15.02.2012

Dear Parents,

Last Thursday morning we celebrated the beginning of the school year with Mass in St Joseph’s Church. It was a wonderful way to come together as a Catholic school and parish community. The children participated wholeheartedly in singing and responding and they were a credit to us all. As part of this occasion, our Year 7 children were commissioned as leaders of the school for 2012. We all look forward to working with them throughout the year. Thanks to those parents and families who were able to join us. It was great to see so many of you there.

I hope to see you again next Wednesday at our Ash Wednesday celebrations. Please note:

The venue is the Hall.

Starting time is 9.30

As we do each year, we will welcome all the children and staff from Christ the King along with many of our parents and parishioners.

It has been pleasing to see so many of you here this week for meetings with teachers. These meetings help in communicating expectations and procedures and also in building relationships which are beneficial for children. If you have not yet made a time for your meeting, please do so as soon as you can.

God Bless,
Maryanne Riley  PRINCIPAL

For Your Information:  If you pay your fees in the last few days of a month or the first few days of a month please be aware that it may not be receipted on the next fee invoice.

PREP 2013: If you have a child that is starting Prep next year, we require the applications to be lodged before Easter. We are in the process of organising interviews for new families, therefore we need to know the sibling numbers before this begins. This is any child born between 1st July 2007 and 30 June 2008.
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FROM THE APRE
I would firstly like to thank every member of our community who attended last Thursday’s mass. All who attended would agree that our students are to be commended for the way they celebrated and participated in the mass. I think the singing and responses were the best I’ve heard in my time here at St Joseph’s. From their commissioning, our Year 7’s have accepted their leadership roles and are forging ahead with their many planned activities throughout the school. These leadership roles are a great way for our older students to grow in confidence and personal responsibility, as they show leadership by serving our community. In this way they are modelling a concept we call ‘Servant Leadership’, in that they are following Christ’s example by showing leadership through serving others and putting the needs of others before their own.

This Friday (17th Feb) there will be no formal prayer assembly, we will be using this time together to practice our hymns and responses for Ash Wednesday. With the start of Lent next Wednesday, the Parish will be running a Lenten Program again. Last year we were invited by the Parish to start a school group for this, but we were unable to progress due to a lack of numbers. If you are interested in starting a school group this year, please let me know – otherwise you are more than welcome to join the Parish Lenten Program by contacting the Parish Office to find out further details, or sign up on the sheets Sr Cate has placed in both Churches.

Just a reminder of the school Absentee Line: 3373 5555. When calling the Absentee Line, you will be asked to leave your child’s name, class and reason for absence. During the morning, these messages will be checked and absences recorded in order to notify teachers of any student absences for their class. The existing office number is still the main number to use for general enquiries, but please use the absentee line to report student absence & illness.

Bryan Malone - APRE

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TUCKSHOP

Wednesday 22/2: Tanya Oghanna, Angela Sheehy, Bridget Cunningham. Cake Roster: Helen Lamberth; Deb Robinson

Friday 24/2: Kat Gardner; Julie Proud; Clare Duffield. Cake Roster: Pam Mansfield; Jodi Kubler.

Thankyou to all those parents/carers who have volunteered for Tuckshop and Cake Roster, it is appreciated greatly. Also a big thanks to those helpers the last two weeks who have helped whilst we organised the Roster. The roster should be sent home this week.

Goodluck to Emelia Conaghan who will be competing at the WTB District swimming at St Peters tomorrow!
From the 1st of March 2012, Bunnings Oxley will be holding Weekday Workshops aimed at stay-at-home parents. The Workshops will be held at 11am each Thursday and will run for approximately ½ an hour. A supervised children’s craft table and tea and coffee making facilities will be provided. Topics include how to build a sand pit, basic DIY jobs and maintaining your swimming pool. All Workshops are absolutely FREE. To book, or for more information, go to www.bunnings.com.au/oxley or call the store on 3716 9000.

Bunnings Oxley holds free children’s workshops every Saturday and Sunday 10.00am – 10.30am, and every Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am – 10.00am. To book, or for more information, go to www.bunnings.com.au/oxley or call the store on 37169000.

Presented by Dr Sarah Lantz (PhD)
Lecturer, researcher, author and mother - Dr Lantz has spoken and written widely on the issue of chemicals, kids and environmental health.

With a background in public and mental health, Dr Lantz specialises in the area of child/youth health and wellbeing. Her book Chemical Free kids: Raising healthy children in a toxic world will be available for purchase on the night. www.chemicalfreeparenting.com

Event details
Thursday 8th March 2012, 6pm for a 6.30pm start - until 8.00pm
140 Ann Street (across from King George Square, next to Sage Cafe)
Cost $16 **All proceeds will be donated to The Pyjama Foundation**
http://www.theypyjamafoundation.com/
Call Shannon Gordon 0404 637 446 at Carpe Diem Events

A group of men and women meet each week to read, reflect and discuss the coming Sunday’s Gospel. As this is a great preparation for the Sunday Liturgy we would like to invite people to join us. The group meets in the Parish Centre at Graceville from 9 – 10 am on Wednesdays. We will be following the Archdiocesan Lenten Program starting Wednesday the 22nd February. If you are interested or would like some more information please ring Trish Barns 3878 2414.

Sherwood AFC NAB AFL Auskick Centre Ages 5 – 12 Sign on & 1st Session: Sunday 26th February Time: 9.00am – 10.00am (every Sunday for 8 weeks) Venue: Sherwood JAFC Oval Address: 41 Chelmer Street East, Chelmer For more information contact: Samuel Joppich office on 0416 271 416

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

St Agnes School, Mt Gravatt is celebrating its 50 year Anniversary in 2012. Every past student, parent and staff member is invited to St Agnes to join in the celebrations! Our website www.stagnes.qld.edu.au will list of events. These include:

• Jubilee Gathering – Sunday 4 March following 9 a.m. Mass – food, displays, tours
• Milne Bay Soiree – Friday 20 April, St Agnes Hall 7 p.m. – displays, entertainment
• Golden Jubilee Fete – Sunday 20 May – great fun
• Mass for St Mary of the Cross Mackillop – Wednesday 8 August – great spirit!

Please share any photos, memorabilia, interesting or amusing memories of your time at St Agnes by emailing Nicole at ngh70@optusnet.com.au. We look forward to you meeting old and new friends at St Agnes throughout 2012!