Dear Parents

Welcome back to St Joseph’s Tobruk for Term 2! Happy Easter! I hope you were able to enjoy the spectacular Easter weather we had (up until the last weekend!) and return to Joey’s refreshed and ready for another busy term. Julia and I didn’t go away over the break. However I did become a grandfather over the break with my youngest daughter Hannah giving birth to Audrey Skye on 04 April. Audrey weighed 8lb 1oz. Mum and baby (and partner Mark!) are doing well! I was able to catch up on some cycling during the last two weeks of clement weather and did some painting on our deck as well. Best wishes to everyone for the term ahead.

For me Easter is a time for celebrating new life. It is a way of looking at life through the eyes of faith. It is recognising everyday moments when Jesus is truly present and alive in our hearts and our encounters with people. It is being aware, being hope-filled and being thankful. The cycle of creation, death and new life teaches us that our sufferings can be seen as moments of growth and opportunities for new life. During this Easter season, let us reflect on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus and to pray for the courage to accept the crosses that come our way as opportunities for transformation. Let us to be true to ourselves and to our calling to be like Jesus. Let us make Jesus truly alive in our school community.

We are not called by God to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. (Jean Vanier)

APPOINTMENT OF NEW ARCHBISHOP – ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Pope Benedict XVI has announced the appointment of Archbishop Mark Coleridge, currently Archbishop of Canberra-Goulburn, as the new Archbishop of Brisbane to succeed Archbishop John Bathersby.

Archbishop Coleridge was ordained a priest from the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 1974. Following a number of years of parish ministry he studied Sacred Scripture of the Biblicum in Rome being awarded a doctorate in 1992. He then lectured in scripture at Catholic Theological College in Melbourne and was Master of the College.

Archbishop Coleridge has also worked within the Secretariat of State at the Vatican and was for a time, chaplain to Pope John Paul II. He was appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne in 2002, before being appointed Archbishop of the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese in August 2006.

Of particular interest to us in Catholic Schools is that Archbishop Coleridge served as Episcopal Vicar for Education in Melbourne and was a member of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria. He has also been a member of the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Commission for Catholic Education and the National Catholic Education Commission. In addition he is currently a member of a number of other national and international commissions.

Archbishop Mark will be installed as Archbishop of Brisbane on 11 May.

Please keep Archbishop Mark in your prayers during this time of transition.
PREP 2013 INTERVIEWS
I will be starting interviews next week. I look forward to meeting parents and children!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SR JENNY (TUES 17 APRIL)
Sr Jenny is looking younger every day! We wish you many happy returns and God’s abundant blessings, Sr Jenny!

CARPARK
Parents using the main car park will notice some changes to the line marking and entrance and exit to the car park. There are arrows marking an ENTRANCE ONLY from Kokoda Street. Exit from the car park now has a curved line, which means ALL CARS MUST EXIT VIA TOBRUK ST.

There is NO EXIT via the Nursing Home or via Kokoda St.
The driveway in Tobruk St near the Church is for EXITING Cars only. That is, no cars should be driving in here during school hours. There are also 4 angled parks outside the car park. These are 10 minutes only, and should be used for quick drop off and set down. These are not to be used as an all day or long term park.
We have approached Logan City Council about re-positioning the School Crossing on Tobruk St so that it will allow easier exiting via the Church car park. Hopefully this will happen very soon.
Please help out by doing the right thing, and showing courtesy to other parents and visitors.

