Dear Parents

Welcome to Week 5 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! Prep 2013 interviews are now complete. I interviewed 62 families for 56 positions in Prep. 36 places have been offered to current families. Usually we have a few families from outside the school who decline the offer of a place at Joey’s so those who will miss out in the first round of offers may still have a chance later in the term. What beautiful weather we are having! This is the May weather I remember from my childhood when we would camp at Mooloolaba.

MOTHERS’ DAY

This Sunday is Mothers’ Day. We wish all of the women in our community who mother others - whether they have children of their own or not - a wonderful Mothers’ Day on Sunday. We hope you are totally spoiled! Mary MacKillop didn’t have children of her own however her warmth and love for the children in her schools gave them hope and dignity.

We pray to Mary the mother of Jesus that all children may know the love of God made real through a mother’s touch. May our God bless you and give you courage and strength in the challenging role you play.

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.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

Congratulations to Angela Houghton (convenor) and to the many parents and friends of St Joseph’s who contributed to or helped out at the Mothers’ Day stall. It’s great for the children to be able to select quality gifts for their mums at very reasonable prices here at the school. We have received many positive comments from children, staff and parents about the wonderful assortment and quality of gifts. Thanks for the tremendous effort that went into organising and wrapping presents and for the thoughtful contributions of many.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS!

Declan (0C) and Taylah (2C) Vickery are proud of their baby brother, Jonah. Congratulations Rebecca and Anthony! We wish you and your family all the very best!

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.
NO PARKING IN FRONT OF FR TONY’S GARAGE!!
Fr Tony’s garage is located opposite the church on the side of St Vincent de Paul House. The door to the garage is always down/closed for security reasons. There is a sign painted on the door - NO PARKING ANYTIME. **Please do not park there at any time!** Fr Tony is regularly inconvenienced by parents who park right in front of the garage. Fr Tony has a very busy schedule and is required to keep appointments. He cannot be wasting time waiting for those who prevent him from getting out of the garage to move their car. Thank you to the vast majority of families who always do the right thing. I realise that for situations like this I am addressing a small minority!

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER
School fees accounts are sent out at the beginning of each month (Feb to Nov). Accounts are due to be paid by the 21st of the month. Ros Mendo sends out reminder notices to families who have not paid their account after 3-4 days. If you are having difficulty with paying your school fees, please do not just ignore reminder notices or phone calls from the school. Get in contact with our finance secretary, Ros Mendo, and work out a payment plan. Regular payments, no matter how small, are always welcomed. It is better to regularly pay small amounts than to do nothing and let the amount grow to unmanageable proportions.

SEMESTER REPORTS
At the end of this term, parents will receive a report for your child’s progress during the first semester. It has been developed to include the new Australian Curriculum subjects and the five point scale is from A-E. When the reports are distributed, there is no compulsory interview. During term 3, teachers/parents may request an interview from Week 5.

Colds and Flu
As the weather gets colder we enter the season during which colds and flu seem to be commonplace. Please encourage children at home to practise sensible hygiene routines especially during the cold and flu season. When sneezing or coughing, use a tissue. Throw the tissue in the bin and wash your hands. Wash your hands regularly throughout the day even if you don’t have a cold. Avoid putting fingers in the mouth or eyes or nose.

Winter Uniform
For Prep children (every day), and for other children in Years 1-7 (PE Day and Friday) the uniform is the school sports uniform. This consists of the school polo shirt, shorts/skort, school socks and black joggers. The school blue hat is to be worn. During winter, the children wear the school tracksuit with their sports uniform. Should children still be cold, they are allowed to wear appropriate clothing under their uniform such as spencers or thermals or leggings. Please ensure that leggings are the ‘school’ blue colour and that clothing worn underneath the polo is white, black or school blue. Please don’t send children to school in pink or other ‘non-school’ colours! For children in Years 1-7 the formal winter uniform includes the green fleece jacket. Children are allowed to wear our school long trousers or bottle green leggings.

**Please do not mix and match uniforms.** The tracksuit is for the sports uniform (and Prep uniform). The green fleece jacket is for the formal uniform.

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. Bron Moorton and Lyn Giebels will be travelling south to the Mackillop Centre in North Sydney for the Colloquium this Wednesday. Have a great time!

NAPLAN Testing 2012
NAPLAN tests for years 3, 5 & 7 take place this week on 15, 16 & 17 May. Good luck everyone!

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](mailto:tbarron@bne.catholic.edu.au)
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2C: Daliah Clarke, Izayah Taylor
56L: Amy Radburn Rhys Towerton
3C: Carla Buttigieg

WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH'S?

It’s Mr Keith Fletcher of Trinity College!

Thankyou Trinity College and Mr Fletcher for giving the opportunity to some of our Year 6 students to use your facilities and learn new woodwork and metal skills. There were 15 happy faces coming back to St Joseph’s showing off the tag they made in metalwork today.

