Dear Parents,
I hope you all enjoyed your long weekend – the weather was certainly kind to us.

CROSS COUNTRY
Last Friday, our younger children from Prep to Year 3 were able to complete their Inter-house Cross Country competition. It was a wonderful morning and all those little legs worked very hard and did very well. Then in the afternoon, our Year 7 leaders led their houses in a war cry competition for which points were awarded. Once again, the Year 7 children proved to be enthusiastic and creative. The cheering was amazing. The final results of the Cross Country are:

1st – Gold team
2nd – Green team
3rd – Red team
4th – Blue team

Congratulations to Gold – and indeed to all the children. Special thanks to Miss Cashman and the staff for all their hard work in training children and organising the events.

ENROLMENTS
Once again, I ask that you please let us know if you are even thinking that your child/children might not be returning next year. We have had instances of children telling us they will not be back, but we have had no information from parents. We have enormous demands on enrolments, and need an accurate picture from our current students. In speaking of enrolments, you should be very proud of your children – as we interview we often ask prospective parents why they have chosen our school. The answer often includes the way our children are seen in the community – that is, people say that the children seem polite, well behaved and happy to be part of the school.

NAPLAN
Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (15th, 16th and 17th) NAPLAN testing will take place for Years 3, 5 and 7 children. Teachers have been giving classes many opportunities practise for these tests and to become familiar with the type of questions and tasks they will face on the days. Please remember that these tests add ‘point in time data’ to the big picture of student achievement. That is, it is part of the picture, but certainly not the complete picture. We make every effort to communicate to children that this is important, but not something to add stress to their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS
As you may have heard, Mrs Stevenson has had a son! We welcome Henry William and hope that Sarah and Glenn enjoy the beautiful addition to their family. We expect that we will see Henry as soon as they are in routine.

God Bless,
Maryanne Riley  PRINCIPAL
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN FOCUS:**

**FROM THE APRE**

Within the Church’s season of Easter, we have the month of May that traditionally is dedicated to Mary. This month is one where we recognise the important role of Mary in the life Jesus and her special place within the Church. As Cardinal John Wright stated:

> “The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.”

It is therefore important that we take the time to recognise our own mothers during this month, and how through their actions, the Holy Spirit has been part of our lives – even when we didn’t think it was…

This week at St Joseph’s we will see our Yr 1’s lead us in Prayer on Friday morning, and then we will also have our Mother’s day stall afterwards. Members of the P&F have been working tirelessly to prepare for this wonderful stall – it is always interesting to see what some children buy for Mum without their Dad’s guidance! Thanks to all our parents & P&F members who purchased & wrapped presents over the last few months and to those who will run the stall on Friday. Your efforts contribute to the great community feel that is alive at St Joseph’s and that so many families have commented on during prep interviews over the last 2 weeks.

Loving God,

We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
whose patience seems to have no end.
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love,
or time, or patience.
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.
Amen.

Bryan Malone - APRE

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER:**

**Wednesday 16/05:** Maria Davie; Jody O’Sullivan; Cath Dengate. **Cake Roster:** Jenny Crowhurst; Tanya Oghanna.

**Friday 18/05:** Georgina Horky; Di Frazer; Jan Robinson. **Cake Roster:** Louise Arnold; Meaghan Kibsgaard

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**FETE MEETING:** THURSDAY 10 MAY 2012 7PM PREP BLUE

FETE: We are still looking for a Convenor or two to look after Biscuits, Slices and Muffins. If we cannot find a convenor it will be sad not to have these at the fete this year. Angelo is still looking for helpers to prepare the fruit and vegetables, and to cook and bottle. Please contact Angelo on 0418 197 426. Don’t forget to drop off your Twinnings tea for the Tea Shoppe. Hope to see you at the meeting.
Please note that raffle tickets at the Mother’s Day Stall are still only $1 each.

If you have any Donations for the fete, such as clothes or trash and treasure, could you please take it to the hall verandah and it will be put away from there.

Note from Sacramental Coordinator -Corinda Graceville Catholic Parish:
By this weekend's masses, the children in the current sacramental program would have had their retreat experience. The children are now ready for celebrating the sacrament of confirmation this Friday 18th May. The Bishop will be presiding over two back to back ceremonies in this one evening. First Eucharist will the commence as part of our weekend masses - spread over the next 4 weeks. The retreats - 3 retreats over a 2 day period - are not possible without the team from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, as well as a great number of volunteers from our schools and our parish community. Thank you to those mums at CTK and SJ that have helped with supervising and setting up the retreat, Emma Ulman, Jo Ball, Leah Fitzgerald, Viv Williams, Julie Duval to name just a few.

Thanks to Sondra Roberts, who rapidly organised a team of mums to help prepare materials for the retreat (I have never seen anyone move that quickly before!). Thanks to the wonderful parishioners at Corinda Graceville for giving up their time to deliver the retreat to the children in the sacramental program. For Leonie Davis, for June O'Callaghan, Erin Hudson, Leonie Gould, and Catherine McDowall, Trish Blumke and Karen Dunning for supervising - these are just some of the people who have been helping out over the course of the weekend. Many of them have asked their friends in turn to assist - and so the helping hands flow on. We are grateful to all of them - because without their help and giving of their time, the sacramental program cannot run. There are still helpers needed for the confirmation ceremonies on 18th May. If we all do 1 or 2 things during the program - it helps share both the load and the joy!

I ask for your continued prayers and support as we share this important sacramental journey with the children in our parish and schools.

Vanessa Sullivan

RUGBY UNION TRIALS: Any student born in 2000 or 2001 who has experience playing competitive rugby union at a club level and would like to trial for the West Taylor Bridge Rugby Union Team, please see Miss Cashman by this Thursday, 10th May. Trials will be held after school on Wednesday 16th May at Indooroopilly.

GIRLS & BOYS TOUCH: Any student born in 2000 or 2001 who currently plays touch football 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 this Thursday, 10th May. Trials will be held on Tuesday May 15th at Graceville JRL Club.

WTB TENNIS: Any student born in 2000, 2001 or 2002 who is of a very high standard in tennis and is interested in trialling for the West Taylor Bridge District Tennis Team, please come and see Miss Cashman in her classroom by this Thursday, 10th May. Trials will be held at 8.30am on Monday 21st May at the West Brisbane Tennis Centre. There is a cost of $15 for this day which is payable on the day.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS: Last Thursday, 19 of our students competed in the District Cross Country at Anzac Park, Toowong. These students are to be congratulated for the wonderful way in which they represented our school as well as the effort they put into their training. Well Done Team!

A BIG congratulations goes to Jasmine Annand who came 6th in her event. Jasmine will now represent our school in the Regional Cross Country Carnival at the end of this month. We wish her all the best for this!

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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