri and Choir Teams to their events the P&F contributed toward the costs of the bus. Well done to everyone!

Storage Shed: We received wonderful news this week that we were awarded $22000 to build storage sheds from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Congratulations to Mrs Karen Cole for the grant application she submitted back in February. Woohoo!

ArtWorx Display Boards: The P&F contributed $1200 toward display board hire for ArtWorx next week – don’t miss it! Logan City Council donated $500 towards these costs also.

Year 7 Graduation Book Keepsake: Each year some very special parents volunteer many hours to put together Graduation Books for the year 7’s as a memento of their years at St Joseph’s. As a tradition the P&F covers the cost of printing these books of $1000.
RAFFLE - SANTOS GARAY
Tickets in a raffle to help support Santos to compete at South Coast Track and Field in Cairns were sent home last week. The prize, a lovely painting, donated and painted by Jan Burns is displayed in the office. Tickets are due back by the 16 October.

BOOK CLUB – LESLEY SOLAR
Earlier this week, the final Book Club for 2012 was sent home with your child. To minimize popular items disappearing for Christmas presents, there will need to be a shorter perusal time of only 2 weeks. This means that orders are due back with completed forms and payment by Friday 26 October. It will take approximately 1 week to process and up to 2 weeks for delivery (incl back orders if any). This means it should be all finalized and handed out by Monday 19 November. Thanks for your support.

PINK RIBBON CUPPA FOR CANCER
This year our extra special cuppa will be held on Friday 9 November in the hall. We would LOVE any donations of craft or gift items that can be used for prizes and raffle items. More information about the event and activities to follow so please watch this space!!

2013 PREP STUDENTS PLAY DATE
All prep children for 2013 are invited to a weekly play date each Tuesday.
DAY: Tuesdays. TIME: 9.30-11.30am. WHERE: Beenleigh Duck Park
Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. For more information: Angela Houghton P: 0403 834 112.

CROSSING CHANGE - CROSSING SUPERVISORS
Maureen, May, John and Janice would like to offer a “big thank you” to Mr Peter Lovegrove and Mr Tony Barron in grateful acknowledgement of their combined efforts that resulted in the fruition of our new school crossing. As your school crossing supervisors we are particularly appreciative of the forethought and planning of this venture that has most definitely improved all aspects of road safety for pedestrians and motorists alike. The school and church community offer both these admirable gentlemen our heartfelt thanks for all their efforts on our behalf. I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank Mr Peter Lovegrove for his kindness in advising Mr Tony Barron of the completion of the project with a photograph of the end result.

ST JOSEPH’S FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND-P&F
Two intrepid explorers were forced into a recce mission over the weekend just gone (I’ve got to get that rubber arm looked at). What we found was a magic little spot nestled in the foothills of the glorious Mt Barney and Mt Maroon. Flanagan’s Reserve boasts lovely flat, shady camping spots, a beautiful creek to explore and even fish, flushing toilets and warm showers. Thanks to all those who have already expressed their interest, the list is growing. And to everyone else, don’t miss your chance to relax and unwind on the banks of the creek after an action packed year, share a story around the campfire and bushwalk with friends.

**When?** Arrive Saturday November 3rd and depart Sunday 4th November. Friday Night Camping optional.
Approximately 5km outside of Rathdowney, 1.5hrs from Beenleigh
**Cost?** Adults (16 years of age and over) - $8.00 per night.
Children (5 to 15 years of ages) - $4.00 per night
Family (2 Adults and up to 4 Children 15 and under) - $27.00

Register your expression of interest with Dominic Barnes or Josh O’Keeffe – jokeffe@bne.catholic.edu.au

Come along for a fun filled social weekend and celebrate St Joseph’s 2012! Please keep reading the newsletters in the coming weeks for more information. Booking information announced early next term.

COMMUNITY NEWS
THE JDRF WALK TO CURE TYPE 1 DIABETES IS HERE - Sunday 14 October
The Walk site will open at 7:30am with the 4km Walk commencing at 9:00am!!!!
WHERE - 7th Brigade Park at Chermside -MUST ENTER AT Delaware Street
BRING a chair or picnic blanket, sunscreen, water, snacks! AND DONATIONS!!!
There are food vendors available on the day – sausage sizzle, gelato etc. and plenty of fun activities for the kids – rides, animal farm, face painting, balloons, give-a-ways and a band.