LITERACY PLANET NEWS-MELISSA BURGESS

Well done again to everyone using Literacy Planet. We have remained in the TOP 50 schools in Australia at 16th place. Keep doing your tasks and free learning.

20 minutes a night is all that is needed.

CLASS LEADERS AS OF 10th May

PC – Macey Buttigieg    PF – Ella Marshall
2C – Taylah Vickery     2F – Nathan Andrews
4C – Jarrod Eaton       4F – Matthew Hoolahan
6C – Billie Drescher    6F – Lacey Benyon
1C – Brianna Faint      1F – Jacob Miller
3C – Kye Perandis       3F – Luca McVicker
56D – Lachlan Lahrs     56L – Carter Beam

CLASS PHOTOS– JUNE 12

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 12 June. Envelopes were sent home today with each child. Each envelope has a unique code so each child needs their own envelope. DO NOT PLACE any envelopes in another child’s envelope or it may be missed on photo day. Students are to bring envelopes (with correct money, no change given) are to be returned on or preferably before photo day.

Sibling photos are also available for students at the school, please collect and return a ‘family order envelope’ from the office.

BOOKCLUB

Orders due in next Friday 18 May

SUPPORT TEACHER INCLUSIVE EDUCATION-SUZANNE HALL

The evening session of WONDER WORDS WORKSHOP originally scheduled for Thurs May 17 at 6pm has been postponed to Wed May 30.

Please advise by note below or email to sehall@bne.catholic.edu.au of your intention to attend this workshop.

I will be attending WONDER WORD WORKSHOP on WED May 30 at 6pm to 7pm.

YOUR NAME: ........................................................................
YOUR CHILD’S NAME and CLASS:..............................................
YOUR EMAIL:..............................................................................
This year the Early Years are having their own Athletics Carnival at the St Joseph's School Oval, on Friday 15th of June from 9am-12pm. Students in Prep, Year One and Year Two will participate in modified athletics events including running races, high jump, long jump, shot put, ball games and some novelty events. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are welcome to attend to encourage and support the children's participation on the day. More details will be included in newsletters closer to the carnival date.

GALA DAY - MATTHEW ARMSTRONG

Gala Day Sport- Has concluded for the Term. We will be looking to enter teams into Term 3 Gala Sports. Students will have the option of selecting new sports for these at the beginning of Term 3. Beenleigh District Cross Country – A great day was had by all. It was a hotter day than expected and many students achieved higher results than they first anticipated. A big congratulations goes to our girls cross country runners who were especially prominent in their events with Gabby Hingst, Kassie Cole and Olivia Wey (1st Reserve) all back in training for the South Coast Carnival to be held at the beginning of next month. Congratulations to all our competitors and to Mrs Logan for here sensational managerial skills on the day.

LIBRARY – LYN GIEBELS

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

We are currently continuing our celebration of the National Year of Reading with silent reading during lunch on Thursday. Next week we will also be starting a “Silent Film Festival” beginning with Charlie Chaplin’s classic movie “The Kid”. Watching silent film gives students a unique opportunity not only to observe media and culture from the early 20th century, but also enhances visual literacy skills as student not only need to read the subtext as well as interpreting the visual image for clues to meaning. The movie will be screened on Thursdays at lunchtime. Silent reading will still be offered at the same time.

TABLE TUNES

Several parents have asked me about the times table CD used by year 3 as they would like their own copy. The CD is called “Table Tunes” by Tweed Harris and Session Singers and is available for download from http://www.emusic.com/listen/#/album/tweed-harris-and-session-singers/table-tunes/11400023/ or iTunes. It can also be purchased as a CD from Amazon. Please do not make illegal copies of this CD as St Joseph’s supports the protection of intellectual property.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

The National Simultaneous Storytime will be held on Wednesday 23rd May in the library at 11:00pm. While it is aimed at the P-3s, any interested child is welcome to attend. All children will receive a colouring in sheet and bookmark for attending.

THIS WEEK AT MI SMARTS-CONNOR

Today, I visited Termin-itors who were very busy working with wood. Mr O’Keeffe, Mr Higgins and Mrs Burgess are the big Termin-itors who make sure the student termin-itors keep safe. In my interview with Termin-itor, Zain, he said; “I like wood work because I get to use tools and build things.”

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE-SR JENNY

A second hand uniform sale will be held on again next Tuesday 15 May and Wednesday 16 May, 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 $5. The items are a surplus of unclaimed, unnamed lost property (sorted and washed by Sr Jenny at the end of each term) and some donated uniforms.
PARENTING TODAY S TEENAGER
Parents are invited to attend a free presentation by Dr Jeff Kemp. Author…. ’Be a Parent Not a Pal’
Where: Trinity College When: 30th May 2012 - 7:00pm-8:00pm
Presenter: Topics : Teens and Family; friends; self-esteem; depression; anxiety; technology; challenging behaviour.

