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Dear Parents,

At this stage of the year, teachers are busy with reports and preparing for parent/teacher interviews. By now, you should have received your forms for you to indicate some preferred times for your meeting. We do our very best to accommodate requests, but I’m sure you appreciate that all interviews cannot be held at 3.15! If you have difficulties in coming along at the nominated times, please contact us and we will be happy to arrange another time. I remind you that this semester’s reporting process has two components – a written report and an interview. The written reports are given to you at interview time.

Mr Malone has written a detailed curriculum and reporting update in this newsletter. We hope this helps you when you receive reports.

Over the past few weeks, some classes have had a ‘surprise’ uniform inspection after Assembly. Overall, they have presented beautifully and you are to be congratulated for that. It is great to see children wearing the school uniform correctly and it is even more important if they go out on an excursion. The way they wear the uniform reflects pride in their school, their families and themselves.

As the term draws to a close, we will be endeavouring to finalise enrolments for 2013. On Thursday, we meet with the Leadership Team from Christ the King to have a look at the applications which have been lodged at both schools. As always, our overall aim is to try to ensure that Catholic children from the Parish receive an offer of placement from one of the Parish schools. As I have been saying for some time, this year will be very ‘tight’. Therefore, I ask again that you let us know if you think your child/children might not be returning in 2013.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week as you come in for interviews.

God Bless,

Maryanne Riley  PRINCIPAL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN FOCUS:
FROM THE APRE - Curriculum & Reporting Update

As we head into our next period of reporting to parents, I thought I’d just provide you with some more information regarding our processes and also some ‘bigger picture’ comments.

Our mid-year reporting involves two important elements.

1. The written report card - which provides a written summary of your child’s achievement against curriculum standards, as well as feedback on their work habits and social skills.

2. The parent-teacher interview - which provides an opportunity to discuss the written report with your child’s teacher and to put their achievements into perspective regarding the learning context, teacher observations and their performance during assessment tasks.

“5 point scale”

The phrase “5 point scale” is the term used to describe the way in which all schools are required to report to parents. This is required for yrs 1-7 (but not legislated for prep – see below). It is up to each educational system (and sometimes individual schools) to decide how to present this information. It may be presented as an A, B, C, D & E scale, or in the case of St Joseph’s:
Well Above the Expected Standard
Above the Expected Standard
At the Expected Standard
Below the Expected Standard
Well Below the Expected Standard

If you think about your own primary schooling and what a lot of us grew up with, it is not a simple case of an A = 85% or above. The phrases that we currently use to report for yrs 1-7 are to be interpreted exactly as written. If your child is “At the Expected Standard”, it means that in the context of the curriculum presented to them at this point in the year, they have demonstrated that they are at the standard that we would expect them to be at.

“5 point scale” & Prep reporting
If you’ve had an eye on some of the Queensland Media lately, you may have noticed a few ‘sensationalist’ style articles regarding school reporting, in particular the prep year. Just to clear things up:

• Currently, there is no legislation mandating that all schools report in a 5-point scale for prep. We will continue to use our Early Learning Phases to report to parents, as these are still the most accurate way that we have to report against our early learning framework.

• As you talk to friends and relatives, you may find that some other schools within Brisbane Catholic Education have elected to report to parents in a different format, which is entirely their choice and each of these schools have different motivations for doing so. There are also a few schools where a formal written report card for Prep is not issued.

• In a nutshell, our preps will continue to report in the Early Learning Phases of; Becoming Aware, Exploring, Making Connections and Applying. Just because our reports may look different to a state school or another BCE school, don’t worry – your children are not ‘missing out’ or being disadvantaged in any way (regardless of what media buzz there is surrounding prep).

