Dear Parents

Once again welcome to St Joseph’s Tobruk for 2012! I hope that families were able to enjoy and celebrate Australia Day despite the weather! Our weekly newsletter is published each Friday during the school term and is available on our school website www.stjosephsbeenleigh.com.au. We wish you a happy and prosperous new year and look forward to working with you.

SCHOOL MISSION AND CORE VALUES

Our school mission promotes six (6) key themes: respect for the environment, healthy living, education in a rapidly changing world, community, celebration of differences and nurturing spirituality. As well, our community celebrates seven (7) core values based on the charisms of our founders: dignity, compassion, courage and resilience, justice, camaraderie, reconciliation, and trust and faith in God. Integrating these themes and core values into every facet of school life is both a challenge and a privilege for every member of the St Joseph’s community.

The full mission statement is published with the Parent Handbook on the school website. Printed copies of the Parent Handbook will be available on request. Hard copies were handed out to Prep families at the Prep Information Evening last Thursday.

2012 STAFF – ST JOSEPH’S BEENLEIGH

Parish Priest: Fr Tony Girvan
Principal: David Boulton
Assistant Principal: Tony Barron
Acting Assistant Principal R.E.: Carmel Baillie
Secretary: Bronwyn Moorton
Finance Secretary: Roslyn Mendo
Secretarial Support: Chris Hanrahan

Class Teachers
Prep (Water Dragons) Phillipa Haley
Prep (Possums) Ellen Anderson
Year 1 Katia Lynch Amber Dair (nee Neal)
Year 2 Isabelle Vargas-Malby Lauren Mitchell
Year 3 Chris Pangbourne Nicolle Ford
Year 4 Dianne Pennings Catherine Schloman/Sarah Taylor
Year 5/6 Margaret Hatzis Joshua O’Keefe
Year 6 Sherri Bell Matthew Armstrong/Kelly Wafer
Year 7 Rory McBride Rebecca Fletcher

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Monday 30 January
Assembly

Tuesday 31 January

Wednesday 1 February

Thursday 2 February

Friday 3 February
Banking
9am: Opening School Liturgy with Leaders induction. Hall

Monday 6 February
Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 7 February
P&F Meeting. 7pm Staff room

Wednesday 8 February

Thursday 9 February
Mass Readings: 6C

Friday 10 February

RECEPTION
Mon: 8.30-3.45
Tues-Thurs: 8.15-3.45
Fri: 8.15-3.15
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
Specialists & Other Teachers
Resource Teacher - Library: Christina Boardman (on leave for Semester 1 2012)
Librarian: Lyn Giebels
Support Teacher Inclusive Education: Sue Hall
Integration Teacher: Erin Holman
Art Specialist: Mary McBride
Music Specialist: Renuka Haran
Guidance Officer: David Higgins
School Pastoral Worker: Sr Jenny Scari
School Officers:
   Helen Dillon  Katrina Giebels  Kirsteen Black  Sue Logan  Sam Vickery
   Sharon Follett  Mary Wynn  Karen Cole  Melissa Burgess  Kerry Fenner
Uniform Shop: Kerry Fenner (Convenor)
Tuckshop: To be advertised
Cleaner: Jacky McBain
Maintenance: Scott Edwards

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
The Association exists to support the school in the following ways:
• Provide a forum for parents and friends to meet
• Provide an educational forum for parents and an opportunity for the Principal to report on the school's activities
• Fund raising. There are a number of fund raising ventures throughout the year.
• Encouraging social activities for parents and families

P & F Executive 2012
President: Dominic Barnes
Vice Presidents: Angela Houghton  David Fitzgerald
Treasurer: Tina Hall
Secretary: Belinda Thompson

P & F MEETING
The first P & F Meeting for the year takes place on Tuesday 07 February in the staff room at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR LITURGY
Our first school liturgy will take place on Friday 03 February in the school hall from 9.00am. Unfortunately Fr Tony will be on leave and therefore unable to join us on this special occasion. This is an opportunity for our community to get together to pray for God’s blessing on our school year. It is a time to pray for those in our community who are ill or recovering from illness. It is a time to pray that we will be able to live out our core values and to keep the spirit of our founders alive in our community. During this liturgy our school leaders will be commissioned. School leaders and their families are invited to a morning tea in the school hall immediately after the celebration at approximately 10.15am.

