Music to our ears....

Have you noticed the increased numbers of students walking around our school carrying black cases? Or what about the increased level of ‘noise’ each Wednesday?

An exciting initiative at Joey’s this year has been the introduction of an instrumental immersion program with each of our Year 4 students learning either the violin, trumpet or flute. Lessons are held in groups of 10 as part of their weekly classroom music program with Lindsay Macdonald-Clow (‘LindzMuse’) teaching the flute, Alex Patri (‘Offenbach Strings’) teaching the violin and Paula Simpson, the trumpet.

The aims of this developmental program are
- To provide students with an interest and an enjoyment in making music with others by learning a musical instrument, and
- To provide them with the opportunity to develop a different talent.

While the program is for during Year 4 only, it is hoped that students who enjoy and develop these new skills will go on to have further lessons and become part of the school’s String Ensemble or Band in Years 5-7.

The school has purchased the 60 instruments which are then loaned to the students, just like library books and other resources! In semester two, they will change over and learn a second instrument during the latter half of the year!

We congratulate and thank Mrs Paula Simpson for persisting and seeing this initiative come to fruition!

God’s blessings to you and yours this week!

Marg Pont
PRINCIPAL

Have you completed your Online Questionnaire?
‘Enhancing Catholic Schools’ identity Project’
Website address: http://www.schoolidentity.net
Password: Oceania

Once you are on the site, Click on “To the Surveys”
Then “New User”
Then select “St Joseph’s Primary School, Nambour” from the drop down box.
A box appears with your personal ‘User Code’ and ‘Password’. I urge you to print these as you may like to complete the survey over a number of sessions and this information is required so that you can go back into your survey in subsequent sessions.

Bring your ‘User code’ to the office and be in the running for a dinner to the value of $150.00, drawn on the last day of term at assembly!

NEW STAFF MEMBER
We welcome Mrs Michelle Dolan to the team! Michelle will be working as an additional Learning Support teacher in Years 5 & 6!
Welcome Michelle!
APRE NEWS

Project Compassion, Week 2, brings you the story of Khin.
Khin is 10 years old and lives in Ranong, Thailand, just over the border from Burma. Here the children of migrant workers find it difficult to get into schools. Often they cannot afford fees, do not know the language or do not have the correct paperwork. With support from Caritas Australia, Khin and her friends can attend community-based learning centres offering them primary education and a bridge into Thailand’s school system.

Your donation to Project Compassion can help children like Khin to learn and grow towards a more hopeful future.

www.caritas.org.au

Paddies for Compassion
Next Friday, March 16th, we are inviting everyone to dress ‘green’ for the day in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day on March 17th. Everyone who dresses in green is asked to bring a gold coin to go towards our school collection for Project Compassion. We look forward to seeing everyone in their best green outfits on Friday March 16th.

ST VINCENT de PAUL’S LENTEN APPEAL
We are collecting for our annual appeal for our local St Vincent de Paul again this Easter. Please give items to your child's teacher for safe keeping. Each class has a basket to place collection items in. Outlined below is the focus for each year level this year. Thank you in anticipation of your support to help people in our local area.

Prep  Easter Eggs  Year 4  Canned Food
Year 1  Easter Eggs  Year 5  Soft drinks or juice
Year 2  Biscuits  Year 6  Canned food/ toiletries
Year 3  Pasta and rice  Year 7  Packet Food/ bottles

Mass at Sundale Nursing Home
Tomorrow the Yr 7 Liturgy and Prayer committee will be attending mass at the Sundale Nursing Home at 11am. Each term the students who are on the Liturgy and Prayer Committee will attend mass at Sundale once per term. It is a wonderful way for us to reach out to others while celebrating our faith.

2012 Schools Clean Up Day
Many of you would know that last Sunday was Clean Up Australia Day. Last Friday our school participated in the schools day. This was led by the Yr 7 Stewardship Committee and all classes in the school were involved in the clean up of our school grounds. The stewardship committee are organising regular clean ups throughout the year.

Regional Swimming Carnival
We wish all of our students participating in the Regional Swimming Carnival this Thursday the best of luck!!! Go Team!!!

Peace and best wishes,
Narelle Harney APRE

SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tuesday 13th March
Silver Rose Photography will be taking photos on Tuesday 13th March. Last Week each child received an envelope with details of the products available. Details regarding sibling photos are included on the envelope. Please return envelopes to school office by Friday.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Prep J   Will Peak
For listening well in class and for developing his beginning reading skills.

Prep S  Jacob Brunell
For his enthusiasm during guided reading and showing great leadership.

1J  Caroline Rogers
For displaying improved resilience in social situations. Caroline is now able to express how she feels by using appropriate words to solve problems with her peers. Well done Caroline and keep up the good work.

1S  Charlie Dolan
Charlie always tries his hardest. He has been working well at writing time and this is showing in the great writing he is doing. He has been a responsible leader in rotations this week.

2J  Rory Bell
Rory is putting in 100% effort towards work, in particular his writing tasks, using some amazing facts and information. We all enjoy the valuable contributions he makes during class discussions. Fantastic work!

