1st February 2012

About Creation, we care.....

Brisbane Catholic Education recognised and affirmed that care for the environment is a sacred duty when it established a Task Force which developed a position statement on ecological sustainability titled “Creation...we care”. Our commitment to our children and our children’s children calls us to engage with our stewardship of creation through thought, words and actions.

During 2012, St Joseph’s School community aims to implement a whole-of-school focus on three aspects of school life as a means of embedding sustainable practices. Specifically, these are –

Our use of electronic communication – Newsletters, class letters and where possible, all communication will be via email. In this electronic age, we now have 98.37% of our families’ having email addresses. Communication by email will be timely, cost efficient, and will save trees!

Our use of electricity – with the instalment of solar panels on the Prep roof late last year and with electricity cost increasing expeditiously, the school’s power bill for 2011 was $18544.24. I believe we can do better than that if together, we work at it. Each class will be discussing ways they can reduce their classroom use so stay tuned!

Community Garden – small steps have already been taken towards the establishment of our Community Garden down on the ‘third’. Our long term aim is for the children to be involved in growing produce that can be used in our award winning tuckshop as well as learning about the need for water tanks, worm farms, composting and vegie growing.

As I am sure you would know from trying to engage in environmental sustainable practices at home, it takes time, awareness and commitment for a change to long engrained habits to occur! This focus is timely as our building program moves towards its conclusion as wherever possible, we have attempted to embed such a philosophy in its design - water tanks, LED lights, and the positioning of the buildings to capture maximum air flow to name but a few.

So, again, let’s work together to teach our children good practices that will ensure that not only they but their children will be able to enjoy this amazing world our God has given us!

God’s blessings to you and yours!

Marg Pont
Principal

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School times
Our aim is to have all students in school by 8.30am each morning commencing next Monday, 6th. Arrivals after this time must come to the office and sign in.
School finishes at 2.45pm.
(Early bus students leave classroom at 2.40pm bell.) Early departures must come to the office and sign out.

Let’s now all get into good routines so that effective learning happens!
APRE NEWS

School Masses in Term 1
Due to the restricted parking available this term we will not be holding an Opening School Mass during the first few weeks of school. Students in Yrs 4-7 will attend mass on Wednesday February 22nd for Ash Wednesday. Our first whole school mass will be held on St. Joseph’s Feast day on Monday March 19th at 9am. We look forward to celebrating with parents, relatives and parish members on our special feast day.

St. Joseph’s Farewells Fr. Jack
Fr Jack has left our area to take up residence in Brisbane until he receives a new appointment. An appointment of a full time associate priest to the Noosa District Parish has meant that Fr Jack was not needed on weekends there. Fr Jack has been Chaplain to Nambour General Hospital for eight years. Our area has been blessed by his ministry and St. Joseph’s school thanks him for the times he has replaced Fr. Graham to lead staff or whole school masses. We wish him all the best for his future ministries.

Confirmation/ Communion Program 2012
St. Joseph’s Parish invites children 7 years or older to prepare for the Sacraments in 2012. Enrolment forms are available from the parish office or school office. Enrolments close on Friday March 9th.

UNSW Competitions
Students will be able to enter the UNSW competitions for Mathematics, English and Science again this year. Information regarding enrolment will be in upcoming newsletters

Professional Learning of Staff
Staff of St. Joseph’s attended four days of meetings and professional learning before students commenced on January 24th. Teaching staff completed the last module of First Steps: Number, led by Clare Low, along with a refresher on Literacy Blocks and comprehension assessment, with consultant Deb Tyson. Teaching staff and School Officers attended a day with Brooke Daniels from BCE, supported by four of our teaching staff, focussing on Essential Skills of Classroom Management.

Peace and best wishes,
Narelle Harney      APRE

BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL
This morning, all the new students in Years 1 to 7 were invited to share a pancake & orange juice breakfast with Ms Pont, Ms Harney and the School Captains as a welcome to our school community! The students shared where they had come from which ranged from The United Arab Emirates to Burnside SS. We welcome each and every one of them to St Joey’s! (And we thank Mrs Etheridge for a great brekkie!)

