Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week here at school! Last Friday we were able to run our Interhouse Cross Country for our Year 4 – 7 children. They ran a slightly different course to that covered in previous years and some found it a little more challenging. However, having the hill factor gives valuable practice for district events! The district team competes tomorrow at Toowong. Our younger classes will have their events this Friday at Nosworthy Park.

Details: We will leave after Prayer Assembly. Running order: Year 3 Girls, Year 3 Boys, Year 1 Girls, Year 1 Boys, Prep Girls, Prep Boys, Year 2 Girls, Year 2 Boys.

Distance: Year 3 – 1km Year 2 – 800m Prep and Year 1 – 400m

Children are to take a water bottle and hat. NO FOOD IS TO BE TAKEN TO THE PARK AS WE WILL BE BACK FOR NORMAL LUNCH TIME.

Children may wear shirts in house colours, and spray hair in house colours (no spray cans at school please). In the afternoon, the whole school will have a cheering competition.

*Please note that if it rains again this Friday, the event will not be rescheduled. Individual year levels will run the event during school time at a time which suits their class timetables.*

Yesterday our Year 6/7’s visited the Mummy Exhibition at the Qld Museum. The train trip and the exhibition went well and was worth the effort. Thanks to the eight adults who escorted the 80 students. Next week they begin an assignment on Ancient Egypt.

Our Prep children also went out yesterday on their walk around the neighbourhood as part of their study of the community. The staff at Coles were wonderful and let the children see the butchers’ section and the bakery. They also saw the freezer rooms and were able to feel how cold it was. Coles kindly gave the children a little treat bag to take home. They then went over to the Post Office where each child bought a stamp so that they could post a letter home! Thanks to staff at the Post Office for their incredible patience in having 81 children each buy one stamp!

Prep enrolment interviews have started today. We have an extremely large number of applicants, so we are facing some difficult staffing decisions. For this reason we ask that you please let us know if your child/children will not be returning next year. Thank you.

We wish our Cross Country squad all the very best for the West Taylor Bridge event tomorrow.

God Bless,

Maryanne Riley PRINCIPAL

GOOD LUCK to all of our District Cross Country Team for tomorrow – Paris Teevan, Lotte Lockebeer, Ella Klewin, Henry Loth, Declan Arnold, Declan Cahill, Jasmine Annand, Abigail Teshale, Lizzie Foreman, Zac Gumm, Matet Ayoum, Brinlee Lock, Kasey Usuga, Jess O’Reilly, Fraser Roy, Liam Aldridge, James Crowhurst, Juliette Jamieson, Ashleigh Abel, Jarrod Prain. GOOOOO TEAM!!!!! Thank you also to Miss Cashman and her band of helpers for training our cross country team.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN FOCUS: FROM THE APRE

A big thank you and congratulations to our Year 2 and Year 7 students who led the school in our ANZAC liturgy last Thursday. The way in which they prepared and presented the liturgy allowed for a very respectful and commemorative liturgy. After a few years of holding our liturgy outside, our becoming very familiar with how St Joseph’s remembers ANZAC importance of the occasion – having 450+ students standing reverence is a great reflection on our teachers and the way they students about this significant day in Australian and New Zealand always welcome the presence of Mr Peter Pattison, as it is fitting of our community with a long connection with St Joseph’s can students on behalf of the Sherwood-Indooroopilly RSL. All of towards our students not just remembering the occasion, but importantly understanding the significance of the day as well.

Our students who have been working with the Parish Sacramental Team are getting ready to begin receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. I think they only have one or two final things to do before Confirmation on the 18th of May. Both our parish schools will have representation at the 5pm and 7pm times for Confirmation. We also aim to have as much representation as possible over the following weeks when these student then receive the Eucharist for the first time.

While the school does not run the Sacramental program or prepare the children as such, we certainly support them as they grow in faith and receive further sacraments within our Corinda-Graceville community. With Sr Cate leaving our Parish, our new Sacramental Coordinator, Vanessa Sullivan, is looking to make contact with parents from the St Joseph’s community. Vanessa is a parent at Christ the King, and has taken on this volunteer role within the Parish. If you are involved in this year’s sacramental program and would like to touch base with Vanessa, please email her at sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Bryan Malone - APRE

AUTHOR VISIT

Last Thursday, we had a visit from the author and illustrator Clare McFadden. Her book ‘The Flying Orchestra’ has been chosen for the Criterion Awards for a story about Brisbane. It will be dramatised at the ‘Out Of The Box’ festival which our students will attend, thanks to the generosity of the P&F.

The students were enchanted by Clare and her way of engaging and involving them in the story telling and illustration. She shared her way of drawing and showed photos she had taken of her brothers and sister running with their musical instruments so she could capture the way to draw them believably for her book.

Clare left us with a drawing she did for us on a big coloured canvas, and with lots of stories about the inspiration for the illustrations in the book. We recognised many of the places she drew. If an orchestra was playing while she was visiting us we think it would have been ‘Clare de Lune’ by Claude Debussy for flute and piano.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:

Wednesday 09/05: Alana Coomber; Jeanette Kennelly; Nicole Brennan. Cake Roster: Kathleen Burgess; Kerrie Lovisa.

Friday 11/05: Chris Mewett; Anne Harley; Anne-Louise Wells. Cake Roster: Beata Montiel; Claire Duffield

St Joseph’s Primary School Class of 1980 reunion, Saturday 19th May. Contact Sharon Pareezer-Jones for details.

Musical Notes - Reminder for 9th May Junior Band at 8.05am in the hall for 2012 Beginners. Senior Band at 7.05am in the hall.
DATE CLAIMERS

Cross Country (P – 3) 04/05
Fete Meeting 10/05
Mothers Day Stall 11/05
NAPLAN 15,16,17/05
End of Term 2 22/06
Fete 22/07

Brigidine College, Indooroopilly – invites you to attend our next Visitation Day on Monday 21st or Tuesday 22nd May 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.

Contours Fitness Corinda – Mums train FREE for the month of May. Please contact 1800 266 868 for further details.

U8 Rugby (Blue) at Taylor Bridge. Our team desperately needs another 1-2 players as we’re playing shorthanded pretty much every game. We will be exempting the new player from club fees. It’s a great age to watch the kids have fun, and parents get to connect closer to the community. Please contact Richard Luke 0432890344.

Our Lady’s College Visitors’ Days 2012 11 May and 24 August 9:00am – 11:30am Program includes outline of Religious Education program, Curriculum and Pastoral care.

2nd Hand Fitness and Dance (FAD) Uniform to give away – 2 Pompoms; girls sz 12 pants; sz 10 hoodie; sz 12 racer back top. Please call 3217 0221.

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CHILDREN NOT RETURNING NEXT YEAR

Please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible (even if you have already advised the school that you are leaving)

My child __________________________________________ in Year ________ Blue/Green/Gold WILL NOT be attending St Joseph’s in 2013. ______________________________________ Signed Parent/Guardian