Dear Parents,

Congratulations on a wonderful day at our fete on Sunday. The weather was great, the crowds turned up, the children performed well and everyone had a great day as a community. Thanks to all who worked so hard on the day - and for the weeks and months leading up to the event. Particular thanks must go to our Fete Coordinator, Julie Wright-Smith, for an outstanding job and one which results in resources and support for every child in the school. Thank you, Julie!

Yesterday, our children in Years 4 to 7 went to the University of Queensland to take part in a track and field carnival. Teachers report that it was a very worthwhile day and that children competed well. Those who have qualified for West Taylor Bridge will receive a letter from Mrs Pareezer-Jones today. Congratulations!

Of course, our own inter-house carnival will be held this Friday at Ambiwerra. The carnival involves all children from Prep to Year 7. They will walk to the venue with their class and the day involves full participation for most of the day. If you are able to join us – even for a short time – you would be most welcome. It always proves to be a very enjoyable event. Children may wear a coloured shirt, ribbons etc but must be in their sports shorts/skorts. (They may run in running shorts.) They may also colour hair/face but NO coloured hair spray is to be brought to school. Ambiwerra’s canteen will operate for ADULTS only.

This week is Catholic Education Week and we started the week with a special liturgy on Monday morning’s Assembly. This weekend, we will take a special part in Saturday night’s Parish Mass at 6.00p.m. You would know that we now do this once a term. It concerns me that we at St Joseph’s get a very poor response for children and families to attend these Masses. At first term’s Mass we had about 15 children singing the reflection hymn after Communion. Christ the King – a school half our size – had close to 4 times that number. Mr Malone has just been around to classrooms and only about 10 children out of 450 enrolled indicated that they would be here for Mass on Saturday night. I am well aware that families might not attend that particular Mass and/or that something else might be on this weekend. I, myself, cannot be here this weekend as I have a commitment in my own Parish. However, it is not the responsibility of the staff to be here for weekend Mass.

We interview applicants for Prep and other year levels and parents assure us they are committed to who we are as a Catholic school, but I have to ask if this is indeed the case. It is not often that I write in this manner, but I really think we need to think about why we are here and remember what we said at enrolment – and more importantly, what we said at Baptism.

God Bless,

Maryanne Riley  PRINCIPAL

NO TUCKSHOP FRIDAY THIS WEEK, IT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) DUE TO FRIDAY’S SPORT DAY.
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TUCKSHOP ROSTER:
Wednesday 01/08: Alana Coomber; Jeanette Kennelly; Nicole Brennan Cake Roster: Deb Wessling
Friday 03/08: Chris Mewett; Anne Harley; Anne-Louise Wells Cake Roster: Anne Juillerat; Mariangela Boland

DATE CLAIMERS
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 18/09
Well Read Day/End of Term 21/09

Interschool Sports – Last Friday the Year 6 and 7’s caught the train to Goodna and participated in an interschool sporting day with St Francis Xavier. The results are as follows:
Basketball: Yr 7 team 1 - 2nd; Yr 7 team 2 - 4th; Yr 6 – 1st
Netball: Yr 7 - 1st; Yr 6 Green – 1st; Yr 6 Gold – 3rd
Oztag: Yr 7 Senior 1 – 3rd; Yr 7 Senior 2 – 4th; Yr 6 – 1st
AFL: Combined 6/7 team – 3rd

We all had a great day. Thank you to Kerrie Pattison for umpiring netball all day.

Chocolate Wheel have 2 prizes that weren’t claimed –please check and see if you were a winner!
We are looking for Blue 51 (serial no 155605) – for the night for 2 at the Treasury Casino Hotel
And the Green 61 (serial no 155607) for the Kingston Park Raceway, tennis set, Coles $100 voucher and movie tickets. Please contact the office with your ticket if you are the winner – we want to give these prizes away! Thanks to all our helpers and for all the donations.

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS**

Archbishop Coleridge will be celebrating with us on Sunday 4 November, and it will be a great chance to welcome him on his first visit to the parish. Flag that date in your diary now, so you can join in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the first church in the district.

An enthusiastic team has planning well underway for the day. Two people who really need your help are Jack McLaughlin and Shirley King. Jack is coordinating the production of an anniversary book telling the story of our local church. He would love to hear from people who have any photos or tales. Of special interest are any photos (internal or external) of the building which preceded the current church at Corinda. So drag out those old family photos of baptisms, first communions, confirmations and weddings from before 1968, and check if any of the church is visible. Please contact the parish office and give your details so that Jack can get in touch. It’s important to act quickly on this as Jack needs to collate his material by early August to meet publication deadlines.

Shirley King (king87@bigpond.net.au) and her husband, Geoff, are putting together a power point to run in the hall during the party after Mass. This will be a celebration of our community and its church-based activity over the past one hundred years, so photos from any era are most welcome as soon as you can loan them. Please label each photo with names, date and the occasion and leave them at the Parish Office in a zip lock plastic bag or envelope with your name, address and phone number so they can be scanned and returned safely. YOU are the church, so we need your images to be included in this show. It would be really fantastic, for example, to get a whole set of sacramental celebration photos from individual families, showing how the people (and the building) changed. Finding old photos is a great project for one of those wet days in winter. Nearer to the day we’ll let you know more about how you can become involved in all the festivities.

**Be Prepared Chelmer to Oxley** is a plan by the community, for the community. It’s ideas and plans for how the community will support each other before, during and after disasters. The plan will cover questions on how we communicate during disasters, who has skills and assets which could assist, and how can we help vulnerable and affected residents.

To contribute, you can fill out a short Q&A, and/or come to a monthly workshop. Date: 18 August, 2-4pm at the smaller hall at Sherwood State School, cnr Sherwood and Oxley Rds. Each workshop will focus on creating new community connections, strengthening existing ones and will cover key areas in the community preparedness plan.

For more information, see flyer or visit [www.emergencyvolunteering.com.au](http://www.emergencyvolunteering.com.au) or call 3002 7600.

**EVERYONE CAN READ FOR A REASON IN 2012.**

Did you have time in the last week to register your child in the MS Readathon? With the Fete and all our sporting events you may not have found time but don’t worry you still have a week to enrol your child/children in this worthwhile activity. 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**. There are many incentives for the students who participate e.g. a buy one get one free book offer from Ashton Scholastic (a major sponsor); they receive a certificate of appreciation and a reward as a thank you for their efforts; every school has the opportunity to receive 10% of all funds raised by students in the form of gift cards. Come on, make sure you involve your child/children in the Readathon as 2012 is THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING. Margaret Hanrahan (Co-ordinator)

**The University of New South Wales English Competition** will be held on Tuesday 31st July. Each participating student must have a pencil – 2B or B (NOT HB) and an eraser. Many thanks for your co-operation Helen Paterson (Co-ordinator)

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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