14th March 2012

Community building....

It strikes me that as our building program slowly draws towards its conclusion, another real challenge awaits us! When we first started interviewing architects prior to the initial Master Plan consultations in the community back in 2009, I made myself a promise - that by the end of the building program, the school would not only look spectacular but what was happening in the classrooms...the learning and teaching...would be spectacular! And I am very proud to say that we are well on the way to achieving this!

So what is this new challenge? At last night’s Board meeting, we talked about the importance of bringing you, the parent community back to the school once the building program is over. You are an essential ‘ingredient’ in the educational ‘recipe’ of your child! Your involvement, presence and opinions are important and valued as no one person has all the answers. And the Board is exploring ways to make this happen.

We claim COMMUNITY to be a strength of St Joey’s, indeed it is the first component of our Vision Statement, but what does it mean on a day in, day out basis? Perhaps this extract form Joan Chittister’s ‘Monastery of the Heart’ (2011) might help ..... 

Community building does not just happen.
It cannot be taken for granted.
It requires both great faith and great trust that is generated by a continuing display of great human care that begins with me, and then comes back to me.

What is central is that together we use our goods for something greater than ourselves, that we "do not store up grain in barns," as the scriptures say, for our own security alone, but use the profits of our labour for the good of others, as well.

It is a process of making all of human community real, and of doing it out of a common vision and one heart.

Next Monday we celebrate our community’s Feast Day with our first school mass of the year! I hope you can come along and join with your children and so make it a real COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!

May you know God’s smile this week!

Mary Pont
PRINCIPAL
Feast of St. Joseph

Next Monday, March 19th, is the feast day of our patron saint, St. Joseph. We will commence the day with a whole school mass at 9:00am, followed by a buddy morning tea for students and a morning tea for parents and parish members in the piazza. During the day students will participate in activities focussed on St. Joseph and Harmony Day (March 21st). Please join us for mass and morning tea on Monday.

Joseph, in the New Testament, was the husband of Mary. He helped Mary raise God’s Son, Jesus. Joseph was Jesus’ foster father.

We know Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back.

We celebrate our patron saint……………St. Joseph, pray for us.

Paddies for Compassion

This Friday we invite all students to dress in ‘green’ and bring a gold coin for Project Compassion. We are well on our way of our goal of $1000 this year. Thank you to the students and families who have donated each week to this appeal. Your donations make a difference to families in Australia and other countries, enabling improved lives for many.

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we have done or failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

Project Compassion, Week 3, brings you the story of Colletta

Colletta lives in Zimbabwe. With Caritas Australia’s support, her community has set up a vegetable garden and repaired their village borehole. Colletta, who was very ill seven years ago, now has safe water to drink, enough food to make her medication effective and even has vegetables left over to sell to pay for school fees and other expenses.

Your donation to Project Compassion enables marginalised communities to participate in their own development and create a future free from poverty. www.caritas.org.au

ST VINCENT de PAUL’S LENTEN APPEAL

Our donations for SVDP are growing slowly. Please remember to send something in to help locals during the Lenten season. All classes have baskets to leave items in. Please see your class teacher for the focus item for their year level. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

We had an exciting delivery of educational resources at the end of last week. Our items that we earned points for last year through the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion were delivered. We used a total of 15354 points that were collected through our school community shopping at Woolworths, and bringing in dockets for us to validate. In the photo you can see the items we have received that will be used in different curriculum areas throughout our school, including a microscope, Simple and Powered Machine kit, some weather stations and different literacy activities. We are very appreciative towards Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids for these wonderful resources and thank everyone who brought in dockets to help us achieve such a wonderful level of points.

Narelle Harney
APRE
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Prep J  Lucas Ivanfy  For being a strong learner in class and a helpful group leader in Literacy rotations.

Prep S  Denny McEntee  For the most amazing improvement in his writing. Denny has put an unbelievable effort into his writing over the past couple of weeks. His improvement is extraordinary. Well done Denny!!

1J  Kate Bannah  For always doing her best. Kate's reading ability is amazing and she is always willing to help others by sharing her knowledge. Kate's calming influence and patience is a real asset to our classroom. You are a valued member of 1J Kate.

1S  Ethan Kamuti  Ethan warms up our classroom with his wonderful smile. He makes a great friend and is always ready to help where needed.

