Dear Parents

This week at assembly, 4C presented their prayer service with a theme about God’s forgiveness. They used the story of the Lost Son in Luke’s Gospel to compare the forgiveness and mercy of God with the unconditional love of the father who celebrated when his son returned home. In this story it was very difficult for the other son, the righteous one who always respected his father and did the right thing, to accept that his father could throw a party for the son who had dishonoured the family. This only serves to highlight the extraordinary love of the father. This unconditional love transcends all barriers, even the position of righteousness assumed by the other ‘good’ son.

Mostly, this kind of unconditional love exists between parents and their children. It can exist in good relationships and marriage but not as often. Jesus reveals to us throughout his life and teachings a loving and forgiving God. Forgiveness and compassion are core values here at St Joseph’s. They go hand in hand. Let us pray that we can be compassionate and forgiving, especially when others let us down or hurt us or betray our trust.

WAKAKIRRI

Our team performed in the finals of Division 1 last Friday. They came third overall and also received awards for the best team and for the best use of the signature item (cake). Thank you once again to Amber Dair, Philippa Haley and all who have combined to make this possible again this year. Thank you also to our wonderful parents for their support, particularly when you are collecting children from after school practices and attending performances.

Once again, I thank the Evans family for lending their people mover to the school so that the children on camp could be returned to school for Wakakirri preparations.

DANCING THROUGH THE DECADEZ

Congratulations to our classes for their spirited dancing performances on Tuesday. Thank you to Eric, and Amanda for their creative and energetic teaching and to Michelle for her co-ordination of Ausdance in schools. Many thanks to our parents, grandparents and friends who supported the event through their attendance. We appreciate the assistance given (at short notice!) for costuming though we did try to keep it simple.

SCHOOL FEES ACCOUNTS

Accounts are due on 21 September for school fees. This due date falls during the school holidays so there won’t be any reminder notices sent out. Payments can still be made during the holidays by using the school banking/payment details on the remittance notice. The school office however is not attended during the school holidays so you cannot make payments in person.

After this month we have two billing months to go before the end of the school year. Please ensure that your accounts 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Weekly events are only published in the first week.

Friday 20 September
8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
NO Running Club
2.55pm: End of Term 3

Monday 7 October
Labour Day public holiday

Tuesday 8 October
8.35am: Start of Term 4
NO homework help
15.15am: Uniform Shop
Assembly
6.30: P&F Meeting

Wednesday 9 October
7.30am: Band
NO homework help
2.05pm: Choir

Thursday 10 October
Liturgy Readings: 6C
2.15-3.15pm: Uniform shop

Friday 11 October
8.40: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking

Monday 14 October
Assembly: 3F

Tuesday 15 October
8.00am-8.30am—Homework help

Wednesday 16 October
8.00am-8.30am—Homework help

Thursday 17 October
Mass Readings: 1F

Friday 18 October

Monday 21 October
PUPIL FREE DAY

RECEPTION
Mon: 8.30-3.45
Tues-Thurs: 8.15-3.45
Fri: 8.30-3.15

UNIFORM SHOP
Kerry Fenner mob 0432828467
or 32872798 in uniform shop hours.

UNIFORM DAYS
Formal: Mon, Tues
Sport:
Wed & Fri-Yr 1, 2, 5, 3C, 6C, 7L
Thur & Fri-3F, 4C, 4F, 7C, 7F

19 September, 2013
NAPLAN RESULTS
The results have arrived. They will be checked, sorted and distributed to students in term 4. Please keep the results in a safe place as they will be needed for most high schools.

PARKING INSPECTORS
Logan City Council Parking Inspectors are contacted by local residents when cars are illegally parked in the streets surrounding the school. This is especially frustrating for local residents when cars are illegally parked on the footpaths, or across driveways or in disabled parking zones or in bus zones or next to ‘no parking’ or ‘no standing’ signs. We suggest that if you don’t want to be booked, please obey all parking regulations. Where possible and when it is safe to do so, the school will open up the school car-park (playground) for parking during school events.

YEARS 6 & 7 2014
At staff and P & F level, the school considered the possibility of combining Years 6 & 7 into composite classes for next year, 2014. Potentially, we would have had three classes of 6/7’s which would have made student leadership a little easier to manage. However, with the new Australian curriculum, what is covered at each year level is vastly different and therefore not easily done. Therefore we decided to keep the classes in the traditional format. We will have one year 7 and two year 6 classes in 2014.

Student leadership will come from the three classes across Yrs 6 & 7. In Term 4 this year, students from the three senior classes will participate in a preparation for leadership program which will lead to a process of nomination and discernment before any voting takes place.

Senior shirts will be provided for both year levels. They will be regarded collectively as the senior students of the school.

At this stage, camps for both groups will be held at Emu Gully with the current Yr 6 group (next year’s Yr 7) doing a completely different program from this year’s camp.

As we thrash out more detail, I will let you know through the school newsletter and at P & F meetings.

2014 CLASS LISTS
The long process of compiling class lists for 2014 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 2014. 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. Any submissions after this time will not be considered. Prep classes need to be finalised before the Prep Orientation morning on Tuesday 12 November.

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.