Weekend Mass Times at St. Joseph’s Church are
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am
Sunday 9:00 am
TUCKSHOP
All of our menu plus extra, exclusive online items are now on the flexischools website. If you haven't registered to order online you can do so at www.flexischools.com.au/. For those who already have an account, you will be prompted to change your child’s class the next time you order. We are also resuming the roster system from Term 4 last year. Please check the newsletter for when your child’s class is rostered to provide helpers and homebake & mark it on your calendar! We had lots of great homebake last year and we look forward to a similar response in 2012. Small iced cakes & slices (or iced slab cakes sent in whole) are our most popular and remember packet mixes are fine!

This week's special: **Chicken Caesar Salad**

Next Week: **Spring Rolls**

Tuckshop Roster—Term 1
Classes are asked to provide helpers and home baking on their allocated days.

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Lee Etheridge
Tuckshop Convenor

INTERNET AGREEMENT FORMS
These forms were sent home this week. Before any student is involved in Internet projects, we require the form to be returned to the office.

**NON RETURN WILL RESULT IN DENIAL OF ACCESS.**

PARENT CONTACT GROUP
We are seeking parents who will ‘put up their hand’ to be their child’s class Parent Contact Person! This group has a meeting each term with Marg, acting as an invaluable resource for both information sharing and pastoral care for our families.

**Why not ask a friend and share the position?**
Please notify your child’s teacher or the office.

First meeting will be in the staffroom after assembly on Friday, 17 February 2012.

SCHOOL FEES
**SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS**
Term 1 Fee Statements will be posted home during Week 4 (13-17 February, 2012).

Please do not hesitate to contact me on kmhigginbottom@bne.catholic.edu.au if you have any queries regarding your fees. All finance forms can be downloaded from the School Web site.

Kathy Higg
Finance Secretary

UNIFORM SCHEDULE
**Prep’s Uniform** is the school’s sports uniform. Tricolour sports shirt, sports shorts with white socks and runners. It is worn Monday—Friday.

**Years 1-7**
Monday—Years 1 to 7 wears School Uniform
Tuesday—Sports Uniform worn by Prep J, Prep S, Yr 3J,
Year 1J, Yr 2J, Yr 7J, Year 7S
All other classes wear School Uniform
Wednesday— Sports Uniform worn by 5J, 5S, 4J, 4S
All other classes wear School Uniform
Thursday— Sports Uniform worn by Prep J, Prep S, 3S,
1S, 2S and Year 6J & Year 6S
All other classes wear School Uniform
Friday— Sports Uniform Whole school
House shirts are worn for swimming & athletics carnivals and school cross country only.

UNIFORM SHOP
Hours are 8am - 9am
Next Days:  
Thursday 2nd Feb & Tuesday 7th Feb
Glenys Appleby
Uniform Shop Coordinator

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
We offer the following students birthday blessings on their special day!

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INTERNET CELEBRATIONS
**Jan**
Flynn DeLuca
Kayleigh Foster, Ricky Vogler
Gabby Owen, Liam Wallace

**Feb**
Max Odgers
Mia Evans
Sean Neilsen
Thomas McMillan
Lincoln Thorogood
LIBRARY NEWS
Borrowing has begun! For the first 2 weeks we are running on a temporary timetable. Class teachers will let you know your child’s borrowing day. Once the permanent timetable is in place, I’ll let you know the details through the newsletter. Don’t forget to send along a library bag on library day. This applies to all ages, even big kids have food and drink, (which gives off lots of condensation at this time of year) in their school bag.

Thanks to those of you who have offered to cover books. It was especially great to hear from Michelle and Rebecca, 2 new mums! We’ll commence covering shortly, there are many other things for us to concentrate on at the beginning of the year. Jenny or I would also love to hear from some of our ‘old’ coverers. You can e-mail me - cmenck@bne.catholic.edu.au

Happy Reading
Cathie Menck  Teacher Librarian
“Children learn to read being in the presence of books.”
- Horace Mann (1796-1859) It still applies today!

MUSIC NEWS
Junior Joeys and Senior Singers want your singing voice!!
Grab an enrolment form from the office today. Practices start next week.

