11 September, 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week we welcomed Ashleigh McNamara (Year 6) and her family to the St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School community. We trust that their time with us is richly rewarding and everything that they hope for.

This is National Child Protection Week and in recognition of this critical national focus, representatives from Bravehearts addressed students in Prep to Year 3 today. My thanks to Miss Mitchell for her organisation of this special event. Relevant parents are asked to prompt discussion at home about children’s learnings from the Bravehearts presentation and the follow-up discussions with teachers in classrooms.

Wakakirri participants did our school community proud last Tuesday night with yet another high quality public performance at the Logan Entertainment Centre, this time on Awards Night. It was a pleasure to be in the audience on such an entertaining night with so much talent on show. Again, our school was awarded the office if you will not return to St Joseph’s in 2015.

Staff will continue their pursuit of individual professional improvement through attendance at an Information Technology Breakfast next Tuesday morning at 7.30am. My thanks to Mrs Hall for her organisation of this important gathering.

With Courage, Faith and Love

Stephen Johnson
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

PC: Hero Akipe  
PF: Jacob King  
1C: Mia Plucknett  
1F: Olivia Cross  
2C: Keyana Drum  
2F: Juliette Barreras  
3C: Jazbia Bukhari  
3F: Hayley Fanning  
4F: Taylah Vickery  
5C: Alex Cleeland  
5F: Kate Radburn  
6C: Conor Bowers  
6F: Sasha Clark  
Golden Gnome: 1st–PF. 2nd–2C, 6C, 6F. 3rd–4F.

**HOMEWORK HELP**

PLEASE NOTE:  
There will be no Homework Help on next Tuesday and Wednesday 16 and 17 September or on Tuesday and Wednesday 7 and 8 October in Term 4. Homework Help will resume 14 and 15 October.

**DATE CLAIMER**

You are invited to our instrumental concert. The school band will be performing along with a few students who learn instruments at the school. We look forward to seeing you.  
DATE: Wednesday 17 September  
TIME: 2.15pm  
VENUE: School hall

**YEAR 2 SCIENCE CENTRE AND MUSEUM EXCURSION**

Last Friday the Year Two students went on an excursion to the Science Centre and Museum in Brisbane. They had lots of hands-on fun at the Science Centre learning about how our bodies work, outer space and pretending to be spies. At the Museum they engaged with exhibits about indigenous people, the ocean and fossils. Some very lucky students even got to touch some stick insects in the Discovery Zone. Museum and Science Centre staff commented on how the Year 2 students were well behaved and respectful. It was a great day out for the teachers and students.

**YEARS 1 - 7 SWIMMING**

Next term students from Years 1-7 will participate in a school swimming program at the Aqua Logan Pool, Beenleigh. As mentioned at the beginning of the year, St Joseph’s is moving towards an end of year swimming program and to secure this spot it is necessary to complete Term 4 swimming lessons this year. All students from Years 1-7 are expected to participate. Years 1-3 will be completing a swim safety program and the Year 4-7 students will be completing a stroke correction program. Lessons will take place every Thursday in Term 4 – Week 1 to Week 7.

Lesson Dates: 09/10, 16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 06/11, 13/11, 20/11  
Carnival Date: 21/11 Friday Week 7

Please keep an eye out for more information in next week’s newsletter and also for a permission form that will be coming home with your child next week.
KOALA JOEY’S

It was a big Koala Joey’s day last week.

a story in the library with our Librarian, Mrs Giebels,
borrowing a book from the school library,
visiting Mr Johnson’s office and seeing quite a few of his treasures.

There is no Koala Joey’s session in the last week of term or the first week back. We look forward to seeing our Koala Joey’s at our next session 14 October.

LIBRARY NEWS - LYN GIEBELS

Thanks to everyone who supported our celebration of Book Week. It was really wonderful to see the effort the children put into their displays for the library and the wonderful costumes created by families for our book parade. Our winners were selected on their creativity and the connection to books (even if there is a movie made from the title). We made over a thousand dollars profit from our book fair that we shall use towards getting some more display boards in the library.

Many thanks to our band of helpers, particularly Irene Witham, Susan McGovern, Raelene Marston, Tracey Drescher and the many others who popped in and out to help with the sale and setup of our fair. Without their help and the support of our families, Book Week would not happen!

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Dental vans will no longer be visiting schools. Parents must now arrange children’s appointments. The clinic will soon be sending flyers home to Years 6 & 7 in an effort to have these students’ dental hygiene up to date before moving to high school. The closest clinic to St Joseph’s is in the Beenleigh State School grounds beside the Beenleigh Library.

To make an appointment with Metro South Health School Dental Service phone 1300 300 850 (Monday to Friday – 7:30 to 4:00). Have your Medicare Card and Health Care Card (if you have one) with you when you call.

For further information, please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth/

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the St Joseph’s MI Smarts League team who were lucky enough to play at half time of the Titans v Bulldogs game last Sunday. It was a wonderful experience for the boys and girls in the team to not only play at Cbus Stadium but to also “high five” the Titans players as they ran onto the field for the second half. I can’t be 100% certain, but I think it was this support that spurred the Titans to a great comeback win. I would like to thank all the students involved, their parents for getting everyone to the venue and especially NRL Development Officer, Matt Palin, and all NRL Development staff, who gave us the opportunity to be involved. We will have a team photo in an upcoming newsletter.
P&F MEETING
The September meeting for P&F will be on **Tuesday 16 September at 6.30pm**. The P&F Executive invite all members of our school community to attend this meeting. Should you have matters for the agenda please email them to **stjosephspandfbeenleigh@gmail.com**. This email address can also be used should you have any concerns or issues, questions or queries you want answered or clarified relating to all matters involving P&F.

**TUCKSHOP DAY**
Our next tuckshop day will be on Friday 19 September, the last day of term 3. This will be a Subway day where students will be offered a choice of 6” subs and a popper for $5. Order forms will go home by the end of the week.

**WAKAKIRRI NEWS**
Congratulations to all the Wakakirri performers and their support crew on the outstanding performance at last Tuesday night’s Wakakirri final. This was the culmination of many weeks of hard work. The team won the Best Public Speaking and Best Healthy Story Awards. Well done !!!

**SPORTS TEAMS PHOTOS—TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**
Next Tuesday 16 September children who were members of the athletics, swimming, and the cross country squads and also who participated in Gala Day teams will be required for sports photos. The children will need to wear their sports uniform.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**
**FUN & GAMES NIGHT for DESTINY RESCUE**
The games night planned for the 13 September has been postponed and will be readvertised through the newsletter.