2J  Charlotte McDermott  Charlotte is always thoughtful and caring. She gives compliments readily, smiles all the time and puts in her very best effort always! She can be relied upon for any task and we are very proud of her efforts for her Listen and Share task.

2S  Yasmeen Weaver  A quiet achiever who is always trying her hardest in everything that she does. Yasmeen takes great pride in how she presents her work and is a true shining star in our class. Keep up the great work Yasmeen.

3J  Josh Marr  For being a helpful class member and for always trying hard in everything he does. Congratulations Josh.

3S  Declan Cassar-Smythe  For his excellent commitment and effort in everything he does. He is truly a great student and wonderful kind personality in the classroom. Well done!

4J  Henry Paton  For an excellent attitude to learning. You always give your best in your quiet way. Well done!

4S  Jasmine Saeung  For always putting in 100% effort in her book work which is always beautifully presented.

5J  Dali Baldock  For the kindness and empathy she showed to a class mate who was upset. Well done Dali! Your understanding was much appreciated.

5S  Lilli Grenfell  For embracing persuasive writing so enthusiastically and persuading me (Sue) so beautifully.

6J  Charlie Powell  For invigorating such life into the 6J classroom. Charlie is full of life and continues to bring joy and happiness to all those in her company. She is kind and generous, and a caring friend. We are blessed to have her within our classroom each and every day. Thanks Charlie, you are very special to us.

6S  Shelby Thomas  For exceeding expectations with the quality of her work. Shelby always goes above and beyond, not only with her learning but also being willing to lend a hand wherever it is needed.

7J  Tamara Cook  Tamara is excelling in all areas of school. Her fun loving and easy going attitude and her determination to do well mixed with her strong personality to always have a go are coming together to produce an excellent student and well respected person.

7S  Ben Lenihan  For preparing a passionate and well argued debating topic at the 7S Great Debate. Your passion for the topic and your well thought through arguments helped to make your debate a successful one. Well done Ben!

PE Award :  Reece Bridges 5J  Reece always gives his best during HPE however his effort preparing for and running in the Cross Country was fantastic. Well done Reece. Keep up the high standards.

Maths Enrichment Award:  Monique Sutton 7S  for her dedication to solving the problems in our lessons. She always gives 100% effort. Well done.

Music Award:  Braden Simm 4J  He has quickly picked up learning the flute in the Year 4 I.I. Program

Literacy Enrichment Award :  Jack Mather 1S  For participating well at literacy time and always trying to do his best. Keep it up, Jack!
LIBRARY NEWS

Students in Years 6 & 7 are gearing up for St Joseph’s Readers Cup which is on next week. This is a reading competition where the students read 3 chapter books and 1 picture book and then, in teams of 4, they answer questions about these books. The Year 6 heats are next Tuesday 20 March, with the heats for Year 7 the following day. The finals for both groups will be on Thursday 22 March, Year 6 at 8.30am and Year 7 at 9.30am. The finals will be held in the school hall and parents are most welcome to come along. The winning team from both year levels will represent St Joseph’s at the Sunshine Coast Interschool Readers Cup competition in May.

Good Luck to everyone with their final preparation for this annual event!

Happy Reading
Cathie Menck (Teacher Librarian)

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all." — Jacqueline Kennedy

MUSIC NEWS

Last week I wrote about group singing and learning the invaluable skills of group cooperation, team building and vocal harmonization. On the web is a very special example of this, it can be found under military wives choir. This choir was put together as a way of building support and community among the wives left behind in England whilst their husbands are serving in Afghanistan. Its well worth a look and a listen. So make music a part of your child’s life.

Junior Joeys is on Tuesday at 1pm, Senior Singers at noon on Fridays and the bands alternate between 1pm and 2pm on a Friday.

Keep singing
Paula Simpson (Music Specialist)

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS…. 2J

We have been very busy workers in 2J. It has been a wonderful start and we are soaring ahead with our learning! Here are some favourite parts so far!