Pops Orchestra and Rock Band
Starting this year there will be limits as to the number of players in each group. To establish an entry standard we ask interested students to audition. The auditions will begin this Friday in the music room at 1.10 pm. A sign on chart will be available in the music room. Remember to bring your instrument and some music to play. The audition will last no more than five minutes. Notification will be given directly to the student as well as an enrolment form. Practices begin in week three on Fridays with the Pops Orchestra at 1pm and the RockLit Band at 2pm.

The Pop Orchestra/Concert Band
will not have a limit on the number of woodwind, string and brass players at this stage.
For the other instruments the limits are:
Keyboards - 2 (one on piano part & one to take missing part(s))
Percussion - 5 all up (including drums, incidental percussion & tuned percussion)
Guitars - Maximum of 3 (one of which would be Bass)

RockLit Band:
No more than 2 Drums (1 on percussion)
2 Keyboards
No more than 3 guitars plus 1 on Bass (the 3 guitars can be mix of acoustic & electric)
Maybe a couple of vocals, but it would be best if they also play one of the instruments.

String Ensemble
The String Ensemble will not start until at least term two. Please talk directly with Alex Patri (the strings teacher) if you are interested in joining the group.

The Drumming Circle
This is open to all year levels and abilities. This group will begin in term two.

Next week we will be advertising some of the great instruments you can hire from St Josephs.

Keep singing, Paula Simpson
Music Specialist

AFTER SCHOOL CARE  “ART CLASSES”
Welcome back St Joey kids!
We have an exciting program starting this year at after school care! We are very pleased to introduce an art program on Tuesday afternoons. We have acquired a highly qualified artist by the name of Kathy Ashworth. Some of you might remember Kathy as a swimming teacher at the Nambour pool.

Kathy has taught a lot of the St Joey’s kids to swim for many years and is now joining us on Tuesdays. We will be doing lots of things from drawing, to pottery class.

We will commence these classes on Tuesday 14th of February. Bookings are essential, well in advance of your child starting. These classes will be a part of the afterschool care program and are charged as an Incursion at $15 per lesson (conditions apply).

Children must be enrolled in after school care in order to attend.

For information on the art classes or after school care bookings please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Debbie, Crystal, Jess and Peta-Maree
St Joseph’s OSHC
BOOKCLUB
Welcome to a new year of reading delights – from literary classics to phonic games. Scholastic provide 8 issues a year for you to purchase from. Funds raised earn the school points, which are used to purchase materials for our school library or classrooms, so everybody wins. Orders are placed online and are back about a week after the closing date.

How to order: Choose your books, then complete the form on the back page. Remember, name and class are important so the orders can be returned to the correct children. Named envelopes go to the office or the class office box.

Payment: is by cash; cheque to Scholastic Australia; or by plastic – you need to phone Scholastic, pay and then fill in the receipt number on the bottom section of the order form, then fill in all the remaining details. The order will not be processed if data is missing.

Families: To save time, family orders can be bundled into one envelope and paid with 1 cheque or 1 plastic transaction. If children need to bring in their own envelope, write a note to say family payment is in the others envelope.

Gifts: If buying for birthdays, etc., parents can get extra order forms from the office, and write HOLD on them. Books will be held at the office and you will be contacted when they arrive back.

Any queries, please see the office ladies, or ring me on 0409 619166
Thank you.
Dorothy Devlin
Bookclub Manager

SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 1

FEBRUARY
Friday 10th
Assembly 6J
Tuesday 14th
7.30pm  Board Meeting
Wednesday 15th
5.30pm
Parent Info Night  Prep & Year 1
Thursday 16th
5.30pm
Parent Info Night Years 4 & 5
Monday 20th
P & F Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 22nd
ASH WEDNESDAY
10.00am Mass  Years 4-7
5.30pm
Parent Info Night Years 2 & 3
Thursday 23rd
5.30pm
Parent Info Night Years 6 & 7
Friday 24th
Assembly 7J

MARCH
Friday 2nd
Assembly 7S
Friday 9th
School Cross Country
Tuesday 13th
Assembly 6S
Friday 16th
School Photos
Sunday 17th
School Cross Country (Rain Day)
Monday 19th
Assembly 4J
Wednesday 21st
St Patrick’s Day
Friday 23rd
9am Whole School Mass
Year 5 Camp till Friday 23rd
Friday 30th
Assembly 4S
Assembly 5J
Last Day of Term 1

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - Update

Thanks to everyone for ensuring the safe and mostly smooth arrival and departure of our 457 students each day! The following are some safety hints that we encourage you to ‘take on board’, just to make things even safer!

