Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 4 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! At Joey’s, our school rules are quite simple but far-reaching. Respect for Self. Respect for Others. Respect for Learning. Respect for the Environment. Behaviour choices are clarified with children by referring them back to these fundamental rules. Our Respect Rules apply to everyone in our school community. When we build and maintain respectful relationships, our community will continue to thrive. Have a great week!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Sincere thanks and congratulations to Matthew Armstrong our PE teacher for his organisation of the swimming carnival held last Monday in hot but fine conditions. The children were just fantastic! Congratulations to the house captains and their peers for their enthusiastic leadership in the team areas. MacKillop House won the trophy again with O’Shea second and Steele a close third. Thanks to Dominic Barnes and all who assisted in the P & F BBQ which was available for staff and parents. We appreciate the efforts of staff who put in a long day in the sun with the children. Thank you to the parents and friends of Joey’s who came along to support the children.

HALL HIRE
As a general rule we do not hire out the hall for parties. This is because we respect the local community, Fr Tony as resident priest, and our school facilities. Alcohol, loud music, rubbish, vandalism and theft can be major issues in the hall and through the school.

The hall is available for hire to the community for dance, yoga, karate/tai kwon do, club meetings and activities of this kind. Currently we have a yoga class operating on a weekly basis in our hall. Part of the conditions for obtaining the funding in the first place was to allow the use of the hall to the community for a modest cost (approx. $30 per hour).

We will however NEVER charge the parish or the deanery for their use of the hall for parish functions and activities because we are a PARISH SCHOOL. The school uses parish facilities on a daily basis without charge (church, car-park, office space, multi-purpose room). Fr Tony is the canonical head of the school and parish. He oversees the use of the school & parish facilities. Parishioners have contributed financially and with blood, sweat and tears to the school since we were first established. Finally we now have a facility that both school and parish can enjoy! Indeed we will be encouraging parish use of the hall as one of our goals for 2012.

Monday 13 February
Assembly: 6F. Age champion presentation. Yr 5,6: Trinity Principal talk re enrolment

Tuesday 14 February
7.30am: Band practice
Yr 5,6,7: Swimming
2pm: Second hand uniform sale

Wednesday 15 February
2.05: Choir
Yr 7: Leadership Day
Yr 5,6: Swimming

Thursday 16 February
Liturgy Readings: 4F
Yr 5,6,7: Swimming
Sacramental Program Launch

Friday 17 February
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Yr 5,6,7: Swimming

Monday 20 February
Assembly 7F
District Swimming: Springwood Aquatic

Tuesday 21 February
Yr 5,6,7: Swimming

Wednesday 22 February
Ash Wednesday: 56L
Yr 5,6,7: Swimming

Thursday 23 February
Yr 5,6,7: Swimming

Friday 24 February
Yr 5,6,7: Swimming

RECEPTION
Mon: 8.30-3.45
Tues-Thurs: 8.15-3.45
Fri: 8.30-3.15
Please avoid phoning the school between: 11-11.30 & 1.45-2.10

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: Wed, Fri
FEDERAL EDUCATION FUNDING REVIEW
The Federal Government’s Gonski Review of Funding for Schools has now been presented to the government. A period of government consultation and public debate on its recommendations is expected to follow after the report’s release later this month.

As key stakeholders in the future of Catholic education it is vital that you are aware of the facts about school funding, so that you are able to participate in this debate at any opportunity.

Please find attached a graph that illustrates the comparative average resourcing levels of the State, Catholic and Independent schooling sectors in Australia.

For more detailed information about school funding I encourage you to visit the website developed by the National Catholic Education Commission at: [www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au](http://www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au)

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CYBER SAFETY
Students are using available technologies with greater regularity than ever before. While this is fantastic for their learning, access to the internet in particular brings with it some dangers that parents and children need to be aware of and prepared for. While our BCE web filters block many unwanted materials, we are still prone to SPAM and predators. Parents, please monitor what your children are viewing and using on the internet. Do not open emails from addresses/people you do not know. Delete these emails immediately. Do not give any information to sites promising prizes or requesting banking details. Be prepared to discuss with your children what they are exposed to. Some of this may be sexually explicit visually or verbally. Don’t allow children to be on the computer ALL THE TIME. Build into their daily routines, exercise and face-to-face social interaction. Report to the police any harassment or bullying on chat sites or social media. Keep a copy of what is published as evidence. Let us work together to keep our kids safe!

