07.11.2012

Dear Parents,

Those of you who were fortunate to be here on Sunday would have had a most enjoyable day. The Centenary celebrations for St Joseph’s Church were indeed a highlight of our year. As you can imagine the organisation of such an event is a major undertaking and everyone involved deserves our thanks. I would like to particularly acknowledge Julie Duval. Julie is our school representative on the Parish Council and she took on the responsibility for the children’s entertainment – jumping castle, petting zoo etc. Thanks, Julie – a very successful day.

Julie’s term on the Parish Council comes to an end this year and we are looking for a replacement for her. Both St Joseph’s and Christ the King have a parent representative who serves for a two year period. The Council meets once a month and the basic role of the parent representative is as a further line of communication between parish and school. It is also an opportunity for learning and growth and service to the Corinda Graceville Parish. If you are interested in being part of the Council – or even finding out a little more about what is involved – please contact Julie (through the school) or me.

Thanks to the parents who have submitted placement requests for their children for next year. As always there are very few and most are sound – usually related to student relationships with other students. Please note that this request period will end this Friday 9 November. Thank you

Over the past weeks, there has been an increasing number of children on the school grounds after hours. If you have regular difficulties picking up children, please arrange to have them go to Outside School Hours Care. We have had quite a few occasions lately where staff have missed appointments and commitments for themselves or their children because they have waited here until an unreasonable time. It goes without saying, of course, that there are sometimes circumstances (accidents etc) beyond your control and we understand that. Also, please remind your children that once they have left the grounds – particularly for tennis – they are not to return and will be collected by parents from the tennis courts. Thank you.

God Bless
Maryanne Riley
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN FOCUS:
FROM THE APRE

Last Sunday Centennial celebrations for the Parish were great success, and a credit to the organising committee from the Parish. The Mass and morning tea was a wonderful way for the community to come together and celebrate 100 years of the Catholic Church being present in our district. Archbishop Mark Coleridge spoke about the way that everything we do as a Catholic community always comes back to Christ – regardless of the changes in physical buildings and Churches or changes in the Ministry of the Parish – everything we do as a community holds Jesus at its heart. The legacy of all those who have worked for and worked within our Parish and schools was evident on Sunday.

We are looking forward to some of our students receiving the Rite of Penance next week as they continue with the Parish Sacramental program. Following this, we have our next School involvement in our Saturday evening Parish Mass on the 24th of November. This will be the last occasion this year that we join the Parish for this mass, so over the next few weeks we will be asking for those students attending to volunteer for some roles within the Mass and to from a small school choir again.

4 Green led us for prayer Assembly last Friday, covering the important days of All Saints and All Souls, reminding us about some of the great Saints from history and also reminding the school about November being an important month of Remembrance for those who have died. 4 Gold will be leading the school this week, following the theme of remembering those who have died – specifically those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their countries. As Remembrance Day falls on Sunday this year, the Yr 4’s will lead us in prayer this Friday morning. Our Yr 7’s are continuing to sell Poppies to support our local RSL in the lead up to Remembrance Day, so if you still need to buy a poppy, ask our Yr 7s.

Bryan Malone - APRE

During the next 2 weeks the Year 7's will be selling red poppies for Remembrance Day for 50c – until sold out.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:
Wednesday 14/11: Cheryl Withers; Marie Noirette; Kym Hutley Cake Roster: Julie Phipps; Sally DeJonge
Friday 16/11: Danielle Baillie; Angie Hollingworth; Toni O’Reilly Cake Roster: Alison Russell; Michelle Ebzery; Jacqui Liddelow

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THE FINALE BAND CONCERT – ALL INVITED.
When: 6.40pm for 7pm on Wednesday 21 November 2012.
Where: St Joseph’s Hall.
Performers: All members of the St Joseph’s Senior & Junior Band.
Dress: Senior Band – Band uniform; Junior Band – School Uniform; Audience – Casual.
Entry: Gold Coin Donation to Net Ministries. (This will be a good chance for the interested 2013 Beginners and their families to see and hear the instruments.)

Vivienne Williams, of Kids Matters Occupational Therapy is talking on “Making Sense of the Senses”. This talk covers the basics of sensory processing & how to manage sensory processing challenges at home & school. Parents, early childhood professionals & teachers will leave with a basic understanding of children’s sensory behaviour & simple strategies to help. Date: 04/12/2012, 7-9 pm. Venue: 2/747 Fairfield Rd, Yeerongpilly. Cost = $40. RSVP: 30/11/2012 to 1300 136 596. Certificate provided on request www.kidsmatters.com.au
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St Joseph’s/St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. It is that time of the year again where we dig deep and help out our local community. We will again be working with St Vincent de Paul. Our appeal will start next week (Week 6) and run through to the end of Week 7. This year we are collecting both presents and Christmas food so please refer to the attached handout to see what your child’s class is bringing in. We always have a great response to this appeal and I am sure this year will be no different. Mrs Smith

Do you have a child in Grade 1? Children's liturgy is on as part of the 9:30am mass this Sunday (11th November). Some of the Grade 2 parents have organised morning tea after mass. All are welcome.
Children's liturgy is open to all school age children. If you are going to be part of the sacramental program next year, children's liturgy is a great way to get your kids involved.
Reminder: at all parish masses this weekend (10th/ 11th November) there will be a special blessing for children receiving the sacrament of penance next week. There is no need to RSVP. Father Gerry will call the children up for a special blessing some time during the mass.

A reminder of the Deanery Year of Grace event being held at 7pm this Wednesday evening 7th November at the Church of the Twelve Apostles, 111 Yallambee Rd, Jindalee.
Come and here our Archbishop reflect on God's Grace. Archbishop Mark Coleridge is an most captivating and passionate speaker, and his reflection on Grace is not to be missed!! If you have not heard our new Archbishop preach yet, then you must come along and hear him on Wednesday night.
Sr Margaret Fahey OLSH will also facilitate a time of contemplation on God's Grace. Sr Margaret has a background in Spiritual direction and retreat giving and will lead us in a period of reflection and contemplation.
Finally, Andrew Slack will address the gathering. Andrew is a former Captain of the Wallabies and led Australia to many sporting victories. He is a man of faith, husband and father. In his life of great highs, he has also known the depth of sorrow through the illness and death of his son, Tom. The evening will conclude with supper served at approx 8.45pm.

If anyone has second hand school uniforms for girls - tunics (dresses) and/or sports shirts sizes 10 or 12’s - they wish to sell at the end of the school year please call Julisa on 0408 079 587. Also needed are some size 14 dresses – any Year 7’s interested in selling their uniforms at the end of the year – please see the office.

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