In 2J we are doing WOW writing. IN WOW Writing we have been writing stories. I am writing about a haunted house, we can write about anything! MAX A

I enjoy reading. In reading we draw pictures and write sentences about books and we try to do our bestest reading! ISABELLE S

The best thing about 2J is playtime because I play tiggy, it is super fun and I play with Cooper. DYLAN B

We are enjoying learning about Waterworks. 2J and 2S are going on a water works hunt around the school to see how we use water. ALICE S

The best thing was the cross country. It’s fun, you get healthy and very strong. Sometimes my feet got sore, but I liked the colours of the houses and the ribbons.

LEILANI M

The best thing about 2J is sport. We play games sometimes at the end and sometimes at the start and we do running a lot. We do lots of fun things.

CHARLOTTE Mc

I enjoy learning about maths. In 2J we are learning about doubles, taking away, adding up and making shapes. We play games on the whiteboard.

ANNALEISE S

In 2J we are doing Listen and Share and it is great because you get to show your own stuff and you get to choose anything you want to bring in.

KAYLEIGH K

I enjoy going to library to learn. In library we read books and I like borrowing books.

JACK F

BOOKCLUB

Congratulations to the Year 2,4 and 5 classes for their outstanding orders this term. We have been able to purchase lots of new resources to be used in the library and the classrooms. Issue 2 orders should be back late this week or early next week, well in time for the Easter holidays. Issue three will be available just after the holidays.

If you miss the closing date for an order, you can still order it. Just note on the front of the envelope which issue it is from and I will try and order it for you. We can back order up to two issues, but be warned that if the item was very popular, you will probably still miss out and end up with a voucher instead of the item.

Keep up the great orders.
Dorothy Devlin (Bookclub Manager)

FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

DATE CLAIMER – WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY 2012

A 6PM Forum - ‘Stress Proofing Children’

On Wednesday the 2nd of May 2012, Dr Hsien-Jin Teoh, from the School of Psychology, Australian Catholic University, will hold a parent information workshop on ‘Stress Proofing Children’. This session will provide information and practical ideas on supporting children to develop their skills to get through life’s challenges. Dr Teoh has a keen interest in child health and working with parents through behaviour management programs. He is currently Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology at the Brisbane campus of the Australian Catholic University.

When: Wednesday 2nd May, 2012 from 6pm - 8pm
Where: School Hall

Coffee and Tea will be provided.
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
We offer the following students birthday blessings on their special day!
March 12
14  Thomas Back
14  Teah Hughes, Elan Sanker
15  Solomon Curyer
16  Majenta Marcinkowski
17  Lauren Robinson

HELLO FROM THE TUCKSHOP
Wow, the year is flying past as we zoom into Week 8! Welcome to the tuckshop this week to the newest members of the St Joey’s family Prep S & J who have been awesome tuckshop customers this year. Many thanks to our senior school members, Year 7, for their help last week.
Make sure to mark your calendar for next Tuesday March 20 when we will have our Morning Tea Stall. Kids can come down & grab a bargain for 20 or 50cents!
This Week> Homebake & Helpers: Preps
> Special: Chinese Chicken Noodles Hokkien noodles with chicken & sticky sauce
Next Week> Homebake & Helpers: Year 1
> Special: Sushi
Remember! Tuckshop only happens with your help!
Lee Etheridge  (Tuckshop Convenor)

UNIFORM SHOP  Hours are 8am - 9am
Next Days: Thurs 15th March & Tuesday 20th March
Glenys Appleby
(Uiform Shop Coordinator)

CONGRATULATIONS
Abbey Mills (5J) travelled to Brisbane last Friday afternoon to receive a medal from the Michael Phelps Foundation Swimming IM Program in America which was piloted here in Australia. Abbey was selected for this program from the North Brisbane's Special Olympic Aquatic Team which was held late last year at the Sam Riley Aquatic Centre, which she completed and passed. Abbey was also chosen to present a plaque of appreciation—to Olympic Swimmer Sam Riley—for letting the children use her pool. Abbey has been selected to represent Queensland for the National Games at Newcastle in December 2012.

DISTRICT NETBALL TRIAL REPORT
On the 1st March the Under 11 and Under 12 Nambour District Netball Trials were held. Competition across the District is extremely strong. Of the 13 students who tried out the following 6 were selected into the District Team.
Under 11
1. Kaycee Brady
2. Caitlin De Paoli
3. Mary-Ellen Bonser
Under 12
1. Teaghan Le Busque
2. Kelly Farrelly
3. Brittany Stark
Well done to everyone that tried out.

