Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 3 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! The term is travelling so quickly! We are already turning our attention to the format of our 1st Semester school reports! With the mornings getting colder, children will be wearing jackets to school. Often they take them off during the day, sometimes leaving them in the shelter shed or the oval or in the playground where they are playing. Please ensure that your child’s name is on every item of clothing so that lost items can be identified and returned.

ANZAC DAY

The children were very well behaved and wonderful ambassadors for the school. Thank you St Joseph’s for your support! Many thanks to Katrina Giebels who co-ordinated the school’s participation in the March and arranged for the wreath to be made. Sincere thanks also to the staff who supported the school’s participation and who helped out where necessary. St Joseph’s had 80 children marching in the parade on ANZAC Day! It was also wonderful to see so many children at Mass beforehand with their families. Joining the March and march this year also were children and staff from Mother Theresa Catholic Primary School at Ormeau. The weather was kind to us with the cloud cover keeping conditions mild compared with previous years. A very large crowd attended the service at the memorial. Congratulations to everyone who supported this important event.

We held our school commemoration of ANZAC Day on Thursday 26 April in the school hall. It was a meaningful and well organised event. Thanks to Tony Barron for his preparation of this prayer service and to the many children involved.

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
**TRUST AND FAITH IN GOD**

Sometimes life can be overwhelming. Your head aches, your body is wracked with tiredness – drained by anxiety, personal expectations, demands from work, family. In the midst of this, there are times when something ‘big’ happens – confrontations with angry people, death in the family, sickness, friends with cancer, separation/divorce, house moving, school fires. When life gets too overwhelming, trusting God and handing things over – even just for a while – gives the overwhelmed person the space to recover, to draw strength and courage.

John Lennon wrote, “Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans.” Sometimes life takes you totally by surprise, bringing to you a whole new set of experiences and challenges. Trust in God. I had a coffee cup once with a kid cartooned onto it. The cartoon caption read, “Dear God, there’s nothing that can happen today that you and I together can’t handle.” It is a wonderful summary of our core value!

On Mary MacKillop’s tombstone, these key words are indelibly chiseled into the stone: “Trust in God”. It is by no accident that this is another of our school’s core values! Here are some more inspiring words from our founder:

“Trust in God.” 3.5.1874

“All depends on prayer. Begin with it and end with it.” 14.12.1890

“Everything God blesses will prosper.” 14.12.1890

“What a Father we have in God – What a lover we have in Jesus Christ.” 14.12.1890

“Let us be entirely God’s.” 14.12.1890

“God helps us to walk upon the water like St Peter until he began to fear.” 14.12.1890

“God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right.” 30.10.1874

“How truly wonderful are God’s ways and how little we understand them. 6.6.1874

“God has always helped me and I have more than ever cause to trust in Him.” 10.3.1874

“Trust in God’s Providence, interfering – as it always does – for our own good.” 9.7.1874

“Only think a little, pray a little and try to remember that God will bring about what He sees best, in His own time, and that His ways are not our ways.” 2.9.1882

“God knows what is best for us all.” 12.7.1898

“Do not let your troubles disturb your trust in God.” 19.2.1885

“Pray to be ever ready for God’s will even when it takes you by surprise.” 25.5.1880

**JOSEPHITE COLLOQUIUM**

The Josephite Colloquium is an opportunity for people to gather to explore the mission and charism of Mary Mackillop and Julian Tenison Woods, and to share their experiences during a time of prayer and reflection. It is our intention as a school administration to send at least two members of staff to the Colloquium each year so that we may continue to invigorate the spirit of Mary MacKillop within our school community and revitalise our school mission. Lyn Giebels and Bron Moorton will be travelling south to the MacKillop Centre in North Sydney for the Colloquium in May.

**NAPLAN TESTING 2012**

NAPLAN tests for years 3, 5 & 7 take place on 15, 16 & 17 May this year. Children in these year levels are practising for these tests so that they are not overwhelmed on the actual testing days. Children must be at school on these days so please do not make other appointments. Though we do gain some useful data about student learning from these tests, we do not make NAPLAN the curriculum! So though we do prepare the children for what they might expect, we do not spend excessive amounts of time on NAPLAN.

