Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our P&F and supporters for a wonderful Welcome Dance on Friday night. The weather was in our favour and the crowd certainly appeared to have a good time. I hope that everyone had an opportunity to catch up with family, friends and other parents and strengthen the community spirit that is already such a part of this school. My thanks to the Year 7 teachers and children for giving their time to setting up, preparation, and serving on the evening. Thanks also to the staff who worked tirelessly on the bar-b-q.

At our P&F meeting last night we spent a considerable amount of time trying to find a suitable date for the Trivia Night. As you know, the original date set was for this Saturday night. This then became the date set for the State election. As the Hall is used for voting we would be unable to gain entry to set up for an evening function. The P&F then set another date and……..Brisbane City Council announced their election on that day! Therefore………the next date for the Trivia night is 27 October. This will serve as our Term 4 social event.

Some of our families, teachers and children came along to Saturday night’s Mass to take on a few special roles to help celebrate the feast of St Joseph. I would like to thank the families who were able to commit to this and congratulate the children on their beautiful singing. I would also like to than Mr Malone and Mr Seow for giving their time during the week for practices and also for playing at Mass. Thanks also to the staff who attended to support this parish initiative. It is anticipated that the families of our children will be invited to take some special roles in about four weekend Masses throughout the year.

Mrs Taylor is currently inviting parents of children in Prep and Year 1 to come in and observe a music lesson. The first two groups of parents came in yesterday and the feedback has been extremely positive. Two more classes will be held tomorrow, and the last one (Prep Blue) will be next Tuesday. Thanks to Lucy for this – it helps parents see their children in a normal lesson situation and see how skills have already developed and will continue to develop in the future.

Tomorrow, our Year 5 classes will be going to the Samford Historical Village where they will see and experience many aspects of colonial Australia in the 1800s. This forms part of the Year 5 History Curriculum where children learn about what life was like for different groups of people in the colonial period. Both children and teachers are looking forward to this excursion and I’m sure they will return with much to share.

Please make a note that next Friday 30 March we will be having Stations of the Cross at 9.00a.m. on the oval. You are all most welcome to join us, as are our parishioners.

God Bless,

Maryanne Riley  PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU: The St Joseph’s P&F would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Welcome Dance such a success. The staff did a wonderful job of manning the BBQ. We really appreciate your help at a time of the week when we know you’d like to be enjoying more relaxing pursuits! To those parents who volunteered with the set up, clean up and stalls, we would like to acknowledge your support. All that help went a long way towards making the night very enjoyable for both parents and children.
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A big thank you to those families who represented our school at mass on Saturday night. We have received a number of comments from parishioners who were impressed by the conduct of our students and the quality of their singing during the reflection after communion. The next Saturday mass where we will have school representation is towards the end of term 2 on the 16th of June, allowing for the parish sacramental program to wrap up.

There will be no prayer assembly this Friday due to the fact that St Joseph’s feast day and our prayer assembly for St Joseph occurred on Monday. The school hall will also be a polling station this weekend, and there may be some deliveries and cardboard polling booths etc sitting in the back of the hall. On the last day of school next Friday we will be conducting our school Way of the Cross. The timing is a little ‘out’ this year considering what we are used to, as Easter falls in the middle of the holidays and we are breaking up before Palm Sunday. So while we will not have a prayer assembly next on Friday, we will conduct our Stations of the Cross instead.

Project Compassion, Week 4, brings you the story of Bae Lisa.

Bae Lisa lives in Mindanao in the Philippines. She works with MPC, a group supported by Caritas Australia to help build peace in this troubled area. She explains: “In times of crisis I comfort women and children traumatised by conflict, who fear for their lives. I deliver food to displaced people and mediate between government officials and traditional leaders.”

Your Project Compassion donation is supporting MPC in its heroic work protecting and speaking out for peoples of different faiths, backgrounds and viewpoints.

Bryan Malone - APRE

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TUCKSHOP

Wednesday 28/03: Siby Thomas; Jenny Crowhurst; Nicola Hewlett-Smith Cake Roster: Kathleen Burgess; Kerrie Lovisa

Friday 30/03: Jacqui Liddelow; Kellie Oghanna; Susan Burge Cake Roster: Beata Montiel; Claire Duffield

Uniform shop will be closed from Friday 23rd March until after the holidays, as Mrs Hammond is having an operation on her shoulder.

SOCCER: Any boy born in 2000 or 2001 who currently plays soccer for a team and is interested in trialling for the West Taylor Bridge District team, please come and see Miss Cashman in her classroom by Thursday 22nd March. Trials will be held on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th April at Indooroopilly.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Tash Le Bas who has been selected for the West Taylor Bridge Girls Basketball team for 2012. Well Done Tash!

