08.02.2012

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see the sun shining through during the past few days! The children and teachers are certainly enjoying being able to get out into the playground. You will have noticed that we have some new turf laid and we hope it survives the hundreds of little feet!

Tomorrow morning we will have our Opening Mass for the 2012 school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for staff, children, parents and parishioners to come together and celebrate as a community and, as always, you are most welcome to come along if you can. This year, the children will take a up all seats in the central part of the church and we are asking that you sit in the side sections, please – starting at the back. Thank you.

PARENT INTERVIEWS
You have probably received your notes regarding your appointments to meet with class teachers. Thanks to those who responded so promptly. Can I remind you please, when filling in these forms, to give three preferences – not just one. Obviously, twenty-seven or twenty-eight people cannot have a 3.15 appointment. As when we ring our doctors, dentists, accountants etc, appointment times sometimes need to be negotiated and we do not always get the time that is most convenient for us. I also remind you that this meeting is not a reporting interview – it is a chance to meet and discuss classroom routines and expectations and generally talk about how the year has started.

WELCOME DANCE
Last night we had an informal P&F meeting to finalise arrangements for the Welcome Dance. For those new to our school, this is a wonderful, relaxed night - with a jumping castle, a bar-b-q, snow cones and lots more for both parents and children. The night starts at 6.00p.m. and finishes at about 8.00p.m. The big night is on Friday 24 February.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow at Mass or next week at interview time.

God Bless,

Maryanne Riley  PRINCIPAL
**DID YOU KNOW??**
If your child requires any medication during school hours, including ventolin, a new Medication Request Form needs to be completed at the beginning of each year to allow us to administer this. Thank you to the parents who have already completed one for this year.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN FOCUS:**
**FROM THE APRE**
Our mass this Thursday will begin at 9am, in St Joseph’s Church. Due to our increasing numbers, we will be setting out some labels and reserving seating for all the classes. Parents and Parishioners are invited to sit in either transept. All of our students from Yrs 1 to 7 fill the main body of the church, so parents when you arrive, please find a space in either the north or south transept. There will be a chance for parents of Yr 7 students to have photos taken with badges etc after the mass proper has concluded. If our practice yesterday was anything to go by, it promises to be a very spirit-filled and vocal celebration, as the singing during our practice in the Church was as good as I’ve ever heard St Joseph’s students sound.

After we have celebrated mass on Thursday, we will start to think about and begin preparing for the upcoming Lenten season. Over the next fortnight, we will be introduced to Project Compassion (the annual Caritas initiative which runs throughout the Lenten season) and also begin our preparations for our joint Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Christ the King. *Just a reminder – Mass this Thursday starts at 9am, but the Ash Wednesday Liturgy will start at 9:30am to allow for CTK to travel down to join us.*

Bryan Malone - APRE

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| Opening Mass  | 09/02  
| Board/P & F Meeting | 21/02  
| Ash Wednesday | 22/02  
| Welcome Dance | 24/02  
| Board/P & F Meeting | 20/03  
| Last day of Term 1 | 30/03  
| Easter Sunday | 08/04  
| School resumes for Term 2 | 16/04  

**Brigidine College, Indooroopilly** is an independent Catholic girls’ secondary school. The College is currently accepting enrolment applications for Years 7 and 8 2015 and beyond. Parents with daughters in Year 2 and upwards are encouraged to lodge applications now to avoid disappointment. Waitlists are currently operating for Year 8 2014.

**You are invited to attend our next Visitation Day on Monday 27th or Tuesday 28th February 9.30-10.30am.** Enjoy a student guided tour of the College followed by morning tea with the Principal. **Phone 3870 7225** to secure a booking or obtain an enrolment pack.
EVENT INVITATION

Presentation topic: How quickly can Australia move away from fossil fuels?

Date/time: 7.00 – 8.30pm, Thu 16 February 2012

Venue: Christ the King Catholic Primary School, 7 Randolph Street, Graceville

Hosts: Join Graceville Community Garden and Christ the King Catholic Primary School

RSVP to: John Fitzwalter of Christ the King school, ph 3379 7532.

Qld Tennis at Tennyson is having a sign on day 12th February 3-5pm for Junior Fixtures. Contact Peta Davis 3374 0516 for further details.

If you would like a desk and chair for your child, please contact the office. We have a number of giveaways available.

The school has 2 tanks (47,000 litre each) for sale. Please contact the office for further details.

Trumpet for sale with case $400 please contact 0419 821 720

UNIFORMS FOR SALE? If anyone has any boys green shirts size 4 & 6 to sell please call Michelle Shearer 0417 641 093.

PARK PLAY: Join us after assembly at George Scarlett Park (cnr Cliveden Ave and Pratten St Corinda) every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Look forward to seeing you Monday. Any queries call Anne Juillerat 3278 2575 or 0412 336 820.

SWU hockey come and try day and sign on will be at Graceville Memorial Oval, Oxley Road, Graceville this Sunday 12th Feb 8.30-10.30am. Open to boys and girls aged 4 to 16 years old.

| Child’s Name: ___________________________ | Year Level: __________________________ |
| Family Name: ___________________________ | Contact Number: ______________________ |

Corinda Graceville Catholic Parish
Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm – St Joseph’s Corinda
Sunday 8am – St Joseph’s Corinda
Sunday 9.30am – Christ the King Graceville
Sunday 6pm – Christ the King Graceville