ANZAC DAY
ANZAC DAY is on next Wednesday 25th of April and children from St Joseph’s Tobruk and Trinity College will march along with other local schools under their school banners to the ANZAC Memorial in James Street (outside the Beenleigh Library). As was the case last year, the children are asked to attend the Anzac Day Memorial Mass at St Patrick’s beginning at 9am. After Mass the children will then gather in the staff car park from about 10:15 and check off their names with Mr Boulton or Mrs Giebels. We then move from the car park to the March assembly area to take our place in the parade line-up. The March begins at 10:30am. This year parents are asked to collect the children from the Anzac Memorial Area (directly in front of Beenleigh Library) immediately after the March, as it is no longer safe for us to care for the large number of students in a hot and crowded public area. The children are welcome to attend the public Memorial Service at 11 am in the care of their parents. Our Year 7 leaders will lay a wreath marking the respects of the St. Joseph’s community. Mr Boulton or Mrs Giebels must be advised as students are collected from the Memorial Park.
Children must wear full FORMAL school uniform with green hat (Sports uniform for Preps only). Each child should also have a water bottle. Please make sure that the children are wearing sunscreen.

(Children may wear medals from their parents, grandparents or other relatives who have seen military service. Please make sure that they are well secured and worn on the right breast only. Please NO imitation medals)
If you would like your child/ren to be involved in this year’s march could you please complete the form below and return to the office. Please note that children will not be able to march without a signed form.

Please return to Katrina Giebels by Monday 23rd April.

The __________________________ family will be participating in the ANZAC Day march on Wednesday the 25th April. Children from the family who will be marching are:

Name:________________________ Class_______ Name:________________________ Class________

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Parent’s signature:______________________ Date:________
SCHOOL ANZAC COMMEMORATION
Our own school ANZAC commemoration will take place on Thursday 26 April in the school hall starting at 9.00am. Families are most welcome to attend.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
As we begin a new term, it is timely to remind families of some uniform standards. Nail polish needs to be removed after the holiday period. We cannot have nail polish remover at school due to WH&S requirements. For safety reasons, children are only to wear plain gold or silver studs/sleepers. Sleepers must be the smallest possible, fitting just around the ear lobe. No jewellery other than a watch should be worn to school. Chains and bracelets are not permitted mainly for safety reasons but also because of the probability that such items will be lost or broken. With the formal uniform, girls are to wear bottle green or black hair ribbons/accessories. Navy blue or black hair ribbons/accessories are worn with the sports uniform. Black shoes (joggers) are to be worn with both uniforms. Please remember – green hat with formal uniform, and blue hat with the sports uniform. Hair beyond shoulder length needs to be tied back (boys and girls). Hair should not fall into or across the eyes. If this happens, the children will be asked to clip the hair back.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING
As the days become cooler children wear their fleecy and tracksuit jackets to school. Often when the day warms up the children take off their jacket and leave it where they are playing. When they are not used to wearing it, they then forget to pick it up and take it with them back to class. Please make sure that jackets and all items of clothing are clearly labelled so that they can be returned to the children.

Do you know?
In the English language, we have over 500,000 words to communicate with, and if your child knows the first 100 Wonder Words they will know half of the words they will ever read, spell or write. That is why Wonder Words are so important. These 100 Wonder Words are a critical part of learning to read, spell and write successfully. Parents often ask, “How can I help my child learn those Wonder Words so that they stick?”

Take this opportunity to find out how you can make a real difference to your child’s reading success. Come along to a relaxed, fun and insightful hour of Wonder Word-ing.

So choose a session

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and complete the form below and return it to school or email me on sehall@bne.catholic.edu.au

Looking forward to working with you

Attention: Mrs Hall

I will be attending the Wonder Word Workshop on:
     Tues May 1 at 2pm to 3pm
     Wed May 20 at 9am to 10am
     Thurs May 17 at 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

BOOKCLUB—LESLEY SOLAR
Book Club is a service provided to schools, parents and children via Scholastic Books. A volunteer parent takes on the roll to distribute, collect, order and collate books ordered. Scholastic provides 8 issues a year, but here at St Joeys we only participate in 4 issues - 1 per term. Sometimes items are no longer available, out of stock and go on back order, or are just missed being put in the box during packing. Please be assured that your order will always be completed, but it may not always happen in the first distribution. Please be understanding and patient that sometimes things do not always go as planned. The Book Club process is new to me and took a little longer than I anticipated the first time! Thank you to Kerry Fenner who has been doing this for years and is teaching me the best and easiest way to take it on board. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions about your orders.

