Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Mrs Gleeson and the band on their wonderful result at the Queensland Catholic Colleges Musical Festival held last Friday at Villanova College. They gave a delightful performance and were rewarded with a Bronze Award. Well done! It is amazing to see how much they have learnt, even since their concert earlier in the year.

This week we farewell Mr Deighton as he takes leave for the next three weeks to visit family in the UK. We wish him a safe trip. We are sorry to hear that Mrs Joy Smith’s mother in law passed away in Hobart last night. I’m sure you will all keep Joy, Peter and the boys in your prayers.

This term has continued at a fast pace, with many interesting and important things happening in our classrooms and wider school. Listening to the class news items read out at assembly highlights how busy our students are with their lessons, learning and other activities. There are some great things happening in our classrooms so make sure you ask your children about their days.

Our staff are continuing their professional learning and inservicing to support the implementation of the National Curriculum. During the past few week we have had staff attend workshops on the new History curriculum and a consultation on the draft Arts curriculum. In the coming weeks more of our staff will have some time working with Brisbane Catholic Education support personnel on effective ways to implement the new Science curriculum. Our ICLT (Information, Communication & Learning Technologies) committee has been reviewing our vision for learning with ICLTS in light of National Curriculum changes and improving student learning outcomes, with also a long-term goal of re-establishing sustainable financing and purchasing practices that are driven by educational needs. As part of our support for future teachers, throughout the rest of the year we will also be hosting a small number of university students who are on prac-teaching placements. So don’t be surprised if your child tells you about another “teacher” in the room.

Unfortunately, there are still some parents who are not complying with local traffic regulations surrounding our school. The office is regularly receiving complaints regarding other parents not observing the rules of the pickup and setdown zones. Clewley St and Martindale St are already busy enough, so please respect all users and follow the rules and signage indicated. Believe it or not, these regulations are in place for student safety – not to inconvenience a ‘busy parent’. I don’t think the ‘busy parent’ or “I was in a hurry” excuse would really work with Police if an incident occurred. It also comes down to setting examples for your children as well. We teach them to follow rules at school for the safety of others, so it would be good if you did the same arriving or leaving the school.
Also, another safety issue raised with the school is student supervision in the Coles carpark. A customer expressed concern over a near-miss of a student running ahead of their parent and appearing unsupervised in the carpark. If you use the Coles carpark for the after-school pickup and grocery run, remember that it is a busy commercial carpark, not a quieter school carpark where drivers might be alert for or expecting small children.

Tomorrow from 8:50am to 9:50am we will have our Prep sibling visit. This is the chance for all of our current student’s younger brothers and sisters who are starting prep with us next year to come in and have some time in a prep classroom as a form of orientation. Parents will have the chance to have a cuppa in the hall after dropping your children off at the prep rooms.

God Bless,
Maryanne Riley & Bryan Malone

COLES VOUCHERS ARE DUE BACK AT SCHOOL BY 10TH SEPTEMBER (BUNDLED PLEASE).
WOOLWORTHS STICKERS ARE DUE BACK AT SCHOOL BY 3RD SEPTEMBER.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:
Wednesday 29/08: Maria Davie; Jody O’Sullivan; Cath Dengate Cake Roster: Angela Clarke; Anne-Louise Wells
Friday 31/08: Jacqui Liddelow; Kellie Oghanna; Susan Burge Cake Roster: Fiona Robinson-Brimblecombe; Chris Mewett

DATE CLAIMERS
Prep sibling morning tea 23/08
Fathers Day Stall 31/08
Board/P & F Meeting 18/09
Well Read Day/End of Term 21/09

Oxley State School P&C would like to invite you to attend our ‘Girls Night’ – full of fun, fashion, market stalls and music on 25th August from 7pm. We have a wide variety of exhibitors, as well as a fashion parade and other entertainment. Tickets cost $15 and include a glass of champagne and canapés on arrival. To book, please contact Janet Preston on 0411 098 780 or janet.preston@intimo.com.au
Please feel free to bring other guests – your mum, your friends, your neighbours, your sisters and your aunties! We look forward to seeing you there.