*Look out for our Gazebo and the Green Josie Beans Shirts*
COMMUNITY NEWS

PETITION OPPOSING THE BIOMASS POWER PLANT – UPDATE…
The fight against the proposed Biomass Power Plant in Yatala continues. Over the past few weeks the following has occurred…

• The petition with over 5400 signatures was copied and presented to the Gold Coast City Council and Mark Boothman, State Member for Albert.
• Mark Boothman, on behalf of all of us who signed (his constituents) tabled the petition in Parliament on Wednesday the 12th of September.
• We have sent 4 official documents listing our objections, supported by current research and facts about Biomass Plants to the GCCC, Logan Council, State & Federal Ministers and Campbell Newman. (See the www.yatala.info website for all the details).
• The decision from DEHP was due on Wednesday October 10th; however, we were informed late last week that Phoenix Power Recyclers have applied for more time to address the issue of noise (which we raised in one of our objections).

Legally, we must now allow the official application process to run its course. We have presented as much information as possible supporting our objection to this development in such close proximity to residences, schools and workplaces. We have been very successful in making our objections heard at a local, state and federal level, so thank you to all of you who have given your support. I will keep you informed on developments as they occur. You can also visit the above website (and the facebook page) for regular updates! Sharon Kennedy

PCYC BLUE LIGHT DISCO
The next exciting Beenleigh PCYC Blue Light Disco is on Friday 19th October from 6pm – 9pm. All primary school aged children are welcome. Dance to all the latest music, heaps of prizes, good food & great fun. Look forward to seeing you all there.

THE IONA PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS
Experience Easter 2013 as part of the cast or crew of The Iona Passion Play. All are welcome – you can involve the whole family! Plenty of speaking, non-speaking and support roles available. Sunday Oct 14th @ 1pm and Sunday Dec 9th @ 2pm. If interested please contact Veronica on 3333 1993 or info@ipp.org.au

ARIA ANGELS
An exciting program for babies and children birth-5 years with parents, grandparents, carers and friends. An excellent opportunity to develop the social, emotional, spiritual, physical and intellectual domains of children through music, art, hospitality and prayer.

Dates: Thursdays - Oct 18 weekly until Nov 29
Time: 9.00 am – 10.30 am (welcome to join in after 9.00am)
Place: St. Matthew’s Parish Centre, 180 Bryants Rd, Loganholme
Cost: $5.00 per family - includes a delicious morning tea, craft creations and song picture for children’s journal.
Contact Jean 0400 488221 pa.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au or Gail at familycentre@catholic.net.au
• After school pickup: Students are required to wait for parents at the mango tree area.

DID YOU SEE?

ST. JOSEPH'S Tobruk Memorial School has taken out the State title in the Wakakiri Story Dance Festival in only their second year of taking part.
The cowboy-themed performance involved 39 students from years 4-7.
Wakakiri coordinator Erin Holman said Wide Wild West Showdown was a story about bullying.
“It was set in a country town where they were having the annual country show,” she said. “We had a clumsy cowboy who couldn’t do any of the activities, so the town bullies came over and were teasing him and all the townspeople were just being bystanders and not doing anything.
The lead bully challenges the clumsy cowboy to a whip-cracking duel, when a mystery hero comes in and tells the bullies to stop and then everybody’s friends again.”
Ms Holman said the students had been working for six months on the performance but did not expect to win.
“Last year was our first year in the competition and we came third in the beginner competition,” she said.
This year, we were in with other schools who were doing it for a long time. We knew we had a good story and we worked hard, but we didn’t expect to win.”
The school will now compete for the national title, to be announced in November.

Wakakiri winners

ST. JOSEPH'S Tobruk Memorial School in Beenleigh has won the state Wakakiri event with its Wide Wild West Showdown featuring (from left) Adam Little, Kasie Cole, Jaz Smith, Samantha Cole and Tayla Babin.