18 September 2014

Our school camps for the year are now complete and I was most pleased to be a part of them to allow first-hand experience and enable a critique of the offerings for students. Evaluation sheets were provided to our staff for completion and these were filled with an abundance of positive comments. My thanks to St Joseph’s staff for sacrificing time with their families to provide 24 hour care to our Year 5, 6 and 7 campers.

This month’s P&F meeting occurred on Tuesday evening and the proposed P&F restructure was tabled for the consideration of those in attendance. Related discussion was most encouraging as our school community searches for new ways to increase parent engagement. Thank you to the P&F for the provision of $13,000 to the school to complete the ‘roll out’ of interactive whiteboards in classrooms.

Tomorrow we will, once again, conclude a school term with a Tuckshop Day. This special Subway Day offers students a choice from a range of 6” subs, with a popper, for $5. Please consider supporting this P&F initiative, if you haven’t already. Proceeds remain with the school.

Tomorrow also sees a number of staff heading off for periods of leave. Our best wishes go with Mrs Anderson (all of Term 4), Mrs Wynn (all of Term 4) and Mrs Lyn Giebels (until 17 November) as they take a break from the routine of school life at St Joseph’s. Whilst Mrs Anderson and Mrs Wynn plan to mostly relax, Mrs Giebels will undertake a teaching practicum as a final part of her Bachelor of Education studies.

Holidays will soon be upon us and I trust that the break provides opportunity for all in our school community to share time with loved ones. Mrs McBain and Mr Edwards, our cleaning and maintenance staff, will engage in their usual holiday work programs to ensure that the school environment is prepared for Term 4.

Also in the holidays, St Patrick’s Outside School Hours Care will be offering their Vacation Care Package of activities and this information can be found on our school app, parent portal and website.

School will resume on Tuesday 7 October, after the Labour Day Public Holiday. Term 4 always delivers a ‘jam packed’ list of school events, especially when it is of 9 weeks duration, as it is this year. Information about our Term 4 swimming program should now have been received in Year 1 to 7 homes (commencing for all relevant students on Thursday 9 October). Also, Year 5 begin their Gala Sports Day involvement in the first week back (with Year 6 and 7 on Friday 10 October).

I am very pleased to announce that, as well as the above Term 4 Week 1 happenings, the new drop off / pick-up arrangements will be in place from the first day of Term 4 (please find related information accompanying/following). My thanks to Trinity College Principal, Catherine Thompson, Logan City Councillor, Jennie Breene, and Logan City Council Traffic Engineer, Laura Brown, for working with me to gain a safe and convenient result for Trinity College and St Joseph’s School motorists. Although the routine will take a little time to settle, children will be able to be dropped-off of a morning and picked-up of an afternoon at the Tobruk St gate, adjacent to the St Patrick’s Outside School Hours Care facility. Staff supervision will be provided of an afternoon as children are ushered into cars that are queuing back towards the church. New signage and markings will allow for U-turns to be made at the end of Tobruk St, before departure back along Tobruk St or via Yalburu St.

Another reminder to please claim the morning of Saturday 11 October for our Term 4 Working Bee (8.00am – 11.00am). Your presence would be greatly appreciated, no matter how short a time.

A first call for 2016 Prep enrolment submissions to be made at the school office, please.

Again this week I request your prayers for those in our school community who are currently experiencing health challenges, especially parent, Sally Downs. With our prayers of concern for Sally, we need to also include prayers of thanks, as Sally and her husband, Anthony, celebrate the recent safe arrival of their new son, Koby Francis, a beautiful brother for Annabel (Year 3) and Justin (Year 1). My life also request that world peace be in your prayers at this most troubled global time.

With Courage, Faith and Love
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WHERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

SEPTEMBER
19 Tuckshop Day
   Last day Term 3

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7 First day Term 4
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8 7 & 8 No Homework Help
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10 Gala Day (Yrs 5 - 7)
11 Working Bee (8-11am)
14 Koala Joeys resumes
14 P&F Meeting (6.30pm)
16 Swimming lessons (Yrs 1-7)
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20 Pupil Free Day

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  Wed Homework Help Resumes 13 August
  Thurs Uniform Shop (8.15-9.15am)
  Fri Sr Jenny’s Cuppa (8.40am)
  Fri Student Banking
  Fri Homework Help (3-3.40pm)

OFFICE HOURS
  Mon, Tue, Thur: 8.15am – 3.45pm
  Wed: 8.35am – 3.45pm
  Fri: 8.35am – 3.15pm

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS
  Mon 3C, 3F
  Tues 1C, 1F
  Wed 4C, 4F
  Thurs 6C, 6F

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We learned that when you are a grown up like Mr Lovegrove, you can do a very big speckled frog leap.

We learned that it is a very good idea to change our voice to make a story really interesting and more exciting.

We learned how to practise knowing our left hand, right hand, right leg, left leg and have a really fun time all at once.

Koala Joey's resumes Tues 14 Oct. Even if you have not had a chance to join us yet, you are most welcome to do so at any time.

Swimming permission notes should have come home on Monday. Please ensure that these are returned to your child’s classroom teacher before Thursday 9th October. Years 1-3 will be completing a swim safety program and the Years 4-7 will be completing a stroke correction program. Lessons will take place every Thursday in Term 4 – Week 1 to Week 7.

