Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 4, Week 3 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! Don’t forget that Monday is a Pupil Free Day. Artworx display continues in the school hall throughout the week. On Tuesday I am at the Mercy Centre in Bardon for a principals’ in-service, Leading Learning. The parent sounding board takes place in the school hall on Thursday morning from 8.45am. Schools across Queensland remember Daniel Morcombe on Friday and reinforce safe travel/stranger danger practices.

Monday 22 October
Pupil free Day

Tuesday 23 October
7.30am: Band Practice
8am-4pm: Artworx Exhibition

Wednesday 24 October
2.05: Choir
8am-4pm: Artworx Exhibition

Thursday 25 October
Liturgy Readings: Prep C
Sounding Board
World Teachers Day Celebrations
8am-4pm: Artworx Exhibition

Friday 26 October
Banking
Ice Blocks 50c or $1
Book club orders due back to school

Monday 29 October
Assembly: 1F

Tuesday 30 October
7.30am: Band practice

Wednesday 31 October
Last day 2013 parent requests

Thursday 1 November
Mass Readings: 6C
Grandparents Day

Friday 2 November
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
P&F Tuck shop day

Friday 16 November
Disco– Student Council

Wednesday 28 November
Christmas Concert

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

19 October, 2012

PUPIL FREE DAY
This Monday 22 October

ARTWORX 2012

STARTS TONIGHT

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

CHILDREN’S EXHIBITION- Sat 20 Oct 10am-3pm: Come along with your children to view your child’s and the communities artwork. Free admission.

8am-4pm. Free admission
Brisbane Catholic Education has recommended a 4% increase in fees and building fund levies for 2013. Accordingly, the fees and some levies for St Joseph’s Tobruk will increase marginally (please see below). The Brisbane Catholic Education Council recommendation and our own expenses have been set at a level consistent with the actual cost increases experienced by our school in recent years. We hope that these increases will not be too burdensome on families already coping with many other financial challenges at this time.

The tuition fees include an amount remitted centrally (to BCE), the Archdiocesan Education Levy, which provides shared resources to all schools within the Archdiocese. Also included is a levy of $18 per student to provide for the purchase of land for future school development within the Archdiocese. This is a vital investment in the future provision of Catholic schooling within the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

### SCHOOL FEES 2013

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For larger families, please consult the principal.

### Additional Charges – ALL FAMILIES:

- **P&F Levy**: $80.00 per family (no increase – no rebate)
- **Art Levy**: $45.00 per child (up $5)
- **Technology Levy**: $100.00 per child (no increase)
- **Capital Levy**: $400.00 per family (no increase)

Cost of excursions and camps is extra and must be paid before the camp or excursion occurs.

Cost of the following programmes is extra. Outside specialist teachers conduct the programmes in the school. These programmes are compulsory.

- **Swimming**: Term 1 (Year 1 - Term 4)
- **Ausdance**: Term 2 or 3

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform. 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!!! Another unacceptable trend is the wearing of wrist bands. These are not to be worn at school. Children will be asked to remove these and put them in their bags. Sometimes the school will sell wrist bands in support of a particular charity, e.g. RSL or Legacy. On such occasions, the children will be allowed to wear the designated wrist band for a week.

### SUNSMART GRANT

The posts for the new Prep shade sail have been installed and the shade sail itself is being prepared. We hope that it will be erected this week - very exciting!

### 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 10.45am. If you are able to attend, please let Bron know in the school office. You do not need a ‘special invitation’ to attend. The school does send out 60 invitations to selected parents through the children in order to promote attendance.

### 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 for 50c and $1 each. There will be no ice-blocks for sale on Tuckshop Day (2nd November).

### 2012 CLASS LISTS

The long process of compiling class lists for 2012 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. This year's focus or theme will be *Unconditional Love*.

Program for the Day
8.45am: Gathering Cuppa outside of Hall
9.00am: Liturgy in the Hall
9.30am: Choir Performance
9.45am: All children return to class / Morning tea for Grandparents
10.15am: Children invite Grandparents to classrooms

SKOOLBAG APP
Skoolbag is a school to parent communication tool. It provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications. No more lost paper in school bags!

School newsletters, Schools notices, and School alerts, School permission notes and other documents are communicated directly to parents’ smartphones via the Skoolbag Web App.

You can install it on your Smartphone by pointing the Smartphone Web Browser (eg iPhone Safari, android web browser) to:  

You can then add it as a shortcut to your Home Screen by following the "add to homescreen" prompt on your iPhone, or by creating a shortcut to your desktop/home screen, if using an Android powered phone.

There is no cost to parents or children, but it does use a small amount of internet download on your phones. It is a 'ubiquitous' (anytime, anywhere) app, and is something that is proving to be very useful.

Peter Lovegrove has been busily updating the information on the Skoolbag app for St Joseph's.

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 05 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 2012
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 2011 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.

PLEASE - NO CANDY, CHOCOLATES OR LOLLIIES
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....