**MOBILE PHONES**

Children who bring mobile phones to school surrender them during school time to the school office through the class pouch system. Mobile phones are returned in the afternoon session through the same system. Children are not permitted to use their mobile phones on the school grounds. If this is necessary in emergency situations, children must ask permission from the teachers on duty or through the school secretaries in the office. Should parents be running late for pick up, they must contact the school rather than sending messages through their child’s mobile. The school secretary passes the information on to the teachers on duty.

**SKOOLBAG APP**

We are trialling the idea of using an app for smartphones called ‘Skoolbag’. Skoolbag is a school to parent communication tool. It provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications. No more lost paper in school bags!

School newsletters, Schools notices, and School alerts, School permission notes and other documents are communicated directly to parents smartphones via the Skoolbag Web App.

You can install it on your Smartphone by pointing the Smartphone Web Browser (eg iPhone Safari, android web browser) to:  [http://www.skoolbag.com.au/stjoeysms](http://www.skoolbag.com.au/stjoeysms)

You can then add it as a shortcut to your Home Screen by following the "add to homescreen" prompt on your iPhone, or by creating a shortcut to your desktop/home screen, if using an Android powered phone.

There is no cost to parents or children, but it does use a small amount of internet download on your phones. It is a ‘ubiquitous’ app, and is something that is proving to be very useful.

Please email Tony Barron with your thoughts on the trial. (tbarron@bne.catholic.edu.au)

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*St Joseph’s Beenleigh*
STAFF CAR-PARK
Please ensure that the staff car-park is not used for drop off or pick up before or after school. It is also not acceptable to park at the entrance of the staff car-park to drop off or pick up children.

It is also preferable for parents to wait for children after school in the Mango Tree area rather than in the staff car-park. Walking through the staff car-park area is dangerous as staff can be moving cars at this time.

AFTER SCHOOL
Our routine after school (during fine weather!) is for teachers to walk the children from their class to the Mango Tree area.

PREP 2013 INTERVIEWS
These interviews have started. Typically, we interview first our current families and their Prep 2013 child. New Catholic families are then interviewed. The interview process should be completed during the second week of May.

YEAR OF GRACE
The Catholic Bishops of Australia have invited the whole Church on a spiritual journey known as the Year of Grace. It will begin at Pentecost, 2012 (May 27) and continue until Pentecost 2013. This Year of Grace, marking the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II and following on from Sydney WYD08 and the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, seeks to build on the energy and spirit within the Australian Church. It seeks to be open to a new and deep grace to forge the future of our Church and nation. St Joseph’s will participate in this journey. More details will be published when we receive more information from BCE in coming weeks.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
PC: Blake Burgess, Macey Buttigieg
1C: Courtney Huynh, Abbey Shaw
2C: Harry Bowe, Isabella Shala
3C: Matthews Shlimon
4C: Alexandra Allison
56D: Jesse Finch, Whole class
6C: Ashleigh Fairbank, Zain Goode
Golden Gnome: 1st: 2F, 2C, 3C.
2nd: 5L
3rd: 3F, 4C

SUPPORT TEACHER INCLUSIVE EDUCATION-SUZANNE HALL

WONDER WORD WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS
Take this opportunity to find out how you can make a real difference to your child’s reading success.
Choose a session
Tues May 1 at 2pm to 3pm
Wed May 2 at 9am to 10am
Thurs May 17 at 6.30 to 7.30 pm
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 _____________________________________am able to help WRAP / SERVE on the stall on Thursday / Friday.
Contact Phone No: __________________________________

MOTHER’S DAY STALL—ANGELA HOUGHTON
Calling all parents—Mother’s Day is ONLY 2 weeks away. The stall will be held on Thursday 10 and Fri 11 May. The timetable will be advertised next week. Gifts will range between 50c and $10. Students will visit the stall in class time with their teacher.
Donations of items are needed to make our Mother’s Day stall an exciting experience for our children and an enjoyable Mother’s Day once again for our Mums.
Along with donations of gifts could we also ask for donations of the following:
Curling Ribbon, Cello Paper or bags (preferably clear), Individually wrapped chocolates, Coffee or tea sachets, Candles (all sizes).
Volunteers are also needed to: Wrap / Help serve at Stall on Thursday / Friday. Thank you to all for the support.