**Swimming Lesson Timetable:**

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Lesson Dates:
09/10, 16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 06/11, 13/11, 20/11

Carnival Date:
21/11 Friday Week 7
HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help resumes 14 October in the Library from 8am Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

THE DITTO SHOW - BRAVEHEARTS

Last Thursday students in Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 experienced The Ditto Show presented by Bravehearts. At The Ditto Show the students learnt about 'yes' and 'no' feelings; as well as what to do when they have these feelings. They also learnt about keeping secrets and their private parts. Ditto taught the students 3 rules:
1. We all have the right to feel safe with people.
2. It's ok to say 'No' if you feel unsafe or unsure.
3. Nothing is so yucky that you can't tell someone about it.
Each student received an activity book that covers each of the topics. I encourage parents and guardians to complete some of the activities with their children and discuss what they learnt.

Everyone enjoyed The Ditto Show, especially Ditto himself!

FREE Environmental events and activities

Weed Management. Saturday 26 July 9.30am - 12.30pm. Location: Priestdale.
Platypus Ponderings. Sunday 17 August 1pm - 3pm. Location: Slacks Creek
Guided Walk along Slacks Creek. Saturday 30 August, 9am - 11am. Location: Slacks Creek
Become an Ecologist for the Day. Friday 26 September 9am - 10.30am and 11am - 12.30pm. Location: Browns Plains
Property Fire Management & Biodiversity. Thursday 16 October, 7pm - 8.30pm. Location: Greenbank
Koala Survey Weekend. Saturday 18 October and Sunday 19 October, Location: Throughout Logan City
www.logan.qld.gov.au/koalasurvey
Glossy Black Cockatoo Survey Day. Sunday 19 October, Location: Various Locations
Composting and Worm Farming Basics. Saturday 25 October, 9am - 11am. Location: Chambers Flat
Bump in the Night. Saturday 22 November, 6pm - 8.30pm. Location: Browns Plains

BOOKINGS: Workshops and events are FREE and run by Logan City Council for Logan residents. Workshops are suitable for adults unless noted. Bookings are essential and places are limited. Email environment@logan.qld.gov.au or phone 3412 4491 to book or be placed on our mailing list for future events and activities.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST: Prescription glasses. Blue and green Nike. FOUND: Sheree Hilts Logan City Council library card.

DENTAL VAN

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/
See map below for the new ‘2 minute drop off’ zone in Tobruk Street that starts on the first day of term 4.
Patrick Pace car says “Stop, Drop & Go are great”

Here’s how they work:

- Stop, drop and go zones are a safe place to be dropped off or picked up outside your school.
- Signed as 2 minute loading zone and are enforceable by Council’s Local Law Officers
- They operate like a fast moving taxi rank picking up students from the front of the zone
- There is a two minute limit for stopping in the zone
- Two minutes gives kids time to get in or out of the car without holding up the traffic too much
- Ensure children exit and enter the vehicle from the footpath side

In the afternoons:

- Delay your arrival until after release time. If you arrive early, do not park in the zone!
- Drive slowly to the head of the line
- Move forward as space becomes available
- Collect only at the head of the line
- Drivers are to stay in the car unless assisting with the loading of baggage and passengers
- Do not park for more than 2 minutes during signed hours of operation. If others abuse the zone, don’t follow their lead
- Ensure passengers have secured seatbelts before driving off

Please note: Parking and Traffic laws apply to ensure the safe and fair use of Queensland roads. If you park illegally you risk being fined.

Driver Tips

- Allow time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing
- Only pick up or let someone out when you have stopped at the front of the queue
- Stay in the car unless you need to help with bags or seatbelts
- Do not park in the zone and walk away from your car
- If your passenger is not ready, drive around the block to rejoin the queue or find a legal place to park
- Never double park to pick up children - it is illegal and dangerous. Double parking blocks the vision for other drivers, forces children into the road and obstructs the flow of traffic
- Never call out to your child from across the road
- Think about timing your trip to avoid the busiest times
- Always obey the school zone speed limit (generally 40km/h)
- Park only where parking is permitted

The left over letters spell: SAFE ROADS 4 LOGAN

Safe Roads 4 Logan
Safety around schools
Safety around schools is everyone’s responsibility. Children are not “little adults” and are often unpredictable and less able to recognise and process dangers or risks around them. Children are constantly on the move and:
- May zip out into traffic
- Have trouble judging the speed of cars
- May behave differently when they are with other children, and forget about traffic
- Have difficulty judging where noise/sounds are coming from and make incorrect decisions
With these thoughts in mind, set the right example - the life you save may be your child’s!

Obey the school zone speed limit during school terms.

Loading zones at schools are clearly signed areas set aside for short term use (no longer than 2 minutes) for dropping off or picking up passengers.

You must not stop or park your vehicle alongside another parked vehicle. It obstructs the flow of traffic, blocks vision of other drivers and forces children into the road with moving vehicles.

No Stopping signs or yellow edge lines mean you must not stop your vehicle at any point identified either by signage and/or yellow lines.

Unscramble each of the clue words
These words and phrases are found within the fact sheet. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

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