CAMPS 2012
There are some changes to our school camp venues and dates for 2012.
Yr 7 Lake Ainsworth  Wed 08 February – Friday 10 February
Yr 6 Emu Gully  Wed 12 September – Friday 14 September
Yr 5 Lake Ainsworth  Wed 05 September – Friday 07 September

UNIFORM STANDARDS
At St Joseph’s we ask children to have tidy hair and hair styles that do not draw undue attention. Therefore undercuts, hair shaping (engraving) and hair dyes are not permitted. This is not aimed at discouraging individuality, but rather at preventing children from competing with one another (who can have the craziest hairstyle or the most different dye combinations). There can be significant pressure placed on families when children want to outdo their mates with particular styles.

Please note also that body piercing (other than the ear lobe) cannot be visible. For example, I realise that some children might have their belly-button pierced. This should not be visible at school or during school activities such as camps and swimming. Tongue rings similarly can be seen and are therefore not permitted. Tongue rings also pose a health and safety risk for active children during play time and during sporting activities.

PARKING IN DESIGNATED DISABLED AREAS
There are two designated disabled parking zones outside the church. These zones are for disabled parishioners and members of the school community. Please refrain from parking in these zones which are clearly marked.
**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL**

**Before school** children gather in the area outside the staff room rear entrance where they are to sit. There are no games played during this time. They are dismissed by the teacher on duty at 8.20am to place their bags in port racks before heading down to the oval. If it is raining, children gather on the verandah areas outside ground floor classrooms and in the covered walkway across the parade area.

**After school** children gather in the mango tree area where they sit and wait for families to collect them. Again, there are no games played. Because bins have been put away for the day, children do not eat during this time. If it is raining, children gather on the verandah area outside the hall – near the mango tree area.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS**

Our regular newsletters for 2012 are published on Fridays.

Newsletters are only printed by request for families who prefer to receive a printed copy.

Families are able to access our school newsletter through the school website [www.stjosephsbeenleigh.com.au](http://www.stjosephsbeenleigh.com.au)

When a return slip is required, for example when we need to know families who will be attending a weekend liturgy or a permission form for swimming, an individual sheet will be sent home with the children. Families will need to let the school know if they require a printed newsletter by Wednesday 01 February. We hope to contribute towards saving money and our environment through reduced printing / paper costs. A process to receive newsletters by email will be set up in the coming weeks.

**RESPECT RULES**

At this time of the year, class teachers will be negotiating with children their class rules. These are based on our general school RESPECT RULES. **At St Joseph’s all members of the school community are expected to follow our Respect Rules.** The children are taught an extended version of these rules which includes descriptions of what the rule looks like and what it doesn’t look like when enacted.

**RESPECT FOR SELF**

Safe and Sensible  
I Can Do It!  
School Spirit  
Smart Choices

**RESPECT FOR OTHERS**

Speak to Please  
Active Listening  
Friendly and Fair  
Safe and Sensible

**RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT**

Keep it clean & tidy (even if it’s not mine!)  
Special Spaces  
Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle  
Be Responsible for Property

**RESPECT FOR LEARNING**

Active Listening  
Be Organised (I Can Do It!)  
Have a Go  
Co-operate

**SR JENNY’S CUPPA**

Each Friday, our Pastoral Worker - Sr Jenny Scari - holds a cuppa for parents at the back of the school hall (or inside the hall if it is too hot, too cold or too wet!). The cuppa takes place after the children line up in the parade area and go into class. Don't be shy if you are new to the school! The parents there will make you feel most welcome! This is a time also to meet the school administration. Tony, Carmel and I try to get along to the cuppa as often as possible.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Our school swimming carnival will be held at the Robert Ney Pool in Beenleigh on Monday 06 February. The carnival will start at 9.00am and should finish between 2.00pm and 2.30pm. Swimming lessons will then start in Week 4 for Years 5, 6 & 7 and in Week 6 for Years 2, 3 & 4.

**DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

Children must be dropped off in the school car-park before school. The entrance to the staff car-park is not a safe place to drop children off as staff are driving in and out of this area throughout the day. If you use the parish car-park, please walk your child/ren in to the school grounds. After school the children wait at the mango trees to be picked up. Please do not ask children to wait for you at other locations within or outside the school premises. The lives of the children are endangered if they wait elsewhere as they would not be supervised.
SCHOOL FEES DISCOUNT
Families receive a discount of 5% off their tuition fees if they pay the yearly amount by Monday, 27 February.

STAFF MEETINGS
Staff meetings are held on Monday mornings (briefing) and afternoons. Please take this into consideration when making appointments with teachers.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. The formal uniform with the green hat is worn on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The sports uniform with the blue hat is worn on Wednesday and Friday.

LABEL EVERYTHING!
Please ensure that all items that children bring to school – lunch box, water bottle, library bag, art shirt, uniform items - are clearly labelled with the child’s name. Families will save money by not having to replace lost items and staff will be able to easily return lost items to the children. The lost property bin is located at the rear entrance to the staff room.

MORNING ASSEMBLY
At our Monday morning assembly we ask children to be quiet and to face the front as soon as the second bell goes. It is very important that parents who are gathered at the back of the assembly area respect this expectation by remaining quiet at this time and during the assembly.

LATE PASSES
If children arrive late to school, they do require a late pass from the school office. Parents / Guardians need to come into the office and sign the late pass. Children will be marked late in the class roll if they are not in the classroom at 8.45am.

WET AFTERNOONS / SEVERE STORMS
If it is raining at pick up time or a severe thunderstorm is threatening, parents are to collect children from the school hall and/or classroom verandahs after school. The staff and children will enact Lock-Down Procedures should a storm be severe.

Buses may be held at school if the driver considers it is dangerous to leave.

JEWELLERY
The school’s policy on the wearing of jewellery takes into consideration the safety of children, temptation for theft, and the prevention of loss of precious / sentimental items. In brief, St Joseph’s children are not to wear any jewellery to school. In other words, there should be no bracelets, bangles, rings, necklaces, chains, or fashion earrings. However there are some exceptions to this general rule of thumb. Boys and girls with pierced ears must wear studs or the smallest sleepers in both ears. These are to be plain gold or silver. Religious medals and scapulars may be worn around the neck however they should not be visible under clothing. Watches are allowed to be worn, however, children are responsible for looking after their watches at all times. During school sport, children must remove their watches for safety reasons.

If children are wearing inappropriate or dangerous jewellery or jewellery that does not meet our guidelines, they will be asked to remove it. It will be placed in an envelope and sent to the school office for collection later that day.

MOBILE PHONES
These days it is common for parents to give mobile phones to children for safety reasons, especially to children who travel to and/or from school on public transport or those who walk home. If you require your child to have a mobile phone at school for safety reasons, the phone must be clearly labeled with the child’s name and handed in at the school office either upon arrival or through the class pouch system. If you do not wish the mobile to be returned via the school pouch system, you must let the office know.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
The school calendar is to be found on the school website. The calendar shows school events and religious seasons, feasts and celebrations. As many things happen that are planned by the staff with their children throughout the year, the calendar will need to be regularly updated. This will take place each Friday. When the newsletter is loaded onto the website each Friday, the calendar will be removed and replaced with an updated version.
PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING
Our Parent Information Evening (Prep-7) will be held in Week 2 on Tuesday 31 January in the school hall.

