Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2, Week 4 at St Joseph’s Tobruk! This week I continue with Prep 2013 interviews. It is a pleasure and a privilege to interview existing and new families. A number of parents whom I have interviewed went to school here at Joey’s and next door at Trinity College and want their children to experience that same, special spirit of our schools. This is one of the best compliments we can receive. It is also pleasing to hear new families talk about the great reputation our school has in the wider community.

EASTER REFLECTION

Out of the depths of silence and stillness God invites us to listen and to be. Through dadirri, a deep inner listening, our indigenous brothers and sisters learned of God’s presence in the sacred space and symbols that surrounded them.

Jesus could see evidence of God at work in creation and could gain insight into God from the events around him. What marks Jesus as distinctive is the fact that often he found God in the most unlikely of places and people and happenings.

“He [Jesus] taught that God could be experienced in the warmth of the sun, in the beauty of the birds, in the grandeur of the flowers, and even in a gentle breeze. Jesus could find God’s presence in the face of a child, in the withered body of a leper, in the oppressed countenance of a prostitute. He could hear Abba in the cry of the cripple along the roadside, in the plaintive sobs of a mother who had lost her only son, and in the murmured request from a criminal next to him on the cross. Jesus heard the approving words of his God as he stood in the waters being baptised by John, as he prayed on the mountain-side with his disciples, and as heanguished in the garden before his arrest. He passed this tradition for finding God in symbols to his disciples.”

(\textit{Brennan R. Hill, Exploring Catholic Theology: God, Jesus, Church, and Sacraments})

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our District Cross Country team for their herculean efforts yesterday (Thursday) in the District Cross Country Championships.
BEST WISHES
We wish the children selected in District Boys & Girls Touch Championships to be held this coming week all the very best! Congratulations on your selection!

MOTHERS’ DAY
Sunday 13 May 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 next. 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. Through education, children from poor families had a chance to break the cycle of poverty in their lives. 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 in your family and in our community.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
The Mothers’ Day stall will be available to children in the week leading up to Mothers’ Day, specifically Thursday 10 May and Friday 11 May. Sincere thanks also to the many parents assisting Lesley Solar and Angela Houghton and the P & F with the gathering of items for the stall. This has been happening since early in the year.

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 in May.

EARLY YEARS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - FRIDAY 15TH JUNE 9AM-12PM
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.

SCHOOL CAR-PARK
Sincere thanks to the majority of our families who are following the new car-park road markings in that crazy time from about 2.40pm to 3.20pm. Your positive actions are preventing accidents and road rage at St Joseph’s! The flow of traffic has improved immensely since implementation. Keep up the great work!

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.

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!

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
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)

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT PARENTING
The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents’ thoughts about parenting and parenting programs around the world. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on your parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent. We are looking for parents with a child aged 2-12 to complete a short survey. To find out more or to participate please visit http://psy.uq.edu.au/ips.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
PC: Jake Ferrari, Chelsea Golinski, Trent Horsnell, Lucinda Phelan
1C: Tonisha Houghton, Keji Nyarsuk
2C: Flynn Wickens, Mackenzie Robson
3C: Kyla Mairhofer
4C: Isabella McMillan, Jarrod Eaton, Grace Fairbank
56D: Jacob Huth, Josie Hingst, Shaun Love
56L: Georgia Brehmer, Decklan Solar-Young
PF: Riley Scullion, Khyana Hughes
1F: Lachlan Buchbach, Charlee Cohen
2F: Chelsea Cavell, James Howard
3F: Maurice Rosales, Connor Scowcroft
4F: Jean Fenwick, Kent McMahon
1G: Tonisha Houghton, Keji Nyarsuk
2G: Flynn Wickens, Mackenzie Robson
3G: Kyla Mairhofer
4G: Isabella McMillan, Jarrod Eaton, Grace Fairbank
56G: Jacob Huth, Josie Hingst, Shaun Love
56H: Georgia Brehmer, Decklan Solar-Young
3G: Lachlan Buchbach, Charlee Cohen
2G: Chelsea Cavell, James Howard
3G: Maurice Rosales, Connor Scowcroft
4G: Jean Fenwick, Kent McMahon

Golden Gnome: 1st: 5L, 3C, 2F .2nd: 4C, 7F .3rd: 7C

SPORTS NEWS– MATTHEW ARMSTRONG
Some of our students have had success recently on the sporting fields. Olivia Jones (Netball), Phransis Sula-Siaosi (Rugby League) and Jakob Rawlings (AFL) represented the Beenleigh District in the past few weeks. Phransis played well enough in the carnival to be selected in the South Coast Rugby League team to compete in the State Carnival at the end of this term. TJ Carlson (Soccer) has also been recently selected in the Beenleigh team to compete at the South Coast carnival in coming weeks. District Touch trials are next week. Students who are wishing to participate who haven’t received forms should see me ASAP.