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PF: Ella Marshall, Taliah D’Arcy, Jack Fenech, Khasydi Little
1C: Matt Eley 1F: Charlee Cohen, Lilly James
2C: Liam Fulwood, Olivia Barnes, Isabella Shala 2F: Chelsea Cavell, Lachlan Rawlings
3C: Jarek Dunikowski 3F: Clayton Ruhland
4C: Sasha Clark 4F: Spencer Brown, Jett Cavell
56D: Abby Pfleger, Cameron Whalan 6C: Jazmin Smith, Filloreta Shala
6F: Mathew Sheehan, Rhys Towerton 7C: Joseph Se
7F: Inga Matevs


LITERACY PLANET–MELLISSA BURGESS

10-20 minutes a day is all that is needed. CLASS LEADERS from 8th – 14th October

PC – Joey Assaad PF – Ella Marshall 1C – Naomi Joelle Mataia 1F – Maddison Schiplock
2C – Olivia Barnes 2F – AJ Sulusi 3C – Kate Murton 3F – Maurice Rosales
4C – Andrew Assaad 4F – Brendan Searle 56L – Tamika Buttigieg 56D – Jorjah Sulusi
6C – Rhain Norton 6F – Alex Elford 7C – Bianca Chua 7F – Teresa Martin

AS OF this week OUR SCHOOL IS IN 14TH POSITION IN AUSTRALIA
What a great achievement by the whole school. Well Done.

SANTOS RAFFLE– GARAY FAMILY

Congratulations to Kira Sadzius in year 7 who won the art canvas. The canvas, painted and donated by Jan Burns, had been on display on the office counter. Thank you to everyone for supporting the raffle to help fund Santos. He will be travelling to Cairns to represent South Coast in discus.

SILLY SOCK DAY–LISA HINGST

A BIG THANKS from Josie Hingst and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) to the school community! Josie's wish is for a cure for Type 1 Diabetes and any money we can donate directly to research will help. In her speech to the school on Monday she told them about the 6000 needles she has had and about her life with Type 1 Diabetes. Insulin is not a cure it just keeps her alive!!

Thanks for supporting Josie and us again. It is really appreciated. I tell all the JDRF networks I am in and my peer support families about St Joseph's and how wonderful everyone has been for Josie. The total is now over $400.

P&F NEWS-ANGELA HOUGHTON

TUCKSHOP DAY
The first tuckshop day for term 4 is on Friday 2 November. Order forms will be sent home early next week. Students will be offered a sausage sizzle, popper and ice block for $5.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO student council ice blocks for sale on this day.

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.

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.
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.

The School Choir will be meeting Mrs Haran at the music room at 6pm tonight for the Art Exhibition performance. They will need to be collected from the music room at 8.15pm by their parent.

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

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.

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 – jokeeffe@bne.catholic.edu.au

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.

Camp ‘Out with the Dogs’ and raise money for homeless animals
Kids across South East Queensland will forgo their beds in favour of the backyard on the 26th and 27th of October to raise money for the homeless cats and dogs of the Animal Welfare League of Queensland.

Out with the Dogs 2012 is a fundraising event held by the AWLQ, a non for profit organisation dedicated to the rehoming of stray and abandoned animals. All money raised will go towards rehoming the animals at the AWLQ’s three rehoming centres located in Ipswich, Beenleigh and on the Gold Coast. People of all ages can register online at www.outwiththedogs.com.au primary school children are especially encouraged.

“You will always have kids asking to volunteer or help in some way at our rehoming centres. Out with the Dogs is a fundraising event tailored just for them and gives them the opportunity to spread our message, raise money and potentially win great prizes”.

Prizes have been generously donated by local businesses including the Titans Football club, Go Camping City Farmers, Ryan the Lion and lots more.

AWLQ shelter staff will also be involved, deciding to support the fundraiser by camping out at the Gold Coast rehoming centre with the dogs currently calling the AWLQ home.

“We look forward to seeing what the animals get up to after dark and giving them some well deserved one on one time,” Ms Hinds says.

You can donate to the AWLQ staff team by logging on to www.outwiththedogs.com.au
COMMUNICATION
For as long as I have been involved in education I have noticed that many issues and problems are often overcome when communication between parties is improved. As a teacher the communication between class and home is crucial to the learning and well-being of the children. More recently, I have been involved in looking at ways that the important news and events of the school can be communicated efficiently to the intended audience. For many years the most important communication tool has been the school newsletter. In the newsletter important news and information is presented as well as a list of upcoming events. Currently, St Joseph’s makes the newsletter available in various locations. It can be downloaded or read from the school website (stjosephsbeenleigh.qld.edu.au) and the Skoolbag app (www.skoolbag.com.au/stjoeyms from your smartphone browser). In today’s digital age it is unnecessary to print it because it is available wherever you go via computers, tablets and smartphones. Eventually, we would like to do away with printed newsletters altogether.

The problem here, like everywhere else, is that the newsletter is just not being read by a lot of people and this causes issues with people’s participation in the community life of the school. Many people claim to have not known about an event when it has been advertised and promoted through the newsletter over a number of weeks. It is important that this link between school and home is maintained. The St Joseph’s app which has been used over the last six months or so will be fully functioning in the next couple of weeks and will have push notifications to let you know when something has been added or changed. It will be available from the App Store soon.

YEAR 3C MASS
I would like to offer a huge thank you to Mrs Pangbourne and her class for hosting their first class Mass yesterday. They celebrated Mary the Mother of God. October is the month in which we remember and celebrate the life of Mary who lived a life of service to God. It is a time to pray the Rosary. Some of the classes are learning about the Rosary this month in their Religion lessons. The children read beautifully and were very reverent as they led our school through the celebration. Yesterday was also the feast of St Luke. As a gospel writer he presents us with the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus in such a beautiful way. He is also the author of the “Good Samaritan” story. This story was shared earlier in the year at assembly.