Return to office—Attention Angela Houghton
I _____________________________________am able to help WRAP / SERVE on the stall on Thursday / Friday.

Contact Phone No: ____________________________

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BOOK CLUB – LESLEY SOLAR

Orders are due back to school by the 18 May. Many thanks.

A MUSICAL NOTE – RENUKA HARAN

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.

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.

OUR LADY’S COLLEGE VISITORS’ DAY 2012

9:00am – 11:30am, 11 May and 24 August.

Program includes outline of Religious Education program, Curriculum and Pastoral care, talks by Year 12 student leaders and Year 8 students, a tour of the school and morning Tea.

Please register by contacting the College Office on 3848 7462

... Inspiring Young Women

SOCCER CLINIC
In Catholic Education, protection for students is based upon the belief that each person is made in the image of God and that the inherent dignity of all should be recognised and fostered.

“Dignity and justice for all is a value that is foundational to the work of those who serve within Brisbane Catholic Education. Because we also hold to the value of stewardship, we accept that as individuals we are capable of making moral choices and should take responsibility for our actions.” (David Hutton, Executive Director of Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane)

Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Brisbane seeks to fulfil its duty of care to all within its school communities and particularly its duty of care to students. By its commitment to the importance and implementation of student protection processes and interventions Brisbane Catholic Education upholds the right of students to a safe and secure environment based on the belief that this is critical to fulfilling their academic achievements and potential and indeed critical to their overall wellbeing.

The Student Protection Processes document for Catholic schools administered by Brisbane Catholic Education is located on our St Joseph's website and found in hard copy within our school Library. The document has been produced to ensure that appropriate responses are made whenever there is an allegation or suspicion of sexual abuse, harm or inappropriate behaviour by an employee towards a student. The processes laid down are intended to ensure that the steps taken at all levels will result in prompt, professional, sensitive and appropriate action being taken by St Joseph School personnel and at the Brisbane Catholic Education Office.

STUDENT PROTECTION PROCESSES:
The Student Protection Processes document is 76 pages in length and consists of three sections of which we ask you to observe and be aware of:

PART 1
REPORTING AND INTERVENTION PROCESSES: SUSPECTED SEXUAL ABUSE, HARM AND INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR BY AN EMPLOYEE TOWARDS A STUDENT

PART 2:
REPORTING PROCESSES FOR ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD/STUDENT HARM BY:
A PERSON WHO IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE (i.e. FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND OR OTHER)
ANOTHER STUDENT
STUDENT SELF-HARM

PART 3:
PROCESSES FOR ENSURING THAT THE STUDENT PROTECTION PROCESSES ARE MADE KNOWN TO STUDENTS AND TO STAFF AND ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IN SCHOOLS

STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS: The Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2001 (s.10) requires Non-State schools in Queensland to nominate staff members to whom a student can report behaviour of another staff member that the student considers inappropriate.

This year at St Joseph’s, we have four Student Protection Contacts (SPC’s). They are:

David Boulton (Principal)
Tony Barron (Deputy Principal)
Sr.Jenny Scari (Pastoral Care)
David Higgins (Guidance Counsellor)

STUDENT PROTECTION: INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES
This brochure has been produced by BCE and is found on the BCE public website as well as the St Joseph website. You can also obtain a hard copy from the St Joseph front office counter if you desire. Information includes supporting our Catholic ethos, community co-operation, pastoral, policy and legal responsibilities, and enquires and contact numbers.

These Student Protection processes conform to legislative and church requirements in assisting all stakeholders, expecting us to always act to protect our young people from any kind of harm.


On Tuesday, May 8, SBS Television will be broadcasting a documentary discussing “Pornography’s Impact on Young People” on their ‘Insight’ program.

Dave Higgins
Guidance Counsellor
djhiggins@bne.catholic.edu.au

STUDENT PROTECTION—DAVID HIGGINS counsellor
ANZAC DAY MARCH 2012