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YEAR 7 LEADERSHIP DAY
On Wednesday 15 Feb at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, our Year 7’s will join their peers from other Gold Coast Catholic Schools in a leadership day. The bus leaves the school at 9.00am and returns by 2.15pm. During the day the children will be challenged in their understanding of leadership by the Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, Mr David Hutton. They will also celebrate leadership at a special liturgy.

YEAR 7 CAMP
Year 7 classes return from Lake Ainsworth camp today (Friday 10 Feb). No doubt the children, their teachers (Rory McBride and Bec Fletcher), Teacher Assistant (Sharon Follett), David Higgins, Tony Barron and I will enjoy a good night’s sleep and the weekend ahead! Thanks to all who had a hand in organising or staffing the camp. Lennox Head is certainly a beautiful place and the staff at Lake Ainsworth run a great camp.
MUNCH 'N' CRUNCH

Usually, early years classes take a specific time out each day to have munch 'n' crunch. This is usually in the morning during the first session at school (before the official lunch time). Younger children seem to need munch 'n' crunch early in the day. Children from Years 4-7 however seem to benefit from munch 'n' crunch in the middle session, i.e. between breaks. They don't take time outside usually, but typically would have a short break in the classroom during which they would have a drink, toilet break and fresh fruit or veg. This re-energises them for the rest of the middle session. Sometimes, the school day is so busy that classes may miss this munch 'n' crunch time during a day. This is something that can't be helped. Children still have the opportunity to eat their fresh food at lunch or snack on these occasions.

There are many healthy options available for families. I have seen the following fruits and vegetables at school over the first two weeks:
- pears, apples, bananas, kiwi fruit, pawpaw, berries, strawberries, grapes, stone fruits, oranges, mandarins, melons, cherry tomatoes
- peas, snow peas, beans, olives, carrot sticks, celery, mushrooms, lettuce, zucchini

Simply put, if it comes in a packet, it is not fresh fruit or veg. Nuts and dried fruits can be provided in SMALL quantities particularly to older children who graze during the day in the classroom.

Messy foods are difficult for both children and staff. Leave yoghurt and fruit salad for lunch time.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A CLASS STATIONERY LEVY

Class teachers work out a levy that parents pay to provide materials and programs used in the classrooms. The levy is highest in prep because the teacher / school provides nearly everything the child will require during the year. The levy is lowest in Year 7 because families pay for books and materials that are detailed in the book/stationery list.

Typically, the stationery levy provides for the following items:
- Scrap books
- Crayons
- Coloured paper
- Tissues
- Art folio
- Head-phones
- Glue sticks
- Paint
- Pencil grips
- Coloured / lead pencils
- Baby wipes
- Chux
- Homework pencil cases
- Intrepica / mathletics (not yr 1)
- Oil pastels
- A4 & A3 card – white and coloured

SWIMMING CLASSES

Swimming lessons begin in Week 4 (14-17 Feb) for Years 5, 6 & 7. Please ensure that the children have everything they need for these lessons. We will not be calling home for parents to deliver gear left behind.

Children will need the following items for swimming lessons:
- goggles, swimmers, towel, swimming cap, rashies, school hat, thongs, sunscreen, water bottle

NAIL POLISH

Children are not permitted to wear nail polish to school. Sometimes children forget and come to school with it on. When this happens they will be issued with a 'uniform infringement notice'. Should a history of non-compliance occur, parents will be contacted and asked to remove the nail polish before the child is allowed into the classroom.

TRIPLE P PROGRAMS

The Preparing for Bad Weather Triple P Survival Guide is available now. Get your copy of a detailed tip sheet, watch a video and listen to a podcast at: http://psy.uq.edu.au/pre

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Applications for 2013 Preps will start to be processed in the next few months. It is essential that parents wanting their children to attend St Joseph’s Prep in 2013 ensure the enrolment application is submitted as soon as possible. Enrolment of current families siblings is not automatic.
Applications can be accessed online www.stjosephsbeenleigh.com.au or collected at the school office.
Did you know that in Australia it is likely that two to three children in each classroom will experience problems with learning? Many adults in various types of employment may also struggle with difficulties in reading, writing, spelling or maths. For individuals with a specific learning disability, these problems in learning cannot be explained by low intellectual ability or by a person’s lack of education, or visual or hearing impairments. Each individual experiencing a learning disability is unique and will present with varying degrees of difficulty.

