Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 3, Week 11 - the last week of Term 3 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! I wish all families a happy and safe break away from school. If you are going away, I hope that the weather is sensational and that you make wonderful memories that will be cherished for many years to come. Many thanks for your support throughout the term. Though the last term is always hectic, I look forward to the excitement that it will inevitably bring.

Next week:

Renuka Haran (Music), Isabelle Vargas-Malby (2C) and Ros Mendo (Finance Secretary) continue their Long Service leave this week.

I will be at a principals’ conference in Melbourne from Tuesday to Friday next week. During that time, Peter Lovegrove will be Acting Principal.

On Thursday after Snack (2.05pm) the children will be performing the dances they have been learning each week this term with our Ausdance teachers. This special concert will be held in the hall. Families are most welcome to join us. We will open the gates to the car-park at 1.40pm for parents.

Sr Jenny’s cuppa will be held in the area behind the hall on Friday morning unless the chilly conditions force us inside!

YEAR 6 CAMP
At assembly last week I praised the Year 5 children for their exemplary behaviour on camp at Lake Ainsworth. I also challenged the Year 6 classes to show that they can too be wonderful ambassadors for St Joseph’s on their camp at Emu Gully. I congratulate the Year 6’s on a most successful camp. Thank you to all of the teachers who gave up their time to be with the children – Josh O’Keeffe, Marg Hatzis, Sherri Bell, Kelly Wafer, Matt Armstrong and Peter Lovegrove. I particularly enjoyed getting to know the children better and the ANZAC focus of the camp. ANZAC values of mateship, perseverance, courage and sacrifice align well with our school core values, so participating in the Emu Gully camp experience reinforces our school mission.

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

FOR THE FRIDGE
Friday 21 Sept: TERM 3 Concludes 2.55pm.
Monday 8 Oct: TERM 4 Starts 8.35am.  No Pupil Free day.
Tuesday 9 Oct: P&F Meeting
Friday 19 Oct: Artworx opening 6pm
WAKAKIRRI
Our children compete in the Wakakirri finals tonight at the Logan Entertainment Centre. Whatever the result, we congratulate them on their commitment, their exemplary behaviour and co-operation, and their enthusiastic and professional performance. Sincere thanks and congratulations also to everyone involved in preparing the children for this event, including those responsible for costuming, props, make-up and transport. We particularly acknowledge the work of teachers Erin Holman, Pip Burns and Amber Dair. It has been a long journey for them and they have stuck to the demanding tasks admirably! Thank you to the families of the children also for your patient support. We appreciate your efforts and sacrifices.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to Santos Garay who made the South Coast Track and Field Team for discus. Santos competes in Cairns early next term. We wish him all the very best.
Tickets in a raffle to help support Santos to compete, will be sent home today. The prize, donated and painted by Jan Burns is displayed in the office. Tickets are due back by the 16 October.

SICK CHILDREN
I know we have said it before, but please keep children at home when they are sick. This is best for them, and for staff and other children who do not wish to get sick.
When you do send them to school, staff must make the decision as to whether a child seems well enough to remain at school.
We are getting a number of children coming to school telling the staff they are unwell and that their parents have said for the teacher to ring home and mum or dad will come in to pick them up. These children will say it all day to the teachers so that they can go home – whether they are sick or not! Some children will run around all lunch time and then suddenly be sick again when it is time to go back into class. It is best not to send them to school if they have not recovered rather than sending them and hope they pull through. Any absence from school should be accompanied by an explanation to allow the class roll to be completed accurately.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS – PERMISSION TO EMAIL
Thank you to the many families who have returned forms allowing the school to email school fee accounts. As explained in previous newsletters, we are required to either email or post accounts. Sending accounts home through the children is no longer an option for us according to BCE policy. To reduce costs to the school, and ultimately to families, the more we can email accounts (as opposed to posting them) the better. I noticed a parent visiting the office to pick up and pay her account. This also saves us the cost of postage. Paying accounts by the due date also assists us to reduce costs as reminder notices are sent out when the due date expires. Please help us to keep these potential cost increases in check.

SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNTS
We appreciate the effort that families make particularly during difficult times financially. It is also appreciated when families respond to phone calls made and letters sent by the school regarding the payment of accounts.
It is vitally important that regular payments are made towards school fees accounts. Paying regularly builds trust with the school. This practice helps to keep the level of debt down. When regular payments are not made, the amount owing grows and families can become overwhelmed by the growing debt and anxious about how to get it under control.

NAPLAN RESULTS
Class and school reports will be available to schools in electronic format via the QSA website sometime after Friday 14 September 2012. This is the date on which the results from the 2012 NAPLAN tests are due for release by the Australian Ministers for Education.
Student reports for the 2012 tests will begin arriving in schools from the same date. Schools will receive one printed report for each student for distribution to parents/carers. This data will be checked by the school before results are released for parents. NAPLAN results for children in Years 3, 5 & 7 will be sent home as soon as possible, but it does look more likely to take place in the first week of Term 4.

COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT
Recently, a number of documents stapled together to form the Computer Use Agreement for St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School were sent home for your signature. These documents are standard throughout BCE schools.
If you have not already done so, please complete and sign each section and return the package to Bronwyn Mortton in the school office before the end of the week. Please ensure that a Computer Use Agreement package is provided and signed for each child.

UNIFORM STANDARDS
At St Joseph’s we ask children to have tidy hair and hair styles that do not draw undue attention. Therefore undercuts, hair shaping (engraving) and hair dyes are not permitted. This not aimed at discouraging individuality, but rather at preventing children from competing with one another (who can have the craziest hairstyle or the most different dye combinations). There can be significant pressure placed on families when children want to outdo their mates with particular styles.
Please note also that body piercing (other than the ear lobe) cannot be visible. For example, I realise that some children might have their belly-button pierced. This should not be visible at school or during school activities such as camps and swimming.
We seem to be getting a growing number of children who are wearing running shoes to school instead of the all black school joggers. Please ensure that the children are wearing the correct school shoes.
CATHOLIC EDUCATION URGENTLY NEEDS FUNDING CERTAINTY
The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Chair, Therese Temby, says the Catholic sector is disappoint-
ed by the lack of detail around the Government’s plans, announced today by the Prime Minister, for a future
school funding model.
“The Prime Minister’s statement indicates the broad direction the Government intends to take in its proposed Na-
tional Plan for School Improvement, including the Gonski funding recommendations”, said Mrs Temby.
“NCEC acknowledges the Prime Minister’s announcement that her government would provide additional funding
for all schools, but is frustrated that there is still no detail about the Government’s position on many of the set-
tings of the funding model.”
“It has been impossible for NCEC to develop a clear understanding of the impact of the Government’s own model-
ing.
“We hope that today’s ‘commencing negotiations’ announced by the Prime Minister will clear the way for NCEC to
receive a detailed briefing on the Government’s position,” she said.
“Catholic schools urgently need funding certainty.”

LOST PROPERTY
Please ensure that every item of clothing and lunch gear is labelled clearly with your child’s name. Items can then
be returned to your children. Unclaimed, unmarked items are given to Sr Jenny. Good quality items are then
washed and put on sale with the proceeds going to the Josephite Providence Fund which supports disadvantaged
families.

YEAR 4 HISTORY NIGHT
Well done Year 4’s! Your History presentations were sensational! Thanks to your teachers – Cath Schloman, Di
Kibble and Sarah Taylor for their preparation of the hall and the displays. Thank you to your families too for com-
ing along to support this event.

YEAR 4 HISTORICAL EXPO - YEAR 4 TEACHING TEAM
On Thursday night the grade four students presented their first Historical Expo. The night was a showcase of our
Term 3 history studies – The Industrial Revolution and events that led to The First Fleet.
Each student created their own fictional character based on a social status they were given in class at the begin-
ing of the term. During class lessons they were able to gain a bet-
ter insight into the type of life their character might have lived in 1770.
With the help of parents the students came dressed in out-
standing costume and were able to confidently answer a set of questions about their character’s life in 1770. The night
was a complete success and each student should be proud of their efforts.
Thank you again to parents, without your support this night would not have been the success it was.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

One of the great joys of my role as Assistant Principal is being able to visit classes and enjoy the learning taking place by the students. I am impressed with the way creativity is encouraged at our school. The art program is superb and music is learnt with a great deal of enthusiasm. This week I walked in on a poetry writing session in Year 6. They are learning the structure of different types of poetry. Poetry is one of God’s most beautiful creative gifts. It allows words to create images, emotions and feelings which can be created in no other way. It is a way of freeing the ideas and thoughts from the mind to be shared with others. It tells a story full of life but with few words.

