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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for the semester! It has been a very busy time, as always – but children have grown and developed and enjoyed their learning and their friends. I hope all the adults in our community have had similar experiences. I know the teachers have enjoyed seeing you all during this last week and appreciate your encouraging comments and acknowledgement of the work they do for the children in their care. Thank you!

For the first two weeks of next term, I will be on leave. Mr Malone will be Acting Principal in my absence. I will, however, be here for the fete!

Once again, thanks to everyone who went with the children to “Out of the Box” last week – to the parents who gave up their day, to the teachers for their organisation, to the teachers and School Officers who went on both days – thank you. Special thanks to Mrs Horgan for the overall organisation of the entire event. It was a big job but well worth it. There were plenty of very tired little people on both days – some of whom enjoyed a nice little sleep on the train ride home!

Congratulations to our young musicians in our school. In the last couple of weeks our guitar players had a concert for their families and our instrumental bands also staged a short performance for their families. It is always amazing to see how much these children learn in such a short time – Congratulations, children!

When we return to school next term, we have only two weeks until the fete. Please take time to read the fete notes and help the convenors in any way you can. This is a major fundraiser for the school – and a really enjoyable day for the entire community. Every child in the school benefits from the money raised at the fete. Therefore, it is only fair that every family contributes in some way. We are lucky to have such an enthusiastic group of parents who work hard for the fete – I know you will support them.

I hope you all have a very relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on fete day.

God Bless,

Maryanne Riley  PRINCIPAL
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN FOCUS:
FROM THE APRE

Thank you to all of our families who represented our school at mass last Saturday evening. The students sang (and played – well done, Jess!) very well after communion and are to be congratulated on their efforts. It is great to see their level of commitment, as they had to miss out on part of some playtime due to our practices being held during lunchtimes. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, the next mass that we will be involved with is the 28th of July at the end of week 3 next term. We will start practicing a new song for mass when we return next term. We will somehow fit it all in between Fete preparation and sports days! School is never a dull place…

Buildings & Grounds Update:
• Fencing has gone up around the courtyard area in front of the library. We are extending the concrete slab of the under-cover area a further towards Clewley St. This is to rectify some drainage and erosion issues that have surfaced surrounding an old inspection pit. The area being concreted does not support any grass or turf due to the lack of sunlight and high levels of foot traffic. This work will provide us with a much safer and cleaner area, and will be finished by our return to school.
• The senior playgym is also being replaced these holidays. Given the existing structure’s age and changes to Australian and New Zealand standards regarding play equipment, we have made the decision to replace the old equipment and refresh the area with new equipment. This is the most practical way of providing the safest environment for our students. Maintenance will also be carried out on the early years playgym. All this work is expected to take the full 2 weeks of the holiday break.

Bryan Malone - APRE

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:
Wednesday 11/07: Siby Thomas; Jenny Crowhurst; Nicola Hewlett-Smith Cake Roster: N/A
Friday 13/07: Georgina Horky; Di Frazer; Jan Robinson Cake Roster: Simone Purdy; Michelle Shearer
Uniform shop will now also be open on a Tuesday morning from 8-9am.

DATE CLAIMERS
Fete Meeting 21/06
End of Term 2 22/06
Start of Term 3 09/07
Fete Meeting 12/07
Free Dress/Xmas in July 13/07
Fete Meeting 19/07
Fete 22/07
UQ Sports Day Yrs 4-7 24/07
School Sports Day 27/07
School Camp Yrs 5-7 01/08-03/08

OUT OF THE BOX FUN!!!
Fete Update: News from the Craft Stall: We would like to thank those who have offered their crafty creations so far for our stall. If you haven't responded as yet and would still like to help out with craft donations please contact Jenny Crowhurst on 0431 401 898 or crow2005@bigpond.net.au. Thank you, Jenny Crowhurst. Trash and Treasure: Don't forget to clear out your cupboards and garages over the holidays for our Trash and Treasure. Also if you have any spare Trestle tables Trash and Treasure can borrow please contact Malene on 0435 063 107. If you have a Crepe Maker we can borrow on Fete day please contact Julie Wright-Smith on 0402 144 391 or pfstjoseph@gmail.com. Next Meeting on Thursday at 7pm! All welcome.

If anyone can put a sign at the front of their house for the fete, please contact Tanya Oghanna 0412 639 865. They will be put out 2 weeks before fete day.

Chocolate Drive – the profits are great from the Chocolate Drive, but we still have a few families who have not returned either money or unsold chocolates. These need to back by this Friday for the P & F to finalise the money.

Lost: Gold Bracelet, dropped in either Martindale Street or on the school grounds. Please contact the office if you have found this item.

House for rent at 32 Railway Terrace Corinda, 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Contact Barry 0421 052 029.

2012/13 Sacramental Program: Children who have turned 7 by 1 July 2012 (usually Grade 2 and up) who have been baptised may be enrolled in the 2012/13 sacramental program (for penance, confirmation and first Eucharist). There is a meeting for parents on 17 July 2012, 7:30pm at CTK church. The meeting will outline the program for 2012/13 and the commitment that is expected for you to prepare your child for the celebration of these sacraments. Interested parents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting to understand the program. Enrolment forms will be available via the parish website early July. Enrolments close 20 July 2012.

Coles Sports for Schools vouchers have started. We have a collection box in the office. If they could be brought in cut up it would be appreciated. Last year we collected over 95,000 and received some fantastic sports gear with these. Let's see if we can beat this total! This week is double voucher week.

Sports Holiday Program 25th – 29th June
There are only a few days remaining to enrol your child in Game On Australia’s sports holiday program. This program has an Olympic theme, with 4 Olympians and 2 Paralympians scheduled to conduct different sporting sessions. Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity.

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
Operators: Game On is organised and run by qualified HPE teachers and coaches
Places are limited, so be sure to secure your booking quickly.
For full details and to register online, visit: www.gameonaustralia.com.au
Ph: 0423 315 404 or E: info@gameonaustralia.com.au

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