The format for this year will be:

5.00pm  Prep Meeting - classroom
5.30pm  Year 1 Meeting – classroom
Year 5/6 Meeting (Marg Hatzis & Josh O’Keeffe) - classroom
6.00pm  General meeting of parents in the Hall. At this meeting the Principal and other key personnel will address parents on a wide variety of issues relevant to all families.
7.00pm  Parents will be able to meet the teacher, collect a class information handout, organize an interview with the teacher, meet other parents etc during this time. **Teachers will not be making a formal address to parents at this time as most information will be covered by the principal’s address and the class handout.**

From 7.00pm  Wine/Beer and cheese/Tea and Coffee in the hall.

This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and to begin to forge that relationship between family and school so vital for your child’s success and general well-being. Please do not bring children to the Parent Information Evening.

MAC’S MATES
Each class has at least two MAC’S MATES who are nominated by the class teacher each year. Mac’s Mates (Patron Parents) fulfil a very important role in the school: welcoming new families, offering pastoral care to families in the class when called upon, networking families, organising social occasions, and liaising with the class teacher.

EMAILING TEACHERS
Teachers will inform families of their professional email accounts at the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 31 January 2012. Please respect the privacy of teachers. Emails should be used for quick messages. Please do not expect that teachers will have the time to respond at length to detailed emails via return email. Rather, teachers will acknowledge receipt of an email and make contact with families usually by phone to follow up on issues raised in an email.

The school swimming carnival will be held on Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} February at Beenleigh Pool, it will commence at 9am and conclude by 2:30pm. Students will need to bring Lunch, Water, Hat, Sunscreen, Towel, Goggles, Swim Cap etc.

Students who perform well at our school carnival have the chance to be selected in the School Swim team to participate at Beenleigh District Carnival on Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} February at Springwood Aquatic Centre and also the Catholic Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} March at Chandler. Students will be notified if they have been selected.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS– PRIVATE
All students interested in learning a musical instrument privately were given the forms this week. They must be returned by Monday 30 January to secure a place in the program. Forms can also be collected from the school office. Patrick Stevens will be teaching drums and percussion. Patrick teaches at a local music shop and is very involved with bands. We look forward to him starting lessons at St Joseph’s.

CHOIR
Auditions to join our award winning school choir will be held on Wednesday. Students will be expected to sing in pitch and project their voices. There is a limit to the number of students who can be in the choir. It is open to students in years 2-7.

BAND
Rehearsals will commence in week 4. Students will be notified about their involvement in it after consultation with their music teacher.
**PARISH NEWS**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**
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 St Patrick’s Parish Office on 3287 2282.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**YOGA**
- Tuesday 3:45pm-4:45 (School Aged Children)
- Tuesday 5:30pm-6:30 (Teens)
- Adults, Pregnancy, Elderly and other classes available
- $12 Casual or $100 10-class-pass

Yoga and More Studio
2/9 Main Street (next to the big Luv-a-Coffee)
Beenleigh

Active Logan Yoga Class commences 26/1/12 @7pm
St Joseph's School Hall $3 (every Thursday in school terms)

**SOCCER**
Are you ready for an action packed year of soccer?
Well if so then come down to

![Bethania Rams](image)

For friendly, family focused soccer!
Sign-on dates 28th & 29th of January and 4th & 5th of February between 10am to 2pm at Opperman Park, Federation Drive Bethania

**FOOTBALL**
Come on down to the
Beenleigh Buffaloes
Sign on days 2012

- Saturday 11th February and Sunday 12th February 2012
- Between 10am – 2pm
- At Beenleigh Sports Club, Alamein Street, Beenleigh
- All U6's to U18's players, old and new welcome
- For new players - will require proof of age - Original & copy of birth certificate
- For Inquiries, please ring Kylie Jordan (Club Secretary) on 0450 330 124