Paul Kelly is one of my favourite musicians. He is not the greatest singer or even the best guitarist but I love the way his words tell me of his experiences, feelings and thoughts. He creates a connection between himself and the audience. One of my most cherished books is the collection of his lyrics presented as poetry. My favourite verse is from the song “Deeper Water”:

Now a man comes up from amongst the throng, takes the young boy's hands and his hand is strong. The child feels safe, yeah the child feels brave, as he's carried in those arms up and over the waves.

Grace Billington in 6C wrote the following poem with the focus on using metaphors to create imagery.

The Dog of Love
He was a dog just like heaven, an angel above. Everyday he’s away my soul gets dimmer. He died the year a baby was born in my heart. And now he’s asleep in the garden of love.

FROM THE COUNSELLOR - DAIVD HIGGINS

Child Protection Week September 2-8, 2012
The Theme this year was, ‘Protecting Children is Everyone’s Business’
Too often children are left to suffer abuse and neglect because members of the same community find reasons not to report or act on suspicions of harm. Common sayings include “It’s none of my business.” “I knew something was wrong….but…” “I thought someone else would report it.”
Research tells us that community connection is the most efficient way of protecting our children and our youth from harm. As a community we must value our children and those who raise them. We need to talk to the child and hear what they are saying. If harm is occurring we must act and report to the appropriate authorities on behalf of the child.
Child Protection Week offers the opportunity to reflect on our behaviours, as adults, towards the children in our care. Can we respond in a positive way in regard to the way we treat our children and youth, physically, emotionally, and mentally? If our response is, no we cannot, it is our duty of care to seek help from family, friends or professional organisations within the community to right this wrong.

Reporting Child Abuse
If you have reason to suspect a child in Queensland is experiencing harm, or at risk of experiencing harm, you need to contact Child Safety Services.
During normal business hours contact

- The regional Intake Service
- After hours and on weekends call 1800 811 810 or(07)3235 9999
The service operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, contact the Queensland Police Service immediately by dialling 000.
To contact Child Safety Services Enquiries Unit call 1800 811 810
For additional support and counselling, families can contact Parent-line, a free and confidential telephone service that provides counselling and referrals on 1300 301 300.
Both **Grade 4 classes** are looking to establish an **indigenous garden** in the school grounds. To raise funds for purchasing the necessary plants we will be **selling $2.00 scoops of Baskin and Robbins ice cream** on **Thursday the 20th September**. Flavours available

Available flavours will be the following:
- **Hokey Pokey**: Vanilla ice cream with caramel swirls, it contains dairy, no eggs or nuts.
- **Cotton Candy**: Pink and purple cotton candy flavoured ice cream it contains dairy, no eggs or nuts.
- **Mint Chocolate**: Mint ice cream with chocolate chips which contains dairy, caffeine, soy but no eggs or nuts.
- **Rainbow Sherbet**: A trio of orange, raspberry and pineapple sherbet which contains dairy, no eggs or nuts.
- **Pink Lemonade**: Lemonade flavoured ice which contains no dairy, eggs or nuts.

**A MUSICAL NOTE—RENUKA HARAN**

There will be no band practice on the last week of term 3 (Tue 18 Sept) and the first week of term 4 (Tue 9 Oct).

**APP of the WEEK by ST J’s APPSTARS**

**Mindmapping or brainstorming** is a way for individuals or a group to collect ideas about a specific problem or situation. Brainstorming is a great tool for the classroom situation where you want to develop and stimulate the creative process. So instead of writing down a list of ideas, you might like to use one of these free mind mapping tools.

**Total Recall: FREE**
A solution to mind mapping. You can instantly create and share beautiful mind maps. Intuitive touch interface with automatic layout allows for mind maps with a few simple strokes. Great colourful mind maps for students.

**Simplemind: FREE**
Drag and drop mind mapping tool with templates and clipboard for brainstorming or thought structuring. Large mind map support only limited by memory. Download to desktop. Styles, colour changes and border all supported within the node well.