Term 1 orders and term 2 catalogues were sent home this week. The new orders are due back to school by the 18 May. Many thanks.

JUNIOR OLYMPIC—USA FUDRAISER
Thank you to students and staff who supported our fundraising hotdog/popper day on the last day of term 1. We will be having another of these days next week.

GOLDEN GNOME AWARD
1st: 5L, 3F, 7F. 2nd: 2F. 3rd: 2C.
Talent Extravaganza
Well, it’s that time again. All our students are busily organising themselves to participate in our annual school talent extravaganza. Audition forms must be returned by next Friday 27 April. Students in Prep and Year 1 might be invited to join groups organised by the seniors. These students will be given a note next week for their parents. Auditions are held in week 6 and the finals on Wednesday 20 June–week 10.

Drum Lessons
No drum lessons on Anzac Day–Wednesday 25 April. Make up lessons will be given next Monday 23 April.

Art Room Raffle–Mrs McBride
As you would already know, Olivia Jones (7C) is competing at the Junior Olympics in Houston, Texas in July, this year. She is also travelling to Tamba, Florida in August to attend the World Youth Tournament in international rope skipping where her brother, Carl, a former student, will be representing, Australia. What an honour! The art dept is donating a painting on canvas to raffle to help towards expenses. The painting is a beautiful landscape by our own Jan Burns. Tickets are 50c each and a book of five will go home soon with each family. The raffle will be drawn in a few weeks and details will be included with tickets. The painting will be displayed in the office prior to the draw.

Community News

Trinity College
Trinity College is having 25 visiting students from Myojo Gakuen High School in Tokyo from Thursday the 19th of July to Tuesday the 7th of August. Are you able to be a host family? Families have the option of hosting one student for three weeks (20 days), hosting two students for ten days each, or hosting one student for ten days only (providing another family can be found to host the student for the remaining ten days). Host families receive a weekly allowance to cover food, transport and weekend activities. Families will need to have blue cards for every member over 18 living in the same house as the student. These cards are free to all applicants and the applications can be found on the following website http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/index.aspx. The home stay application form (at St Joseph’s office) needs to be submitted to the Trinity College Office or contact Mrs Angela Greaves at Trinity College (agreaves@bne.catholic.edu.au).

Seton College Open School Morning
9am–10.30am Tuesday 1st May, 2012. 1148 Cavendish Road, Mt Gravatt East. PH: 3291 5333. WEB: http://www.seton.qld.edu.au E: smtgravatt@bne.catholic.edu.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 27-29 April, 2012 Venue: Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD Bookings/details: Terry & Rhonda Boyle 3352 3328 or boyletj@powerup.com.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

Are you fed up with kids behaviour?
Thursday 17th May, 7pm-9pm
A talk for all parents of kids who are angry or moody, have trouble relating to others, are troubled by anxiety, fears or tearfulness, have trouble concentrating, are defiant or even aggressive, can't sit still. Also covering information that may help children who have delayed development, suffer from nightmares or bed wetting, struggle with slow learning or bad memory, are plagued by digestive or skin problems, seem to always have a cold or runny nose. Discover how food, and which foods, may be the answer to these problems! This is a ONE NIGHT ONLY talk at Beenleigh Events Centre, Corner Kent & Crete St! Tickets $15 including a light supper and a free magnifying card with numbers and names of additives to avoid. Bookings Essential This will be a sell out event, don't miss out! Call Springwood Wellness Centre on 07 3808 6633 or book your tickets online now at www.fedup.com.au

Table Tennis
GCTTA has a purpose-built table tennis centre situated at 1 Herbertson Drive, Molendinar. The club has many options available for table hire, fixtures, social games, handicap competitions and coaching. Hall Hire for functions, trade shows, markets etc is also available. The club is a not-for-profit organisation and is open to membership for all ages. Come along for a great social atmosphere and experience the exciting sport of Table Tennis. Please contact centre manager, Lukas on 5597 1633 or email info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au or visit www.goldcoasttabletennis.org.au for more information.