Australian Curriculum: Brisbane Catholic Education & Education Qld
All Brisbane Catholic Education Schools have an implementation schedule for the first release of the new Australian Curriculum. This may appear different to Ed Qld schools, and there will even be differences among BCE schools, but rest assured – we are all going to be at the same point in the end. For example, in our phased implementation of the Australian Curriculum, we are beginning to use some aspects of the History curriculum this year, but it will not appear on our reports as a reportable subject until next year. Given the gradual release of new subject content from ACARA, the whole process of implementing the Australian Curriculum will take at least another 4 to 5 years. So when you are comparing your child’s report card to your neighbour’s child who attends a state school, I would expect that you will notice a number of differences. This is OK – your children are not “missing out” – we just have a different schedule to report on new content… Don’t believe the media hype about deadlines or rushed implementation of the Australian Curriculum – we have a process and we are working through it.

Bryan Malone - APRE

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:

Wednesday 13/06: Tanya Oghanna; Angela Sheehy; Bridget Cunningham Cake Roster: Emily Homeming; Andrea Timms
Friday 15/06: Jacqui Liddelow; Kellie Oghanna; Susan Burge Cake Roster: Tania Wickman; Wendy Egart
Uniform shop will now also be open on a Tuesday morning from 8-9am.

Come one and all to the St Joseph’s Instrumental Music ‘Solstice - minus one’ Wine & Cheese Concert. Date: Wednesday 13 June 2012. Where: In the hall. Time: 5.15pm for 5.30pm
Performers: All members of the Instrumental music program.

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Fete Update: Are you a budding Masterchef? Do you have an authentic dish you would like to share with us at the fete? Unfortunately our wonderful family that look after our Curry House are unable to run the stall this year. If you would like to take on
this stall or have an idea for another food stall please let us know. Our Asian Food Stall Convenor is willing to help you get started and answer all your questions. If you can help us out please contact Julie Wright-Smith on 0402 144 391 or pfstjoseph@gmail.com. It would be a shame not to have another food stall take its place. Keep those donations coming in for Trash and Treasure and Secondhand Clothes! Don’t forget our next meeting is this Thursday, 7 June at 7pm.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper? Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo’s holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day! If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. It’s a day you won’t forget! Places are limited so call 07 5436 2025 to make a booking.

Ages: 7 - 12 years Price: $85 Includes: Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals
Duration: 5 hours Location: Australia Zoo Dates: 23 June 2012 – 8 July 2012
Further details are available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

"Guitar Lessons in your own Home" Global Music Australia offers expert guitar lessons for all ages. We come to you so you've no need to fight the traffic! Ph Chris on 0407 620 744” Bluecard Holder.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date : 10th – 12th August,2012. Venue : Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD. For bookings/details contact : Terry and Rhonda Boyle tel. 07 3352 3328 or boyletj@powerup.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au

Game On - Sports Holiday Program 25th – 29th June
Olympic Edition
Game On returns these holidays with another exciting program. Game On is a multi-sport program where children learn new skills, sports and games in a fun, active and social environment. This program will have an Olympic theme with many sports and competitions from the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games.
When: 25th – 29th June. Where: Christ the King Primary School (Undercover gym) and Graceville Memorial Park. Years: Prep - Year 7 - All abilities welcome. Cost: $150 for the full week ($100 for each additional sibling); or $40 for daily option.
Times: Activities from 9:00am-3:00pm. For full details and to register online, visit: www.gameonaustralia.com.au
Ph: 0423 315 404 or E: info@gameonaustralia.com.au

7 DAY HORSE CAMPS
23 – 30 June
30 June – 7 July
7 – 14 July
(Camp caters for all riding levels)
DAY TRIPS AVAILABLE
Your child can ride horses twice a day, learn to keep and care for a horse/pony, feed the animals, milk the cow, collect chook eggs & other fun, healthy outdoor activities. A safe environment for your child to develop independence, make friends and have heaps of fun.
Please contact us for more information Nick and Tilana Qually, Web: www.kiahpark.com.au, Email: info@kiahpark.com.au
Ph: (07) 5486 6166

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

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