**Idea Sketch: FREE**
Idea Sketch lets you easily draw a mind map and convert it to a text outline and vice versa. You can use Idea Sketch for brainstorming new ideas, illustrating concepts, making outlines, planning presentations, creating charts and more.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop will be closed on Thursday 20 September for stocktaking.

Appointments for 2013 Prep fittings will be sent out soon.

It would be timely for the current preps to attend the uniform shop to order formal uniforms for 2013.

**WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH’S?**

It’s our P & F Association again and our chocolate loving families! Part of the funds raised from the Chocolate Drive has allowed us to invest in a class set of Bee Bots for our Early Years classes. Bee Bot’s are little bee robots and provide a perfect starting point for teaching control, directional language and programming to young children. They are an open ended resource that allows teachers to use the Bee Bots as a tool to enhance learning of curriculum content and processes such as literacy (including story telling and recount), Science (including experiments and problem solving) and Numeracy (including sequencing, counting, direction and estimation. You are very welcome to drop into Miss Mitchell’s Year 2 class after Snack on a Wonder Wednesday afternoon and see the Bee Bots in action.

Thankyou to our families and to our P&F. Your love of chocolate and generosity are making a difference at St Joseph’s.
POSSUM NEWS - OUR PRAYER LITURGY

We did our first Liturgy in the Church on Thursday. Our Liturgy was about how special we all are. We did a great job at talking and speaking beautifully in our Liturgy. We were so reverent and respectful.

LITERACY PLANET-MELISSA BURGESS

APOLOGIES TO EVERYONE THAT WAS MEANT TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATES IN THE PREVIOUS WEEKS. I WILL BE SENDING THEM AROUND TO THE CLASSROOMS THIS WEEK. 10-20 minutes a day is all that is needed.

CLASS LEADERS from 3rd – 9th September
PC – Keegan Rorke  
2C – Harry Bowe  
4C – Grace Fairbank  
6C – Samuel Doherty 

PF – Ella Marshall  
2F – Nathan Andrews  
4F – Bethany Rorke  
6F – Benjamin Hunt 

1C – Naomi Joelle-Mataia  
3C – Kate Murton  
56L – Georgia Brehmer  
7C – Ryan Perandis 

1F – Locky Buchbach  
3F – Chay Drum  
56D – Elliot Fekete  
7F – Holly LeMasurier

P&F NEWS-DOMINIC BARNES

Tuck Shop Day - Last Day of Term
For the last day of term we are running another tuck shop day. All profits made will go directly back to our school. Order forms went home on Tuesday and are due back next Wednesday Sept 19. On offer is a sausage roll, popper and ice block for $5. Well done again to Annette Lahrs for organising what has become a popular event. What a great achievement by the whole school. Well Done.

School Banking
Each week students deposit their pocket money into Commonwealth Bank school banking, in return the bank donate to the P&F. Over the last term the Commonwealth bank donated $555, a wonderful bonus. This is only possible with the weekly volunteering of parents at our school, Tony Martin and Tracey Goode.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no banking on the 19 and 26 October.

Grants
We received news this week that our application for the Suncorp Crime Prevention Grant was unsuccessful. In August we had applied for $10,000 worth of security screens which would have come in very handy. Katherine Miller, a mum from the school gave up her valuable time to draft an excellent application and we are very grateful. We'll try again next year. The shade sails for the prep area from the Cancer Council Grant will be going up hopefully over the school holidays.

Next P&F Meeting - Tuesday October 9 - 7pm to 8.30pm
We welcome anyone who would like to attend. Our meetings are very productive, with a few laughs amongst parents and staff, and we are always gone by 8.30pm! Please feel free to drop in to have a look.

Chocolate Drive Winners
Thank you SO much to everyone who have sold chocolates and returned the money. The winners for the most boxes sold goes to the Shore family (Salia 3F and Max 1F). They have won a $50 Coles-Myer voucher. Second place goes to the Ruhland Family (Clayton 3F) and they receive 2 x adult movie passes. Congratulations to EVERYONE and our children are already enjoying the Bee Bots kits and Lego Robotics Kits with more on the way!
We are continuing in our celebrations for the National Year of Reading with the Odditorium. Mrs Finlay, who is currently studying for her Cert III Teaching Assistant, has created a display in the library. A variety of items are arranged with a fanciful description attached, e.g. a vase from the Titanic, Marilyn Monroe’s dress from the “Seven Year Itch” to name a couple. The real origins of the articles are also on display to be read. All students have been invited to add their own descriptions of the articles with prizes of books on offer for the most creative ideas.