If using a pick-up zone, put your family name in big letters on your passenger visor so the teacher can call it out and your child/ren can move more quickly.

Ensure your child/ren use the curb side (ONLY) to both get out or get into your car.

William St zone - 3 cars can have children either getting out or in at the one time if the first car moves around!

Anyone interested in forming a WALKING SCHOOL BUS? Studies show that fewer children are walking and biking to school, and more children are at risk of becoming overweight. Changing behaviours of children and parents require creative solutions that are safe and fun.

Implementing a walking school bus can be both.

What is a walking school bus?
A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. If that sounds simple, it is, and that’s part of the beauty of the walking school bus. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school to as structured as a route with meeting points, a timetable and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers. We are happy to coordinate the introduction of families so if you are interested, contact the office.
Saturday 4th February
4.30-4.50pm  Reconciliation
6.00pm  Evening Mass for Sunday

Sunday 5th February  5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00am  Mass
9.00am  Mass
5.30pm  Mass at Yandina

Monday 6th February
8.00am  Mass
7.30pm  Baptismal Preparation evening

Tuesday 7th February
7.00pm  RCIA Group 1

Wednesday 8th February
8.30am  RCIA Group 2
9.30am  Reconciliation
10.00am  Mass

Thursday 9th February
11.15am  Mass at Nambour Nursing Home

Friday 10th February
6.30am  Mass
7-8.00am  Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday 11th February
4.30-4.50pm  Reconciliation
6.00pm  Evening Mass for Sunday

Sunday 12th February  6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00am  Mass
9.00am  Mass

Confirmation/First Communion Program 2012
Enrolment forms for Children 7 years or older preparing for the Sacraments in 2012 are now available from the Parish Office or St Joseph’s Primary School Office
Enrolments close Friday 9th March 2012

Children’s Liturgy Co-ordinator:
We are seeking a volunteer coordinator for Children’s liturgy this year. Resources are provided with systems in place and you will receive great support. Please call the office to register your interest in this important and rewarding Ministry.

NAMBOUR WILDCATS SOCCER CLUB
SIGN ON
Saturday 4th & Saturday 11th February
Red Cross Centre, Price Street Nambour
9am—12 noon

GO CARD
Having a Translink Go Card makes it quicker and easier for children who travel on public transport to get to and from school. By using a Go Card kids can save at least 30% compared to the cost of a single concession paper ticket. Visit www.translink.com.au to check local school bus routes.

ST JOSEPH’S PARISH
Phone: 5441 1034  Email: stjoenam@ozemail.com.au

SUNSHINE COAST-HINTERLAND SOFTBALL ASSOC INC.
When: Sat 4th Feb 9am-2pm
Where: Kawana Amart Allsports Store carpark
Who: Male and Female 5yrs old to Masters.
Teams: Mixed U10’s, U12’s, U15’s, Men’s & Women’s A & B Grade.
Season starts 2nd April. Games are played Saturdays, Jnrs mornings & Snrs afternoons. All games are at one venue all season.
The Association is also looking for volunteers on and off the field. Enquires Ph Assoc secretary, Karen Robe on 0422204661 or email Karen at shsa1@bigpond.nt.au or ring Softball Club nearest to you: Maroochydore Redbacks 0427768400, Caloundra Stingrays 0422204661, Hinterland Bandits (Glenview) 54945945.
New Clubs or Teams are always welcome to join.
www.suncoast.softball.org.au

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NAMBOUR YANDINA UNITED SOCCER CLUB
SIGN ON
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th February
Clubhouse, North Street Yandina
or register on-line at www.myfootballclub.com.au
Colouring competition flyers have been distributed to all classes - bring your completed flyer to sign-on to be in the draw for some great prizes.

SECOND NAMBOUR SCOUT GROUP
Joey Scouts return to 2nd Nambour
Mondays 4pm—5pm. Brooke Street Nambour.
Ages 6 - 7.5 years
Kelly Sims 0415 378 570 or kelly-sims@bigpond.com

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SCHOOL BANKING
Heritage BuildingSociety
Tuesday is banking day.
Application forms are available at the office.