2S  Hugo Harris-Oldenburg
A wonderful student who is always eager to try his best. Hugo is very responsible and is always happy to help both his teachers and classmates. He is a true asset to our classroom. Keep up the great work Hugo.

3J  Conor Healy
For his enthusiastic participation and logical thinking in all science lessons. Well done Conor.

3S  Lauren Robinson
For being an enthusiastic learner and her beaming smile when she has achieved great things. Keep it up Lauren!

4J  Mason Dare
For making a conscious effort to make the right choices and to stay on task. Keep up the great work Mason.

4S  Alyssa Chemello
For being a budding editor who listens intently and participates fully in editing activities.

5J  Zach Wilson
For making a conscious effort to make the right choices and to stay on task. Keep up the great work Mason.

5S  Kirra Rond-Butler
Has put a great effort into all her work, particularly Maths where she is showing great interest and initiative. Well done Kirra.

6J  Chloe Clarke
A quiet achiever who is always thinking of the needs of others. Chloe is generous and thoughtful and is working to achieve her best in all areas from sport to mathematics. Well done Chloe, keep up the awesome attitude - we are lucky to have you in 6J!

6S  Aidan Bellamy
For his outstanding creative writing. Aidan, you are a very talented writer, 6S and Miss Reminis always look forward to being engrossed in your stories. Thank you and keep it up!

7J  Nathaniel Cerezo
Nat is trying especially hard in all areas of school life. He is completing all set tasks, especially in homework, to the best of his ability and his results show continuing improvement.

7S  Chelz Chan
For making thoughtful contributions to guided reading lessons and for undertaking his daily maths tasks with enthusiasm. Chelz, your commitment to your studies in 7S is appreciated.

PE Award : Harry Vella 6S
Harry impresses me in everything he attempts in HPE and on the sporting field. He has a tremendous worth ethic and regularly pushes himself to the absolute limit of his capabilities. In particular his effort preparing for the cross country has been electric. Well done Harry.

Maths Enrichment Award: Alicia Fay 5S
For her fantastic effort with decimal fractions and enthusiasm in our lessons.

Music Award : Cory Sellies
Who is showing great application and enthusiasm to his recorder playing.

Literacy Enrichment Award : Bailey Lawson
For thinking through his reading comprehension answers with great thought and sharing these thoughts with the group.
LIBRARY NEWS
Earlier in the year I wrote about the fact that 2012 has been designated as the National Year of Reading. Each month has been given a theme, some of which we will be acknowledging here at St Joey’s. The theme for March is ‘THINK’ and our display wall currently features books to make us think, books such as puzzles, brain teasers and quests. Perhaps you could feature these types of books at home.

The National Year of Reading is not just for children but is aimed at adults as well. According to statistics, 46% of adults do not have sufficient literacy skills to cope with the complex demands of everyday life and work. This I find a staggering figure, (details are on the website listed below), so I thought as well as promoting literacy with your children, this year I will also try and promote it with you.

Earlier this year, a competition was held to find the book which best represents each of the states of Australia. The Queensland winner was “The White Earth” by Andrew McGahan. Have you read it? I haven’t, so I’d like to challenge all of us to give it a go! Perhaps we can discuss it later in the year!

More details about this competition and many other activities, for both children and adults, can be found on the National Year of Reading website: http://www.love2read.org.au Add this to your favourites and together we can all model good practice to the children. Let your child/ren see how important reading is to you!

Happy Reading
Cathie Menck (Teacher Librarian)

HELLO FROM THE TUCKSHOP
This past week was a bumper week at tuckshop with Fun Food Friday proving popular once again! Our tuckshop volunteers are sick of the sight of almost 250 serves of corn chips!! Many thanks to the Year 6 families for their help & yummy treats!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday March 20, we will be holding another Morning Tea Stall with bargain treats for silver coins!

This week> Homebake & Helpers: Year 7
Special: Pasta Napolitana pasta with Italian tomato sauce & cheese

Next week> Homebake & Helpers: Prep
Special: Chinese Chicken Noodles hokkien noodles with chicken & sticky soy

Remember..... Tuckshop only happens with your help!
Lee Etheridge (Tuckshop Coordinator)

MUSIC NEWS
On Sunday I attended the St Joseph’s Parish choir practise for Easter and was very much taken with the wonderful 4 part harmonies and sound that a small group of men and women produced. Within this choir were some grown up Senior Singers who can hold a part within a larger group and enjoy that experience.

I noticed on television that they were advertising a new singing program titled The Vocalist. We can admire the skill, talent and confidence of the solo singer but what does it do for the community? What about singing to bring people together such as a choir or singing as part of a congregation. It doesn’t matter that the voice is not Australian Idol quality, as there are plenty of those young hopefuls throughout Australia. It matters that we use the instrument that God gave us, however humble, to sing in harmony with one another.

I particularly urge Yr 6 & 7 students who have been a part of The Senior Singers in past years, not to hide their talent away and give of their gift of song. There are many solo singers with stars in their eyes but there are not many who can hold a part in a vocal ensemble, why not develop that skill, increase your versatility and be part of The Senior Singers.

