Dear Parents

Once again sincere thanks for your support during a lengthy and demanding third term. We wish you and your family a safe and rejuvenating holiday break.

I have been at a Principals’ Conference in Melbourne all week and catch a 6.30pm flight back to Coolangatta airport this evening.

I am looking forward to 4th term during which we celebrate Artworx – a magnificent display of our children’s art and some adult art pieces. Make sure you have Artworx (19 October) in your calendar!!!

WAKAKIRRI

Congratulations to our Wakakirri Team on their sensational achievement last Friday evening at the Logan Entertainment Centre.
St Joseph’s Tobruk finished in FIRST PLACE in a very high quality field. They also received awards for best team work, best public speaking, and most creative use of the ‘12’ theme/signature. At assembly today we stressed how their success was due to the efforts of so many people – a quality team effort. Thank you and well done to all involved!

The competition goes national in November when performances are judged from DVD footage and the notes of judges from the finals across the states. Winners are announced on 12 November.

AUSDANCE PERFORMANCE
The classes performed on Thursday afternoon, the dance routines they had been learning in Ausdance lessons throughout Term 3. The concert was colourful, energetic and skilful. Congratulations to the children for their enthusiastic participation and capable performances. Sincere thanks to the Ausdance team for another successful term of dance instruction!

NAPLAN RESULTS
Individual NAPLAN results have been received and have been sent home with the children from Years 3, 5 & 7. There are some areas where we are marginally ahead of the State average and others where we are just below. Compared with last year, there seems to have been a slight increase in our overall achievement.

FOR THE FRIDGE

Monday 8 Oct: TERM 4 Starts 8.35am. No Pupil Free day.
Tuesday 9 Oct: P&F Meeting
Friday 19 Oct: 6pm Artworx opening
Saturday 20 Oct: 10am Artworx children’s exhibition.
LOST PROPERTY
Thank you to the many families who have responded to our call to label clothing items. We have been able to return many items to the children. We are also working on developing in the children a sense of responsibility for their uniform.

PHONES AND iPODS
Some children bring phones to school for security reasons as they are either walking or catching public transport. Phones are placed in the class pouches and brought up to the office in the morning for safe keeping. They are returned to the children after Snack. Children are not permitted to use their phone at school. Children are not permitted to use their own iPads or iPods at school either. If children are seen using these devices at school, we confiscate the devices and ask parents to come in to collect them.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Duncan Fekete, Dakota Cantrell
1C: Megan Johnston, Ethan Pfleger
2C: Daliah Clarke, Natalie Fenwick, Ehla Little
3C: Kynan Charlton
4C: Whole Class
56D: All of year 6
56L: All of year 6
6C: Whole class
6F: Amelia Hasenkam

APP of the WEEK by an APPy PARENT
Macleans Teeth Brushing App (FREE) This is a winner, our kids have been using this for a week and love it. They brush their teeth for 2 minutes to a song. I use it too!

Chore Pad (there is a free Lite version) This app makes lists of chores for the kids to do. For example we set it up with: Have breakfast, make bed, get dressed, feed dog, etc... You can set the full version up with as many people as you like - all with individual chore lists. You can also Sync it from the parents ipod/ipad to each kid's ipad. It's the best home management app I've seen so far.

There is a similar app called Chore Monster, it looks fun too.

A MUSICAL NOTE– RENUKA HARAN

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.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE
♦ Arriving late or leaving early: please sign in /out at the office. The office will amend the roll.
♦ Running later than 3.15pm for pick-up: please advise the office.
♦ Visiting your child’s class or volunteering: please remember to sign in and out at the office.
♦ All volunteers: please complete a student protection handbook (collect at office).
♦ Absences: Please phone 3287 2798, email pbeenleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au or send a note to the teacher.
♦ Medication: Green form to be completed by parent and a doctor’s label on the medication.
♦ Contact details: Please keep contact and emergency details up to date.
♦ After school pickup: Students are required to wait for parents at the mango tree area.

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.

RAFFLE
Tickets in a raffle to help support Santos to compete at South Coast Track and Field in Cairns were sent home last week. The prize, a lovely painting, donated and painted by Jan Burns is displayed in the office. Tickets are due back by the 16 October.
Thank you for all your loving support, thoughts and prayers sent our way when it was most needed.
Karlene, Mick, Jake, Alex and Max Cleeland

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Dust off the swag, stock the caravan and find those tent pegs.
WE HAVE A LOCATION!

Two intrepid explorers were forced into a recce mission over the weekend just gone (I’ve got to get that rubber arm looked at). What we found was a magic little spot nestled in the foothills of the glorious Mt Barney and Mt Maroon. Flanagan’s Reserve boasts lovely flat, shady camping spots, a beautiful creek to explore and even fish, flushing toilets and warm showers. Thanks to all those who have already expressed their interest, the list is growing. And to everyone else, don’t miss your chance to relax and unwind on the banks of the creek after an action packed year, share a story around the campfire and bushwalk with friends.

Cost? Adults (16 years of age and over) - $8.00 per night.
Children (5 to 15 years of ages) - $4.00 per night
Family (2 Adults and up to 4 Children 15 and under) - $27.00

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. Booking information announced early next term.

As part of ARTWORX12 we have invited 12 artists to paint one of the ‘12 days of Christmas’ onto a small canvas interpreting that day in their own individual way. These artists range from professional artists to artists who have been associated with the school and community in some way throughout the years. These paintings will be auctioned as a set on the night of the opening. These works could dress a business foyer, entry or meeting room each year at Christmas time. Perhaps a local café or restaurant could display them annually at yuletide. The artists themselves have donated their time, skills and energy to do this for us and I think that it is commendable. The ‘works’ themselves will be a talking point. So, come along on opening night and enjoy all artworks great and small. They certainly will be worth the effort.

Tickets are $10 and can be preurchased at the office.

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ST JOSEPH’S FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND-P&F

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Griffith University is conducting a large-scale study for children (7 to 13 years of age) with anxiety that includes a thorough assessment and a novel. Home-based treatment using computers and telephone contact from a trained clinician. We are providing this service at cost to families. To find out more about this study, please contact our team on 3735 3418 or cadrp@griffith.edu.au

Beenleigh Swimming Club Sign On & Sausage Sizzle
When: 6:30pm Wednesday 10th October 2012
Where: Beenleigh Pool - City Rd
Time trials start 6.30pm
Membership Fees include affiliation with Swimming Qld & Brisbane Swimming Ass.
Previous Members and New Members Welcome
Pool Entry Fee of $2 per swimmer
Contact Angela on 3804 0680 or 04101 90831 sasoutham@bigpond.com

Wakakirri Photos

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More Camp Photos