Name the Fete Competition: Don’t forget entries close Friday 30 March so get your entries in fast. A prize will be awarded to the winning idea/drawing.

2012 Fete: We are still looking for a Convenor for Face Painting. As this is a very popular stall with the children we don’t want them to be disappointed so please volunteer if you can. Why not share the Stall with a friend? Also, we are still looking for Co-Convenors for Side Show Alley and Second Hand Clothes. Please contact pfstjoseph@gmail.com or Julie Wright-Smith on 0402 144 391. Don’t forget Angelo is still collecting bottles for his Jams and Pickles!
Youngcare Great Wall of China Trek 2012
One of our adventurous parents, Deb Wessling (Allana-Year2) has signed up to complete a 5 day trek of the Great Wall of China to raise funds for Youngcare. Please show your support by sponsoring Deb at www.youngcaresupporters.com.au/deborah_wessling. Donations $2 and over are tax-deductible and all funds raised go directly to Youngcare. Deb is also seeking corporate sponsors and/or businesses who are able to donate goods for raffles etc. Please contact her on 0439 798 251 if you can help. Thanks

OXFAM TRAILWALKERS: St Joseph’s Mums Gillian Adams (Toby Mohr, 3 Blue) and Nicola Hewlett-Smith (Harry, Prep Gold) are taking the ultimate challenge. To raise money for Oxfam Australia they will test themselves to the limit, walking 100km from Mt Glorious to Mt Coot-tha in a team of 4 within 35 hours. Held from June 15-17, and rumoured to be the most difficult Oxfam trail in Australia, the girls are already training hard and would love the St Joseph’s School community to get behind them. For every dollar raised, 73c goes directly towards supporting development, advocacy and humanitarian programs around the world, with the remainder being invested to generate future income as well as covering administration costs. If you would like to encourage these Mums with your donations please contact Gillian on 0410 578 414.

KIAH PARK 7 DAY HORSE CAMPS these Easter holidays 31 March – 7 April or 7 – 14 April DAY TRIPS AVAILABLE. Camps are a great opportunity for your child to develop independence in a safe environment, to learn about and care for their own horse/pony, to make friends and have heaps of fun. Please contact us for more information, Nick and Tilana Qually. Contact us: (07) 5486 6166 Email: info@kiahpark.com.au Web: www.kiahpark.com.au

St Joseph’s Tennis Coaching: Term 2 coaching will commence from Monday 16th April. Enrolments close on Thursday 29th March. Spare enrolment forms are available from the School office. To assist us in organizing the School Coaching Program could you please submit the forms by the closing date. Contact Jim Joyce on 0417 771 022 for further enquires.

Easter Holiday Coaching Clinic will be held on Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th April, 8.30am to 11.30am. Cost is $90. Ages 5 to 17. Held at West Brisbane Tennis Centre, 227 Archerfield Rd, Richlands. To enquire or enrol please call 0417 771 022.

4BC & Channel 7 Breakfast
Sherwood Magpies AFC would like to invite the local community along on Wednesday the 28th March between 6am and 9am for a breakfast hosted by Channel 7 & 4BC at our club (main oval). This is a family morning with activities for the kids, Brisbane and Gold Coast Suns players available for autographs, and a sausage sizzle and coffee provided.

Activities for kids provided by AFLQ: inflatables from AFL playground, specky machine, handball cages and speed tunnel, a listening post provided by 4BC and Channel 7 will be taking footage to air on TV promoting AFL in QLD.

This is an exciting event for the entire local community; come along and enjoy this free event.

Parents, are you concerned about anxiety problems for your child or yourself? At the Griffith University Learning for Life Project, we are conducting a large-scale study that includes a thorough anxiety assessment and treatment service for children and/or parents. In one part of the study, we are providing this service to children between 5 and 12 years of age who themselves are anxious. In another part of the study, we are providing the service to parents who are anxious and have a child between 5 and 12 years of age. These services are provided at no cost to families. To find out more about “Learning for Life”, please contact the “Learning for Life” Team on 07-3735 3349.

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.

Enquiries: Kathy 3882 0292 Lyn 3480 5337 Terry 3395 1150 Peter 3209 2180 Lorraine 5441 7326 Barbara 33240997
Look us up on the web. www.brisbanebe.org.au

UQ SPORT are holding athletics development clinics on 2-4 April or 10-12 April. Cost is $111 for 3 days. Enrol online www.activetribes.com.au/athletics-holiday-program or call Daphne 3365 6013.

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