Thanks again to all for families for your support during Book Week. Just a reminder that this has been the last week for borrowing and all library books are due back before the holidays.

ST JOSEPH’S FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND-P&F

Ahoy all Campers and Glamapers! This November we are putting on a Family Camping Weekend for families and staff at St Joseph’s. Our trip will be a one night stay with activities planned like bushwalks, campfire sing-a-longs, games and a group dinner and deserts on the Saturday night! There will also be plenty of time for parents to relax and chat and for the kids to play with their friends. You can bring your swag, tent, caravan or camper trailer.

When? Arrive Saturday November 3rd and depart Sunday 4th November. The trip will be a one night stay over the first weekend in November. Camping on the Friday night is optional.

Where? We will camp at a location within an hour and a half of Beenleigh – exact location to be announced soon.

Cost? The costs will be very minimal, approximately $5 per head.

Expressions of Interest: Please 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.

ST PATRICK’S VACATION CARE

St Patrick’s Vacation Care is open Monday - Friday 7.30am -5.30pm in the September holidays. They will be closed on the 1st October 2012 for the Public Holiday. All forms for holidays are available on the school web site under OSHC.

2013 PREP STUDENTS

All prep children for 2013 are invited to a weekly play date starting Tuesday 9 October. (Term 4, Week 1)


Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Come on kids! Bring mum or dad and meet some new friends before school starts.

Don’t forget your hat, sunscreen, water bottle, a big smile and your sense of fun.

For more information: Angela Houghton P: 0403 834 112.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Colombia, Canada and the U.S.A. will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501. Request a selection of international student profiles to check out and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

PERFORMING ARTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS- Wednesday October 3 and Thursday October 4

Looking for something fun to do these holidays? Join a3 – ‘Australian Arts Alive’ as we present two exciting school holiday programmes for girls and boys in Prep to Year 8. Sessions focus on building performing arts skills and activities include singing, drama, dance, craft and circus.

Brigidine College, Indooroopilly

Contact a3 – ‘Australian Arts Alive’ for more information www.aspagroup.com.au or 3256 0207

PARADISE DIVING CLUB-School Holiday Activity

Come & Try Diving... It’s Fun !!!


Time: 8:30am – 12 Noon on all days.  Cost: $25 per child each day or $65 for all three days.

Insurance component for 1-3 days coverage is $20. Pool entry free for clinic participants

Contact: Kevin Hall, Head Coach. 0415 787 207  kevvyhall1@gmail.com

Bookings are preferred and confirmed via email only.
LADY BEETLE BROOCHES
Leigh Wagner is a Brisbane Artist who specialises in jewellery making. She works in contemporary materials producing modern, funky designs.
Leigh has been commissioned by the National Art Gallery to produce jewellery for their gallery as well as by other museums, galleries, etc.
We have commissioned Leigh to produce a limited edition of Mary MacKillop Lady Beetle brooches for us for ARTWORX12.
The brooches will be on sale on the opening night of the exhibition for a reasonable price. As this is a limited edition the brooches will be in great demand.
Leigh’s work can be viewed via her gallery of designs by googling: Leigh Designs.
OPENING NIGHT - Friday 19 October 6pm: This special night is for adults only. $10 tickets will soon be available at the school office.
CHILDREN’S EXHIBITION - Saturday 20 October 10am-3pm: Come along with your children to view your child’s and the communities artwork. Free admission.
EXHIBITION CONTINUES - Monday 22 - Thursday 23 October. 8am-4pm. Free admission

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

YEAR 6 CAMP PHOTOS
Kokoda Track
Bridge over River Kwai
Lunch
Yes Mum. We did clean the cabin
Seige of Tobruk
ARTWORX 2012

St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School, Beenleigh
Friday 19th October from 6pm, Opening 6.30pm
Saturday 20th October 9am to 3.00pm

A fabulous display of Children’s and Adults’ Art

Friday Opening Night Adults only $10
Light refreshments available
Saturday All Welcome - Entrance Free
Items for Sale