Instruments for hire- Trombone, Clarinet, Flute, Tenor Saxophone, Alto Saxophone, Bass Clarinet and the Double Bass. See either Lindsay or myself for an instrumental hire form.

Practices for the band this week are as normal- Pop’s Ensemble at 1pm and The Rock Band at 2pm. Any late changes to the practices due to the Cross Country will be placed as a notice on the music room door.

Keep PRACTISING a LITTLE each day and you will hear a BIG difference.

Sing like no one is listening,
Paula Simpson
(Music specialist)

UNIFORM SHOP Hours are 8am - 9am
Next Days: Thurs 8th March & Tuesday 13th March
Glenys Appleby
(Uniform Shop Coordinator)

CONGRATULATIONS
Alex Bielby 6J won the Champion rider in Equitation, in the 11-13 years group. “Monty” is Alex’s newest horse and this was their first competition together.
They won the beautiful rug “Monty” is wearing.
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
We offer the following students birthday blessings on their special day!
5th March  Caitlin De Paoli, Florence Hornby, Bridget Quinn
7th   Olivia Claridge, Harry Vella
8th   Joshua Davidson, Liam Davidson, Hudson Wood
9th   Joseph Hutson, Jesse Lange
10th  Hunter Foad
11th  Paris Smith

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS…. 3S
We have started the year with lots of learning already. We are doing a lot this term.
Science is really fun because we are learning about the sun, Earth and the moon. We even got to go outside in class and play Shadow Tag!
In History we have learnt about Mungo Man and Mungo Lady because we are looking at Indigenous Australians. Their fossils are over 28,000 years old.

We think English is fun. We love poetry because we have been writing nonsense! We have been writing limericks which are silly nonsense poems, acrostic poems and cinquains. In literacy groups the computers are a favourite rotation. We also like journal writing.
Maths is hard this year but we are trying extra hard. We have learnt a lot about addition and subtraction and turning them around. And we loved making our own 3D shapes from nets.
In Religion we have looked at the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and our unique spirits. We all have something good in us and in 3S.

THANK YOU
Thank You for your overwhelming support, friendship and donations during the last few weeks. Although this has been a difficult time we have been blessed with the opportunity of forming new friendships and strengthen existing ones.
We feel proud to be part of the St Joseph’s Community. Caroline, Jarrod, Liam & Max Odgers

CROSS COUNTRY FRIDAY 9th of MARCH

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Students are to wear their house shirts. A decision will be made on Thursday about the state of the cross country course. If it is too wet the carnival will be moved back a week to Friday the 16th of March.

COMMENDATIONS
The focus for the month of February was Community Builder.
These awards were presented at last Friday’s assembly and went to the children deemed to be exceptional in the way s/he contributes to classroom / school life with no expectation of individual reward.

Congratulations go to:
Prep J  Jonah Pessard
Prep S  Cooper Ford
1J  Kiah Gormley
1S  Cooper Thompson
2J  Jake O’Hara
2S  Lachy Back
3J  Tessie Savage
3S  Maegan Etheridge
4J  Chloe Hickson
4S  Jamie Thom
5J  Alex Wallace
5S  Angus Mohr
6J  Alif Ninsiri
6S  Tate Connolly
7J  Ellie English
7S  Brittany Stark
ST JOSEPH’S PARISH NAMBOUR
Ph: 5441 1034   Email: stjoenam@ozemail.com.au
Web: www.nambourcatholics.net

Wednesday 7th March
8:30am  RCIA Group 2
9:30am  Reconciliation
10:00am  Mass; Seniors
10.30am  Seniors Gathering
7pm-9:30  Quilt Craft Group
7.30pm  Pastoral Council Information Session

Thursday 8th March
11:00am  Mass at Sundale Nursing Home

Friday 9th March
6:30am  Mass
7:8.00am  Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel
8:00am  Stations of the Cross
2.00pm  Sacramental Program Enrolment Closing Date

Saturday 10th March
4:30-4.50pm  Reconciliation
6:00pm  Evening Mass for Sunday
Candle Presentation: Jake Klupfel (Rachelle & Cameron)
Children’s liturgy: Shona Diggines

Sunday 11th March
Third Sunday of Lent
7:00am  Mass
Children’s liturgy: Adrian Eldridge
9:00am  Mass
Children’s liturgy: Sally Anne Kinsella
4.00pm  Ukrainian Mass & Supper

Monday 12th March
8.00am  Mass
7.30pm  Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th March
7:00pm  RCIA Group 1

Wednesday 14th March
8:30am  RCIA Group 2
9:30am  Reconciliation
10:00am  Mass; Year 6S
11:00am-12 Parish Staff Meeting
12:00pm  Reconciliation Year 5J
7:00pm-9:30  Quilt Craft Group

Confirmation/First Communion Program 2012
Enrolment forms for Children year 4 and 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.

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

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St Joseph’s Parish & St Vincent de Paul Society are hosting a (fundraising) St Patrick’s Day dinner dance on Saturday, 17th March from 7pm in the school hall.

All welcome, whether you be an O’Flaherty or an O’Kotznitschke or a Mac-Tse Tung. Details to come.

Enquiries: Kath Ashworth
kashworth@westnet.com.au
0428 286 134