Dear Parents

2014 PRINCIPAL

Mr Stephen Johnson will be visiting St Joseph’s on Monday 28 October. He will attend the before school staff briefing and the 9am student assembly. Steve will be available to meet parents over a cuppa after assembly.

ST MARY’S BEAUDESERT

Many thanks to all who assisted at the sausage sizzle last week at St Mary’s Beaudesert and to the many who donated items for the staff morning tea. The children and staff from St Mary’s loved the prayer garden created by the children from Joey’s. It was a wonderful display of solidarity between the two schools who now have suffered through the devastation of fire.
50’s ROCK ‘N’ ROLL NIGHT

For such a special occasion to take place, it takes many people to make it work. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the success of our Rock ‘n’ Roll Dinner Dance last Saturday evening. If I start to name names I could offend someone by leaving them out.

Sincere thanks to the little band of merry men and women who helped to make the 60th Celebration Dance a great success.

For those who designed and created the Art work, sold tickets, put together candles and serviettes, lined bins, cleaned the hall, put up decorations, created the PowerPoint, set up and put away furniture, cleaned up garbage, bought a ticket, sold drinks, made sure the lighting and sound were just right, had a dance, played in the band... May God bless you in abundance!

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

Our Grandparents’ Day takes place on Thursday 31 October 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 theme will be ‘Make Your Grandparents’ Day’ through which we are challenged to do something special for our grandparents to make their day special.

Program for the Day

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<td>All children return to class / Morning tea for Grandparents</td>
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YEARS 6 & 7 2014
A leadership preparation and discernment process began with the children from Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday 14 Oc
tober. Many thanks to Josh O’Keeffe and Marg Hatzis in particular for their significant contribution to this process.
During the process the children learned what leadership is, particularly within the context of our school. They identified the qualities that good leaders demonstrate and through various activities they looked for these qualities within themselves and in their peers. What was emphasised time and again throughout the leadership day was that all of the children in these senior classes for 2014 will be asked to lead in many and varied ways throughout the year. The children have now been invited to apply for leadership at St Joseph’s with the support of their fami-
lies.

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 are releasing two (2) different ‘Ladybird’ ports - 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 yet to be announced in late November. Order forms will be available through the at the office, through the newsletter and on Skoolbag.
We are giving each family a bumper sticker promoting our 60th anniversary as a school. Extra stickers can be pur-
chased through a gold coin donation in the office.
Each child will also receive a simple but special memento at the mass celebrated on 25 October in the school hall.
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!

SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNTS
We now have two billing months to go before the end of the school year (Oct & Nov). Please ensure that your ac-
counts are 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.

LIBRARY BOOKS
Library books are a valuable resource at St Joseph’s Tobruk. If you have bought books recently for gifts or per-
sonal enjoyment, you would understand how expensive they are. The school invests thousands of dollars annual-
ly in new books through the school library for the children. It is vitally important that we look after this resource and ensure that whenever books are lost, they are replaced.
It is a requirement for children of every class that they borrow books from the library each week. When books are
damaged or lost, they will be replaced with the cost added to the school fees account each term.

2014 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 es-
corted 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.

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.
Join in the fun and come as a spooky character!

halloween disco

Prep – Yr 7
1st November
5:30-7:30
Entry: $5.00

Food and drinks for sale
Dancing and games
Glow products available
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.

2014 CLASS LISTS
The long process of compiling class lists for 2014 has begun. Parents will have the opportunity to put their concerns/issues in writing until the end of October. Any submissions after this time will not be considered. Prep classes need to be finalised before the Prep Orientation morning on Tuesday 12 November. Start of school in the new year when class lists are posted on office windows.

PARENT PROTOCOLS
It is frustrating at times as parents when our children come home and complain about someone in the class who teases them or annoys them or hurts their feelings. When this happens, parents often want to solve the problem for their son/daughter instead of teaching children resilience and problem solving skills. Should a problem persist, the parents should be contacting the class teacher and informing them of the situation. What sometimes happens is that parents can take the matter into their own hands by seeking out the ‘offending’ child and reprimanding them in person. This is never acceptable. These situations can easily escalate and lead to actions that could result in legal proceedings. As a general rule, parents should never reprimand another child. Teach problem solving skills to and nurture resilience in your children. Report persisting issues to your child’s class teacher.

BEFORE SCHOOL PROTOCOL
When the children line up at the first bell in the morning, this should be a cue for parents to start moving away from the classrooms towards the car-park. For the same reason that we discourage parents from congregating outside of classrooms before the home time bell—as it distracts the children and teachers in the classrooms—we also discourage parents from gathering or talking outside of classrooms or in the parade area after the children have lined up to go into class in the morning.

ST JOSEPH’S TOBRUK MEMORIAL SCHOOL BEENLEIGH - FEES AND CHARGES 2014
In 2014, school fees will remain the same as in 2013. However, the Capital Levy will increase from $400 per family per year to $450 per family per year. There may be some increases in costs for programmes such as camps, swimming and Ausdance as these are run by groups outside of the school.

SINGLE CHILD TUITION: One child – primary (Prep-Year 7) $1250.00
TWO CHILDREN TUITION: Two children – primary $1680.00
THREE CHILDREN TUITION: Three children – primary $1900.00

A 5% discount off the yearly tuition is available if paid in full by the 28/2/2014

For larger families, please consult the principal.

Additional Charges – ALL FAMILIES:
Confirmation Deposit $160 per family ($100 will be credited to the first invoice)
P&F Levy $80.00 per family (no rebate) – under review
Art Levy $45.00 per child
Technology Levy $100.00 per child
Capital Levy $450.00 per family (formerly compulsory Building Levy)
Stationery Levy To be advertised through the newsletter
Swimming: Yr 1 Term 4 $48 in 2013. Compulsory. Outside specialist teachers conduct the programmes.
Swimming: Yr 2-7 Term 1 $48 in 2013. Compulsory. Outside specialist teachers conduct the programmes.
Auspance: Term 2 or 3 $30 estimate. Compulsory. Outside specialist teachers conduct the programmes.
Camps: Year 4-Term 4 Day Camp or Excursion. (approx. $40) Compulsory. To be paid before the event.
Year 5 & 6-Term 3 $300 estimate. Compulsory. To be paid before the event.
Year 7-Term 1 $300 estimate. Compulsory. To be paid before the event.
Excursions To be advised. Compulsory. To be paid before the event.

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....

JOEYS CUPPA FOR CANCER
Please put aside the morning of Friday 8 November to come along and share your time with your friends and family. We will have some laughs, share a plate and a cuppa, remember those we’ve lost and help those who are still fighting the battle and celebrate with those who have survived!
The web address for those who cannot attend but would like to donate will be advertised next week, so please feel free to pass it on!
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 NEWS-DOMINIC BARNES

The AGM for the St Joseph’s’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.

BOOKCLUB

Book club orders are due back by 9am 1 Nov 2013. Delivery of the books should occur approximately 22 Nov. An unnamed and unclaimed order from the previous book club is being held at the office.

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, toys, 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

TRAIN TIMETABLES

On Monday 20 January 2014, new timetables will be introduced on the Airport, Beenleigh, Cleveland, Doomben, Ferny Grove, Gold Coast and Shorncliffe rail lines.

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