18.07.2012

Dear Parents,

Our fete preparation is well underway and we are all looking forward to what promises to be a great day. I would ask that if you haven’t already volunteered to help on a stall to please check the sign up sheets as you enter and exit the school and write your name down on any stalls that look a bit ‘bare’. Some stall convenors are still looking for assistance during the day, so please support them in their efforts. The P&F team and the stall convenors put in mountain of work from which all your children will benefit, so please make sure that you do your bit if you are able to. The tireless work and fund raising from these people lead to the P&F being able support us all in a variety of ways throughout the year. For example, most of our bus bookings throughout the year for sport, excursions and camps are subsidized (sometimes completely covered) by the P&F. If the P&F were unable to afford this, the full costs would need to be passed on to families every time and I’m sure that you would notice the increase in transport costs on permission notes and school fees. The fete is the main fundraiser for the year for our school community and all of our students benefit from it in ways that you may not realize, so please support those parents who are organising and running this great day for St Joseph’s. If you are able to help, but don’t know who to talk to or can’t get to the sign up sheets due to work commitments, please contact the school office.

Camp notes went out last week and need to be back to teachers by this Friday so that any specific dietary/medical requirements can be forwarded to the camp venues with adequate notice. As mentioned last week, the first day of West Taylor Bridge Athletics is on the Friday of camp. The events listed for the Friday Athletics are: 800m heats (all ages), 200m heats (all ages), Discus (10, 12 & 13 yrs), High Jump (all ages), Shot Put (11, 12, 13 yrs) and Long Jump (10 & 11 yrs). If your child qualifies for these events after our UQ sports day next week and you would wish for them to trial on the Friday, please talk to us about arranging an early pick-up from camp.

We are also after a family to volunteer to take forward the Gifts at parish mass on the 28th. The children will be singing the same song we practiced last Friday on assembly. Once we get through this week of dance & fete preparation, we will be practising it more next week.

God Bless
Bryan Malone - APRE

A reminder that if your child is going to be absent could you please call our ABSENTEE LINE – 3373 5555. The office is very busy between 8 and 9am, and at this time we may miss your call if you ring the office number.
A message of thanks from the team at Catholic Mission

This is a notice to express the gratitude of the team from Catholic Mission – Vini, Jenny and David — for your generous response and hospitality last weekend (July 14/15). The image of the shepherd providing care and protection recurs in the readings today. Your support of Catholic Mission allows missionaries, and the wider Church, to provide pastoral – and practical – support to the needy. Without your donations, these people will remain “like sheep without a shepherd”. On their behalf, we say thank you. Thanks also for the warm welcome your parish extended to our Mission Ambassadors.

David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese

PS. Please consider ‘liking’ us on Facebook – simply do a search for ‘Catholic Mission – Brisbane’

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:

**Wednesday 25/07:** Maria Davie; Jodi O’Sullivan; Cath Dengate **Cake Roster:** Hilary Pakeman-Lester; Kristen Andrews

**Friday 27/07:** Heather Blair; Linda Lonton; Ruby Bringemeier **Cake Roster:** Susan Burge; Alicia Hooper

DATE CLAIMERS

- **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
- **Board/P & F Meeting:** 21/08
- ** Fathers Day Stall:** 31/08
- **Board/P & F Meeting:** 18/08
- **Well Read Day/End of Term:** 21/08

FETE NEWS……

**Trash & Treasure:** Items can be dropped off in the hall from 8-12 on Saturday morning. We still need people for the first 3 hours. If you can spare some time please call Malene Bentzen 0435 063 107. Please note first shift starts at 8.30 am.

**Craft:** All craft stall donations can be dropped off at the office. Jenny will be collecting your crafty creations in the mornings and afternoons up until Friday, or between 8 am and 9 am on Sunday before the fete.

**Tea Shoppe:** Tea Shoppe is still desperately looking for helpers and urgently seeking donations of cakes and slices. Please drop these to the Tea Shoppe on Saturday Morning or Sunday Morning.

**Side Show Alley:** Side Show Alley is urgently needing helpers between 11am-12pm. They have no volunteers for this timeslot, so please help if you can.

**Ride Armbands & Sideshow Alley Passes:** Please take your receipts to the desk outside the tuckshop to collect your armbands & Sideshow Alley Passes between 8.30 am and 10am. After this time both can be collected from Children’s Food (Tuckshop).
**Fete:** If you are free Saturday morning between 8am and 10am could you please come down and help move tables and put up tents. Look out for the Fete Programme coming home soon.

**Year of Grace Event**
"Reflecting on Grace"
Wednesday 8th August 7.00pm
St Joseph’s Church, Cnr Oxley Rd & Martindale St Corinda
A special event as we journey through this holy time together; a time of listening, and a time to reflect on God’s Grace in our lives. Sponsored by Brisbane West Deanery
Guest Speakers, Musical Entertainment, Supper
Br Damien Price: “Those small ‘g’ moments of every day”
Sr Monica Cavanagh: “Mary MacKillop: Living a Grace d Life in our Nation”
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Youth Choir will perform.
In order to cater for correct numbers please RSVP to 3716 0158 or to bwdeanery@bne.catholic.net.au

**Active Tribes** are holding a Pre Districts Track and Field Clinic for 8-15 year olds on Sunday 29th July at UQ Athletics Centre. For further information please go to www.uqsport.com.au/athletics

**EVERYONE CAN READ FOR A REASON IN 2012.**
Once again the school is supporting the MSREADATHON appeal. The MS Readathon is a reading-based fundraiser run by Multiple Sclerosis Australia (MSA). Now in its 33rd year, the MS Readathon encourages children to read books and improve their literacy whilst at the same time raising their community awareness and empowering them to make a difference in the lives of people living with MS. Children read as many books as possible during a designated period. In 2012, the **reading period is the month of August**. Friends and family sponsor them by either pledging an amount per book read, or by the time they spend reading, or by giving a donation. This money goes to support people living with MS. The children receive a certificate of appreciation and a reward as a thank you for their efforts. This is always a great way to encourage your child/children to READ. It is very easy to register – go online at www.msreadathon.org.au and just follow the links to complete registration. Margaret Hanrahan (Co-ordinator).

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**Corinda Graceville Catholic Parish**

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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