Gala Day Sport- It has been great to see the grade 6 and 7 students learning new sports, developing their skills as well as their sportsmanship and teamwork. Students will have an opportunity to select new sports to participate in next term. More information will follow. Due to some poor weather we have unfortunately only been able to participate in half of our Gala Days so far this year. Hopefully today was a successful and sun filled day.

The Beenleigh District Cross Country was held yesterday with a team of 34 representing St Josephs at the Canterbury College venue. Results to follow in next week’s newsletter.

WONDER WORDS– SUZANNE HALL
It was great to see so many parents who took the opportunity to come along to one of the Wonder Word Workshops in the Green Room this week. As well as discovering new ways to add some fun and encourage engagement in the learning of the Wonder Words, parents had the chance to share their experiences and have any of their questions answered. A common misunderstanding is about whether or not to sound out Wonder Words. The answer is NO. WONDER WORDS MUST NOT BE SOUNDED OUT. Wonder Words need to be recognised and known by sight. These words make up over half of the words your child will ever read, write or spell. A Wonder Word is found in any sentence we read. It slows down reading if your child starts sounding them out. We want your child to recognise these high frequency words by sight and not by sounding out.

As there is a wonderful information night- 'FED UP with CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR' coming up on Thursday May 17 with Sue Dengate, I am postponing the evening session of Wonder Words Workshop until later in the term. [Date to be announced]. I am sure that many of our parents will want to attend the Sue Dengate session at the Beenleigh Events Centre from 7pm to 9pm. Sue is an expert in her field that focusses on healthy eating without additives and colorings, food intolerances and the effect that certain foods have on the behaviour of our children. There is a $15.00 cost for the session. Contact person for this event is Kellie on 07 3808 6633, email sw.c@bigpond.com We have Sue’s book – Fed Up in our Library. You are welcome to borrow it. Sue Dengate’s website is a great source of information as well- www.fedup.com.au

LITERACY PLANET NEWS – MELISSA BURGESS
We have some great new this week. ST JOSEPH’S BEENLEIGH has been ranked the 20th School in Australia this week. Well done to everyone.

On another great note, we have some students that have ranked within the top 100 in Australia.

Congratulations to:
Lauren Whitford (4F) in 15th place this week
Isabella Shala (2C) in 39th place this week.

TOP OF THE CLASS LEADERBOARD as @ of 3rd May
PC – Blake Burgess 1C – Zoe Allison 1F – Maddison Schipplock 2F – Goldie Martin 2C – Isabella Shala
3F – Maurice Rosales 3C – Kye Perandis 4C – Jarrod Eaton 4F – Katarina Shala 56D – Nathan Burns
56L – Matthew Sheehan 6F – Samantha Heaton 6C – Hollie Brehmer 7C – Jesse Caruana

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO FINISHED THEIR ASSIGNED TASKS AND FREE LEARNING. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK EVERYONE.
MI SMARTS is here again and our students from Year 3 to 7 classes have finished putting in their choices of the SMART they want to participate in this term. St Joseph’s MI SMART program is based on Multiple Intelligence Theory. This research undertaken by Howard Gardner suggests that the traditional notion of intelligence, based on I.Q. testing, is far too limiting. Instead, he proposes at least eight different intelligences to account for a broader range of human potential in children and adults.

**Linguistic intelligence** (being "word smart")
**Spatial intelligence** (being "picture smart")
**Bodily-Kinesthetic intelligence** (being "body smart")
**Musical intelligence** (being "music smart")
**Interpersonal intelligence** (being "people smart")
**Intrapersonal intelligence** (being "self smart")
**Naturalist intelligence** (being "nature smart")
**Logical-mathematical intelligence** (being "number/reasoning smart")

Gardner says that our schools and culture focus most of their attention on linguistic and logical-mathematical intelligence. We esteem the highly articulate or logical people of our culture. We need also place equal attention on individuals who show gifts in the other intelligences: the artists, architects, musicians, naturalists, designers, dancers, therapists, entrepreneurs, and others who enrich the world in which we live. In a nutshell that is what St Joseph’s MI SMARTS program aims to do. MI SMARTS is a means of exploring their own gifts and talents and learning in ways in tune with their unique minds.

If you would like to know more about Multiple Intelligences and even find out more about your own strengths, go to the website [Education World](#) that offers a virtual workshop in which the Multiple Intelligences Theory is explained as well as assessments that can be used to evaluate you and your child’s multiple intelligence.

FROM THE MI SMARTS REPORTING TEAM: Aiden and Connor

This week at MI Smarts, we went to the chess smart. These smart children were playing very hard. They were getting very good at chess with the record in getting check mate being 3 moves. We also interviewed some people at this SMART and this is what they said.