CAROLYN CHISHOLM SCHOOL, STUDENT & SUPPORT CENTRE
Are now accepting referrals of students for services including the following:
- Individual Counselling with adolescents and children and with their families
- Small group work e.g. social skills, anxiety management
- Cognitive and academic assessment, screening for phonological awareness skills
- Parenting workshops

There is no charge to students of BCE schools and their families. Referrals can be obtained through me at school.

DATE CLAIMER - Friday night 24 August
It’s been a while since you’ve seen it.. but it’s coming back!! Keep watching this space!!

MOTHER’S DAY
Happy Mother’s Day to all the mums on Sunday. Have a beautiful day. We also wish all the grandmas and “special mums” a wonderful day too. Enjoy the wonderful cards, gifts, flowers and songs made for you in class by your children. Ingredients include: glue, paper, pencils, wrapping paper, crayons and lots and lots of love. Thanks to the teachers and staff at school for once again putting thought and time into making Mother’s Day special for our families.

The Mother’s Day Stall put on by the P&F is always a special event for the children at school each year. The children get so excited choosing special gifts for you. We can assure you that every gift was selected with lots of love and thought. Thank you to Angela Houghton and the wonderful helpers for putting on the Mother’s Day Stall this year.

From Tuesday’s P&F MEETING...
Thank you to the parents and staff for attending the P&F monthly meeting last Tuesday night. It was a fun meeting that kicked off with a quick round of Trivia for a laugh. Topics covered during the meeting – Principal’s report about our school; Mother’s Day stall; Tuckshop Days; Maverick night; Discos; Grants for sheds and shade in prep area... and more. The minutes will be on the school website by next week if you want to have a read.

Next Meeting is Tuesday June 12 at 7pm after the Queen’s Birthday long weekend – we are always finished by 8:30pm. You are welcome to come along, if you have any questions about how the meetings run please call Dominic 0447 710 730.

Your fundraising efforts have bought new iPads and iPods (and more) for our school...
Thanks to your support of fundraising the P&F donated $17,000 to the school earlier this year. This money was saved from fundraising during 2011. Mr Boulton announced at the April meeting the school had spent the funds in these areas: Air Conditioning the Music Room ($7000); 10 iPads $4000; 20 iPod Touches; and a syncing dock for the iPads and iPods ($2000). Thanks in a big way to your support of the Fete last year and other fundraising events, we have all made a real difference to our kid’s school. For example, something as simple as your child going to a Disco and having fun has put 10 iPads and 20 iPods in our school for our kids to learn with. That’s huge.

Well done parents, students and teachers and the P&F members last year.

YOUTH NEWS
NO FROG this Friday, 18th May! After that, it will continue every Friday at 3pm in St Joseph’s shelter shed. Primary school children welcome for afternoon tea, sport and games – all for just a gold coin donation.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
10 – 12 August 2012 : Worldwide Marriage Encounter couples weekend for married couples
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, (QLD)
For bookings/details contact: Rhonda & Terry Boyle tel. 07 3352 3328 or boyletj@powerup.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au
Dear Parents/Guardians of students of St Joseph’s School

Free dental care is offered to all Queensland students from the age of four to the completion of Grade 10 through the School Dental Service. As part of the oral health program, Queensland Health has implemented safety steps for the school dental service and your child’s oral health. This procedure ensures that your children’s dental treatment is performed in accordance to the following safety steps: identification of patient, informed consent, identification of site and side of procedure and the final team check. For further information regarding these safety steps please contact dental van staff. Queensland Health supports the right and responsibilities of our patients, consumers, carers and families. For further information please contact dental van staff or visit this website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au

In the past, the oral health service has been provided with lists of students by your child’s school to assist in the delivery of this dental care. However, recent advice has been provided to School Principals that it is unlawful for schools to continue to provide personal student information directly to another agency except in limited circumstances.

The School Dental Service will be relocating to your child’s school in the near future to offer a dental examination and, where necessary, general dental treatment, commencing in Term 3 2010.

Initial forms will be distributed for your consent to dental examination and to provide information on your child’s medical and dental history. These forms will be distributed to all children on a class to class basis; therefore it may be some time before all children will be offered treatment. Initially grades 1 and 7 students will be offered treatment. Once received, the form is to be completed by the child’s legal guardian and returned as soon as possible. Please note that an examination or consequent treatment cannot commence until a signed medical/consent form has been received. For any further treatment identified at examination a consent for treatment (pink form) will be issued and must be signed and returned before any dental treatment will commence.

As the School Dental Service has a limited time designated to treat each school, it is most important that students keep their appointment/s. If an appointment cannot be kept, staff at the school dental clinic must be notified as soon as possible prior to the appointment date. In some instances, missed appointments may need to be rescheduled at another location.

Oral Health Staff can be contacted on, phone number: 0412 096 696

Thank you,
Oral Health Staff