ANIMAL ETHICS
It is a concern that families are bringing animals (usually dogs) to school at pick-up time in the mango tree area. Although the dogs may be super friendly and unlikely to bite or harm, we just don’t know how a dog might react when swamped with adoring children wanting to pat it. There is still the issue of allergies as well. We have to now complete risk assessments when animals are brought to show and share in the classroom.

ST MARY’S BEAUDESERT
We will be conducting a Sausage Sizzle and staff morning tea for the community of St Mary’s school at Beaudesert on Thursday 17 October. If you are able to assist us on the day, please let me know.

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.

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.
NEW PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCED

Mr Stephen Johnson has been appointed to the position of principal of St Joseph’s Tobruk Memorial School, Beenleigh, from the start of the 2014 school year. Steve is currently the principal of St Brendan’s School, Moorooka. He has had extensive teaching and leadership experience in Sydney, Japan, and the Archdiocese of Brisbane. On behalf of Fr Tony Girvan and the St Joseph's school community, I welcome Steve to Joey’s, knowing that you will make him feel at home in 2014.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Whole Class  PF: Ashton Loiselle, Casey Allison
1C: Dakota Cantrell, Stephany Fix  1F: Keyana Drum, Tommy Pitts
2C: Zoe Allison, Stanley Brown, Madeline McErlean  2F: Samantha Thompson Bacorro, Max Shore
3C: Ruben Mazza, Liam Fulwood, Jett James  3F: Natasha Souvannasing, Lachlan Moody
4C: Isabel Skerman, Keegan Bradley  5C: Cooper Barnes, Andrew Kennedy
5F: Lauren Whitford, Jacqueline Pele  6C: Jacqueline Falani, Jakob Rawlings
7F: Lacey Hill  7L: Lachlan Scharneck, Chloe Buttigieg

Golden Gnome: 1st: 2c & 2F. 2nd: 3C. 3rd: 7F. Golden Banking Award: PF

HOW THINGS MOVE—2C

Last week, 2C had a Marble Ramp Championship to culminate our science unit on How Things Move. The focus of this project was gravity. The students tested out their hand built marble ramps and the marble that travelled the furthest was Ashlin McMillan's. It travelled 9.84 metres once it left the marble ramp!

Well done to Ashlin and all the students of 2C for a monster effort this term!

ALL IN STITCHES (Craft group) - ANGELA HOUGHTON

Come along and join us in creating a number of treasures - card making, mosaics, folk art, embroidery, paper craft and other treasures – there will be a little something for everyone. We will be creating gifts for the Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls and giving all the opportunity to share ideas, friendship and some laughs…maybe even finish off some of those everlasting projects!!! Donations of ribbons, felt, wool, buttons, fabric (big and small pieces), beads, card, glass jars, needles, threads, paints and brushes would be greatly appreciated. All In Stitches will meet every Wednesday starting October 9th in the hall from 9am to 11am. Contact Angela Houghton on 0403 834112

2014 PREP'S— ANGELA HOUGHTON

All students starting prep in 2014 and their parents/carers are invited to “Playdates in the Park” starting week 1 of term 4. The group will meet at Doug Larsen Park (Duck Park) on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 11am. It is hoped that some of the anxieties of starting school will be alleviated by meeting and getting to know each other prior to the formal setting of school…the children will have a great time too!!! Please bring a hat, water bottle, a plate to share for morning tea and a big smile. For further inquiries please phone Angela Houghton on 0403 834112.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PCYC FITNESS AND RECREATION OPEN DAY 10am – 2pm SATURDAY 21st
Skate competition, rock climbing competition plus free climbing on rock wall, free trial fitness centre and fitness classes, jumping castle, strong man competition, stalls from sponsors and local businesses.
On this day we will be showcasing our new indoor skate park, flown all the way from America.

MT WARREN PARK GOLF CLUB JUNIOR PROGRAM For ages 5 to 16  Email: jlove@pgamember.org.au
Classes: after school Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday mornings. All skill levels. Cost - $99. Phone 32871951

BEENLEIGH SWIMMING CLUB INC. Sign on & Sausage Sizzle
When 6.00pm Wednesday 9th October 2013 Where—Beenleigh Pool - City Rd. Time trials start 6.30pm
Previous members and new members Welcome. BRING A FRIEND
Pool Entry Fee of $2 per swimmer. Contact—Karen on 55467815 or 0434005062. md_muller@bigpond.com
The Wednesday and Friday morning running club will **not** continue in term 4. Homework help will start in the second week of term 4.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** are seeking donations of Christmas wrapping paper to assist with the wrapping of children’s gifts for this year’s Christmas Hampers. Donations of wrapping paper can be left at the school front office.

**MORE YEAR 6 CAMP PHOTOS**
Tables of 6 or 12 can now be booked for the dance.
Get in early & Secure your booking at the school office.
Eagleby Family Centre Carnival Open Day

Families Coming Together for School Holiday Fun!

Wednesday 25th September 2013
1 Bishop Street, Eagleby

10am – 2pm
Free Activities and Sausage Sizzle

Activities will include:
Super Slide  Clown Castle
Ball Crawl   Sho Cones
Sausage Sizzle
Biscuit Decorating