Dear Parents

Finally we have made it through to the end of the last week of Term 1! I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and co-operation through another busy term. On behalf of the school I wish you all a happy, safe and Holy Easter break.

The next term is another 10 week term. There is no pupil free day to start the term as in other years so don't get caught out!

HOLY WEEK

In the first week of the school holidays we enter Holy Week during which we remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his last meal with his friends, his emotional anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, his betrayal, his trial and sentencing to death by crucifixion, and his glorious resurrection. As a school, we remembered and celebrated this story at our end of year liturgy in the hall. As a school tradition, we do not celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, however, until we come back to school in second term. Thank you to Carmel Baillie for her co-ordination of our school liturgy and to the teachers for their planning and for the preparation of the children. Thank you also to the parents and friends of Joey’s who supported the occasion through their attendance.

PRAYER

The suffering of Jesus reminds us of the suffering in our world. In the Australian bush and regional towns, droughts, fires, floods, disease, crop failure and indifference from the city can cause enormous hardship and suffering.

The cross of Jesus reminds us that Jesus walks beside those who suffer. At the most difficult times, Jesus carries us.

Though we make mistakes and our world is not perfect, there is hope that things can be different. Through the example of Jesus and the activity of the Spirit, new life is possible, everywhere!

Monday 16 April
Assembly
Book Club has begun to arrive n term 1 and will be handed out today.

Tuesday 17 April
7.30am: Choir practice

Wednesday 18 April
2.05: Choir

Thursday 19 April
Mass Readings: 3C

Friday 20 April
8.40am: Sr Jenny Cuppa. Back of hall
Banking
Yr 6&7: Gala Day

Monday 23 April
Assembly: 4F

Tuesday 24 April

Wednesday 25 April
Anzac Day Public Holiday

Thursday 26 April
Anzac Day Liturgy

Friday 27 April
Yr 6&7: Gala Day

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
Prayer: Giver and Sustainer of Life, the cycle of creation, death and new life in our environment teaches us that our sufferings can be seen as moments of growth and opportunities for new life. During Holy Week, help us to reflect on the passion of Jesus and to pray for the courage to accept the crosses that come our way as opportunities for transformation. Help us to be true to ourselves and to our calling to be like you.

God of justice and reconciliation, teach us to serve one another and to set a good example so that others may see Jesus in what we do and in who we are. Give us the courage to seek forgiveness, to be forgiving, and to put things right wherever there is hurt, anger and despair.

MY DEAR FRIENDS, DO NOT BE DISHEARTENED BY THE THINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE THESE LAST DAYS. BE STRONG. DO NOT BE AFRAID. REMEMBER ME. REMEMBER WHAT I HAVE TAUGHT YOU AND THE EXAMPLE I HAVE GIVEN. WHEN YOU CONTINUE TO BE MY PRESENCE IN THE WORLD, THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE OF NEW LIFE.

CROSS COUNTRY
Thank you to Matthew Armstrong for his organisation of the school cross country held on Wednesday 28 March. Despite recent rain we had a warm, fine day for the event. It was wonderful to see so many families there supporting the children. I congratulate the children on their enthusiastic participation in the cross country and for the effort they put into their race. Thanks also to the staff for their preparation of the children, particularly those who assisted with training before school. To those who acted as officials on the day, we extend our thanks for a job well done.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Claire and Craig Malcolm on the birth of Mia who is a baby sister to Oliver (Prep). Welcome to the family! All the very best to you all at this special time which can be both exciting and exhausting!

MARRIAGE & CHANGE OF NAME
Congratulations again to Katia Lynch (Year 1 teacher) and James Buckley on their recent marriage. Katia Lynch is now known as Katia Buckley. This always confuses the little ones but they do rise to the occasion! Best wishes Katia and James for a wonderful life together.

TRINITY COLLEGE – ENROLMENTS
Trinity College have now closed applications for enrolment into Year 8 for 2013. Applications are now open for Year 8 2014 and for Years 7 & 8 2015.

PREP 2012 INTERVIEWS
Prep 2012 interviews will begin early next term. Families must submit an enrolment application for their prep-aged children even if they have siblings at St Joseph's already. A number of families were 'caught out' during last year's process as they had not submitted an enrolment application. The numbers are fairly tight for next year's intake with many more applications in than places available.
LENTEN FAIR
Congratulations the children from Years 5/6 and their teachers, Josh O’Keeffe and Marg Hatzis for another fantastic Lenten Fair. The children throughout the school enjoyed the many and varied games and activities organised. The proceeds of the day will be donated to Caritas Australia to support the Project Compassion appeal for 2012. Many thanks to all families for their generous financial support.

The Open Green Door sessions last week proved to be a useful and enjoyable time for some of our students to show off their skills on Mathletics, Intrepica, Reading Doctor, MiniLit and iPads. Parents took this opportunity to find out more about these programs and get answers to any complications or questions they may have had when trying to navigate their way around these programs.

Thank you to the parents who took time to drop in and a special thankyou to these students who were able to help in any of the sessions - Olivia Barnes, Alec Digal, Emerson Black, Jacob Evans, Tristain Cantrell, Liam Fulwood, Sophie Vickery, Ethan Creamer, Gabby Hingst, Georgina, Campbell Roselt, Alex Allison, and Clayton Ruhland.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PC: Blake Burgess, Elise Sulusi
1C: Brianna Faint, Rhys Sula Siaosi
2C: Whole class
3C: Ti Arna Curley (23/3) Matheu Nieling
4C: Brock Supple
56L: Whole Class
56D: Abbey Pfleger, Jesse Finch, Shaun Love, Josie Hingst
6C: Whole class
6F: Lachlan Scharneck, Tayla Phillips

PF: David Howard, Jack Fenech, Angelina Gamble
1F: Max Shore, Caydence Stevens
2F: Nathan Andrews, Jacqui Phelan
3F: Benjamin Southam
4F: Georgia Marmol, Garielle Hingst, Campbell Roselt
56D: Abbey Pfleger, Jesse Finch, Shaun Love, Josie Hingst
6F: Lachlan Scharneck, Tayla Phillips

PUT IT IN THE RIGHT BIN – 2C

Last week, we had a visit from the Logan City Council. We learned about what can and what shouldn’t go into the yellow lidded recycling bins at school. 2C made a 3D class poster to help us remember, and the students designed some fantastic posters. We had a competition for "most original and informative" poster, which was won by Tyron Bates. Well done Tyron!

ANZAC DAY – MRS K GIEBELS

ANZAC DAY is 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). This 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 teacher’s school car park near uniform shop entrance, directly after mass. On arrival at assembly area students need to check off their names with Mr Boulton or Mrs. Giebels. We will then move from the car park to the march assembly area. Our school is normally placed in the line up along York Street in the block between Kokoda and Tobruk Streets. The march beings at 10:30am. 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.

(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_________
Name:________________________        Class_________  Name:________________________        Class_________
Name:________________________        Class_________  Name:________________________        Class_________

Parent’s signature:__________________ Date:_______

COMMUNITY NEWS

The next exciting PCYC Blue Light Disco is on Friday 20th April from 6pm – 9pm. All primary school aged children are welcome. Dance to all the latest music, heaps of prizes, good food & great fun. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Beginning Experience Team is holding its next weekend from Friday evening 27th to Sunday afternoon 29th April 2012 at QCCC Brookfield. The weekend offers widowed, separated and divorced people who have moved through the initial shock phase of grief to work through their pain and move into the future with renewed hope. It is a live-in weekend with meals and accommodation provided.

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