A specific learning disability can affect how individuals learn in a variety of ways including how they take in, remember, understand or express information. A specific learning disability may be defined as problems people encounter in learning that affect achievement and daily life skills. The most common forms of learning disability are in reading and spelling, but they may also be found in other areas of functioning including spoken language and mathematics. Individuals can present with a specific difficulty in one or more areas and have average or above average performance in other areas. For example, a child who has a specific difficulty in reading and spelling may perform well in mathematics. However, for others there may be several overlapping areas of difficulty. For further information; see www.psychology.org.au/publications/tip_sheets/learning/

At St Joseph’s, before a student is placed on additional assistance program, baseline data gathered from assessment is collected to inform the teaching and learning process. While the central role of the teacher’s everyday classroom assessment provides reliable and valid feedback for ongoing improvement in teaching and student learning, it is used in conjunction with point-in-time assessment; e.g. NAPLAN, whole school assessments. While each assessment approach provides different information, when put together they provide a fuller picture of student achievement. Results of the assessment items using whole school diagnostic and standardised testing schedule is utilised to give a whole class/whole school snapshot of how students are achieving in specific areas. The whole school testing program is point-in-time assessment and forms part of the broader picture of student achievement. It helps to inform teaching in the classroom at level 1 and 2 and informs the decision to place individual students on level 3 additional assistance. Thus a more comprehensive picture of each student is available to students, teachers and parents and the diverse needs of our students can be met.

“More you read, the more you will know,
The more you learn, the more places you will go!” Dr Suess

Welcome to the National Year of Reading! St Joseph’s library will be hosting a variety of functions to promote the National Year of Reading. As the official launch for this year will be on Valentine’s Day, we thought that our first event would be taking a book on a blind date. A variety of books will be placed in brown paper bags and students from years 3-7 will be encouraged to borrow them sight unseen. During the next lesson, students will be asked to discuss how their date went... Younger readers will be introduced to the new Colin Thompson book “Fearless in Love.”

Valentine’s Day was chosen for the launch, as libraries are hoping to engender a love of reading for both young and old. To find out more go to:
http://www.love2read.org.au/

Have a listen to what William McInnes (one of the NYR ambassadors) has to say about this event.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4s7CLYRS04s

Happy reading!
BAND
Ensemble rehearsals commence on Tuesday 14 February which is next week. I look forward to seeing all members bright and early. The students seem very keen to get started.

CHOIR
All Choir members received a note early this week informing them of their membership and commitment towards being a part of the school choir.

INSTRUMENTAL
Lessons commenced this week. Please remind the children to bring their instruments for lessons when needed.

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SECOND HAND UNIFORMS - SR JENNY
Last Wednesday a second hand uniform sale was held to see if parents were interested. Due to its popularity this sale will be on again next Tuesday 14 February, inside at the back of the hall from 2pm until the close of school.
It will be cash only - no eftpos available. Prices range from 50c to $10.
The items are a surplus of unclaimed, unnamed lost property (sorted and washed by Sr Jenny at the end of each term) and donated uniforms.

SCHOOL BANKING
At St Joseph’s we are involved with “The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program” our banking day is Friday!!!
The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.
School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program. Taking part in School Banking is easy, just have your child bring their bank book to school on a Friday.
If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.
2. If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at our Local Beenleigh Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate) Alternatively, collect an application form at the school office and contact our School banking Co-ordinator – Tracey Goode on 0412 649 335 to arrange the witnessing of your paperwork, such as your licence and your child’s birth certificate.
The Seasons for Growth Program is an Australian based program for children who are experiencing grief and loss in their lives. These losses can include the loss of a parent or significant other (e.g. grandparents, siblings, etc) through death or separation. It also includes the loss of a parent or significant other through separation or divorce. This programme aims to educate children who are experiencing grief to assist them to understand that the reactions associated with their losses are normal. It also helps children to develop skills for coping, problem solving and decision-making and for building peer support networks thus aiding the restoration of self-confidence and self-esteem. The Seasons for Growth Programme is a whole school Program catering for children who are experiencing grief in Years 2 to 7.