AUGUST! AUGUST! AUGUST! READ! READ! READ!

CONGRATULATIONS - Our school is one of the ‘Top 100’ participating schools in Australia (by number of entrants so far!). We are now over half way through the reading period for 2012. There is still time for your child/children to join the thousands already reading for a reason in 2012, so, come on, jump on board and register today- just go to the MS Readathon website. Our school is participating in the 2012 inaugural one day reading event – “60 MinuteS for MS”, which takes place this Friday, August 24th. Be sure to ask your child what special reading activity they did on Friday.

Happy reading Margaret Hanrahan (Co-ordinator)

As you know there are a number of Children’s Liturgies being held at the Christ the King Church during this year’s Sacramental Program. The Sacramental Co-ordinator, Vanessa Sullivan, has organised for refreshments to be provided to the parents of the children participating in this year’s program after the masses during which these liturgies are held. The idea is to get parents to stay a while after mass and engage with one another.

Brisbane West Deanery Youth Sports Afternoon is being held on Sunday 2nd September at Our Lady of the Rosary playing fields, Kenmore for Year 7 upwards with separate Activities for school aged & young adults (aged 18 to 35)
Games commence at 2.00pm, pizza and softdrink at 4.30pm. All welcome to stay for OLR Youth Mass at 5.30pm. For more info, or to register your attendance, call Michael Doherty on 3716 0158 or email bwdeanery@bne.catholic.net.au

Musical Notes: We had a successful performance on Friday afternoon at the Queensland Catholic Colleges & Schools Music Festival. We played together (two separate groups - St James Band A & St Joseph's Senior Band) as one band, The Double J Concert Band. We bonded in a very special way. We made good music and expressed our emotions through the pieces; especially in "My Heart Will Go On." We are a young group and will learn and grow in our musicianship from this experience. We can be PROUD!!!! A Bronze Award. Thanks to all the parents for your support and transport. Cathy Gleeson Instrumental Music Teacher & Conductor

Scholastic brochures went out this week. The orders are due back at school this Monday the 27th August.

Rail Safety Week
As part of Rail Safety Week (13-19 August 2012), Queensland Rail is reminding school students to stay alert near railway tracks, and ensure they act safely on and around rail property.

Did you know?
- Trains can’t swerve and by the time the driver can see you it is already too late for the train to stop in time.
- Disobeying railway crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but is also illegal.

Keep yourself safe
- Only cross railway tracks at designated crossings where it is safe and legal to do so.
- At railway crossings, obey all signs and signals. Listen for a warning bell or train whistle, watch for flashing lights and always look both ways.
- When riding your bike, walk it across the tracks when crossing at a marked railway crossing.

Corinda State School, in partnership with the Brisbane Force Football Club, are hosting a fantastic Father’s Day of fun, footy, and great food.
Sep 2, 10am -5pm, gold coin donation, Brisbane Force Football Club, 315 Freeman Road, Richlands.
http://fathersfootyandfun.wordpress.com/

Womens Night of Spirituality - Geraldine Doogue will introduce this year’s three speakers - Angela Catterns, Leanne Phillips and Kathy Beck. Tuesday 28 August ~ 7.30pm – 9.15pm. Stuartholme School Chapel, Birdwood Terrace, Bardon.

All members of the community are invited to the Anglican Parish of Sherwood PARISH FAIR on Saturday 8th September 8am-2pm St.Matthew’s Church, Cnr Oxley and Sherwood Roads. Come along and enjoy homemade produce, a sausage sizzle, Fair-trade tea and coffee, delicious homemade scones, plants for sale, trash and treasure, games and art and craft for children. The Graceville State School Junior Choir and the Corinda State School Junior Choir + The Young Chorus of Corinda will be performing in the church. Please see the website for further details www.sherwoodanglican.com

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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