Andrew said; "I like chess a lot and it is my favourite board game.”

Kent said; I like it because it is fun and easy because I started learning chess last year.

**WHO IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST JOSEPH’S THIS WEEK**

WHO is *Making A Difference* at St Joseph’s this week?

It is Big Pal, Miss Taylor and Year 4 students who have chosen to be PALS to our young children on the Early Years playground. From Tuesday to Friday, the PALS organise and set up extra activities for the children at Lunch Time. Thankyou Miss Taylor, these Year 4 students and our Teaching Assistants involved in this positive playground initiative for making a difference at St Joseph’s.

**A MUSICAL NOTE – RENUKA HARAN**

There will be no band rehearsal on Tuesday 8th May. All members have been informed of this. I look forward to seeing them all the following week.

Congratulations to Olivia Vickery, Jessica Platell and Josie Hingst on playing the National Anthem with Mr Boulton at Monday's assembly. They will be doing this on a regular basis.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS - TUESDAY 12 JUNE**

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.
**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS—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. 

As you would already know, Olivia Jones (7C) is competing at the Junior Olympics in Houston, Texas in July, this year. She is also travelling to Tamba, Florida in August to attend the World Youth Tournament in international rope skipping where her brother, Carl, a former student, will be representing, Australia. What an honour!

**ART ROOM RAFFLE-MRS McBRIDE**

The art dept is donating a painting on canvas to raffle to help towards expenses. The painting is a beautiful landscape by our own Jan Burns. 

A big thank you to families who have purchased raffle tickets for SUNFLOWER canvas. Please return all sold tickets and money by next week as the raffle will be drawn.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

This year, the school will once again be participating in the Earn & Learn program run by Woolworths. This is an easy way for the school to purchase resources, as last year we were able to purchase around $14,000 worth of resources for the library. 

There have been slight changes to the program, it is now no longer necessary to send your shopping dockets to school. Instead, each time you make purchases at Woolworths, you will be given a sticker for each $10 spent. These stickers can either be placed on the sticker card which was sent out last Friday to each family or can be sent to school and placed in the collection box in the front office. The program runs from 9th May until the 1st of July, if you are regular shoppers at Woolworths and happen to fill up your card, more will be available from the school office.

**TRIPLE P—POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM**

Brisbane Family Psychology is a not-for-profit organisation which works with healthcare providers and the community to provide innovative health support solutions. We're running a Triple P: Positive Parenting Program group at our Salisbury clinic, over two Saturdays in May and June. We are facilitating this group at a reduced cost, in order to ensure as many parents as possible have access. Our next group is being held on **Saturday 19 May and Saturday 2 June**, from 9:15am to 3:00pm each day. Down load the registration form here. http://www.brisbanefamilypsychology.com.au.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Frog** is back! Starting this coming 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. 

Our next **Youth Mass** will be at 6pm Sunday 6th May. Practice at 4pm. If you’d like to get involved, please let me know, or just turn up! **Band** practice continues every Tuesday afternoon at 4 in the Church. God bless! 

*Cathy 0400 494 943, 0406 421 611 youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

St Patrick’s Conference will be holding their annual Fundraising Dinner on **Friday, 15th June** at the Beenleigh RSL Club. Tickets $27.00.

Come along and have a fun night. Dinner and Raffle Tickets will be on sale at the Piety Store from May 5th/6th or contact: Fay O’Toole 3299 7736 Veronica Ghidella 5546 2243 Marianna Murphy 0410 175 714
The timetable for the Mother’s Day Stall has now been finalized. Gifts range in price from .50c to $10. Students will purchase from the stall in classes as nominated below:

Thursday 10 May — All Prep, 3F, all Year 4, 5/6D, all Year 6, all Year 7.
Friday 11 May — all Year 1, all Year 2, 3C, 5/6L.

A second round of buying will be available on the Friday afternoon. Any parents who would like to purchase items can do so on Friday from 12.30pm. Please ensure your student has their money and a bag to carry Mummy’s beautiful gift home in on their nominated day.

Just a reminder that donations of items are still 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: ____________________________

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

PYJAMA FOUNDATION – FOSTER CHILDREN
Did you know there are over 36,000 children nationally in foster care?
The Pyjama Foundation is seeking fun, reliable and passionate people to devote just an hour a week to a child in care. Our volunteer Pyjama Angels go into foster homes for an hour a week to provide one on one special attention by reading, playing educational games and helping to improve the child’s self esteem. We are in need of volunteers in your area. Please see www.thepyjamafoundation.com or phone 3262 5569 for more information. The next Logan training will be held 3rd of June so contact us ASAP.