Sr Jenny will offer this program starting the week beginning 5th March. Which year levels it will be offered to will be determined by parent response to the form at the bottom of this program outline.

I will contact parents/caregivers to let them know which year level will be involved. Please place the signed permission form in an envelope marked for Sr Jenny’s attention and return to the school office.

I can be contacted every day at St Joseph’s if you wish to know more about this program.

PERMISSION FORM FOR THE SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

Child’s Name ________________________________________ Year Level & Class _______________________
Grief Situation (e.g. Divorce, death) ______________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________

I give permission for my child to attend this program.
Parent Signature ______________________________________ Date __________________________

P&F NEWS—DOMINIC BARNES

It's been a busy first few weeks for the P&F. Thank you for everyone's support of the swimming carnival BBQ on the day, especially to our helpers; Belinda, Angela, Sally, David, Aaron, Sandra, and Marcia. Also, thank you to the people who offered to help out during the day, that's greatly appreciated.

P&F MEETING

We had our first meeting of the year with over 30 people attending which was wonderful. Thank you to everyone for coming along especially some new people, we hope to see you again soon. You are welcome to check out the minutes from the meeting on the website, they will be on there early next week. If you can make our next P&F meeting please come along on Tuesday March 13 starting at 7pm and finishing at 8.30pm. Our next fundraiser will be a weekend Sausage Sizzle up at the new Woolworths Holmview within a few weeks, please keep an eye out in newsletters once details are confirmed. Have a great weekend!

PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
The Sacramental Program for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is beginning with a Launch at St Patrick’s Catholic Church on Thursday 16th February, 2012 at 7:00pm. Parents and their children who wish to participate are required to attend the Launch. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 3287 2282.
COMMUNITY NEWS

TRAFFIC ALERT! Friday 10 February 2012
Traffic will be under stop/go traffic control on Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road at the Tallagandra Road intersection starting tomorrow and continuing until next Friday 17 February. Lane closures can also be expected. Motorists should drive with caution through the roadwork zone or choose alternate routes if possible.
Please slow down - roadwork safety is your responsibility too.
Wet weather or site conditions may change this schedule. For information on the latest traffic conditions, please contact the Gold Coast Traffic Management Centre on 13 19 40, or visit www.131940.qld.gov.au

SETON COLLEGE OPEN MORNING
On the 6 March, 2012 Seton will hold an information and open school morning starting promptly at 9am and is expected to finish at 10.30am.
Ph: 3291 5333 W: www.seton.qld.edu.au E: smtgravatt@bne.catholic.edu.au

CURRUMBIN COMMUNITY FARM SCHOOL OPEN DAY - FREE ENTRY
Sunday 4th March, 9.30am - 2pm
STALL HOLDERS WANTED – From $10
Live Music, Rock Climbing, Farmyard Feeding, Jumping Castle, Market Stalls, Food & More!
1226 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Valley Phone: 5533 0312 Email: alock16@eq.edu.au

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 July 2012 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Australia, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland 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 scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

ARIA Angels is an exciting interactive music and arts program for children 0-5 years with parents, grandparents and caregivers.
Dates: Sessions for Term 1 are weekly on Thursdays Feb 16 – March 29.
* Time: 9.00 am – 10.30 am
Where: St. Matthew's Parish Centre, 180 Bryants Rd, Loganholme/Cornubia
Cost: $5 per family. This donation helps cover the cost of handouts, art supplies and morning tea.
Qualified music teachers lead us in singing games, rhymes, stories. We have fun with art; play and chat at morning tea and close with a prayer of gratitude.
All welcome! Any queries please phone Gail 0407 175 808 or 3366 2188
Additional sessions: Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank - Wednesdays 29th Feb - 28th March 9.30 - 11.00 am
St. Rita's, Victoria Point - Thursdays Feb 16 - March 29 9.30 - 11 am

BECOME A WEP HOST FAMILY
A place to call home World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2012. Our students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.
Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.
Chantel Woods Inbound Exchange Administrator P:1300 884 733 E: wep@wep.org.au O: www.wep.org.au
2012 SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Congratulations MacKillop