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Regional Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday at the Caboolture Swimming Complex. Kayleigh Foster, Bo Daniel, Jessica Foster, Harry Vella, Caitlin De Paoli, Mary-Ellen Bonser, Jezze Gorman, Brittany Stark and Georgia Mills competed against students from schools as far south as Redcliffe and as far North as Noosa.
Congratulations to Bo Daniel and Jezze Gorman who were both selected to compete at the 2012 Queensland Primary Schools Championships on 25th to 27th March.

CROSS COUNTRY WRAP
Well done to all students for their efforts with the Cross Country last Friday. The hill can be a daunting prospect at the best of times but you all handled it with courage and care. Congratulations to Currie for their overall winning score of 1025. Naamba finished second on 900 points and Petrie were third on 825. It was fantastic to see so many students doing their best and supporting others as they ran. The atmosphere on the 3rd from students and parents was particularly pleasing. A big thank you to those Year 6 and 7 students who assisted on the day, to teachers for your organisation and parents for coming and supporting your children.
Steve McCall  (Sports Co-Ordinator)

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
Hi, I’m taking part in the World’s Greatest Shave event. I’m going to do it at 5pm on Friday 16th March. I am going to make my afro disappear. It will be sad to lose my afro but if I am going to let it go then I wanted to make sure that I do it for a good cause.
I would really appreciate it if you could help me and The Leukaemia Foundation by sponsoring me. You can do this online. Just visit this link to do that http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/Marco Porcellini
Thank You Marco 4S
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Wednesday 14th March
8:30am         RCIA Group 2
9:30am         Reconciliation
10:00am        Mass; Year 6S
11:00am-12pm   Parish Staff Meeting
12:00pm        Reconciliation Year 5J
7:00pm-9:30pm  Quilt Craft Group

Thursday 15th March
7:00pm         Sacramental Program Parent Meeting

Friday 16th March
6:30am         Mass
7-8.00am       Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel
9:00am-12:30pm Creative Art Group
8:00am         Stations of the Cross

Saturday 17th March  St Patrick’s Day
4:30-4.50pm    Reconciliation
6:00pm         Evening Mass for Sunday
Children’s liturgy: Trish Heaps
Baptism:        Jake Klupfel (Rachelle & Cameron)

Sunday 18th March  Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:00am         Mass
Children’s liturgy: Christene Cockcroft
9:00am         Mass; RCIA Rite of Strengthening and Healing
Children’s liturgy: Margaret Barnes
10am-12pm      Easter Choir Rehearsal

Monday 19th March  Feast St. Joseph
9:00am         Mass for St Joseph
               Whole School attending

Tuesday 20th March
7:00pm         RCIA Group 1

Wednesday 21st March
8:30am         RCIA Group 2
9:30am         Reconciliation
10:00am        Mass; Year 4S & 4J
12:00pm        Reconciliation Year 6S
7:00pm-9:30pm  Quilt Craft Group

Sacraments of Initiation for Children
This coming Thursday we will be conducting the Parent Meeting for those wishing their children to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist this year. This meeting will be held in the Church at 7pm. Enrolments closed last Friday. Fr Graham

SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 1

MARCH
Friday 16th         Paddies for Compassion  Day
                   Wear something green and bring a gold coin donation.
                   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
                   Year 8 2013 Enrolment Interviews for St John’s College, Nambour
                   School recommences Monday 16th April
Friday 23rd        Assembly 4S
Friday 30th        Assembly 5J
                   Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

YEAR 8 2013

Enrolment Interviews for St John’s College, Nambour

For your information:

- Members of the college leadership team visited St Joseph’s primary school on Tuesday 6 March.
- Year 7 students were offered enrolment packs for St John’s College
- A Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 21 March at 7pm at St John’s College in the Multi-Purpose Centre.
- Enrolment interviews will be held from Thursday 19 April to Tuesday 24 April.

At St John’s College we provide quality education in an environment that nurtures children in their Catholic faith.

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. While the parents are dancing and dining, kids are invited to a Popcorn and Movie night in the parish Community Centre from 7pm, hosted by St Joseph’s Impact Youth Group. BYO pillows, rug, etc. Snack provided. Gold coin donation, please. (Children will be supervised by members of the Youth Group, but remain the responsibility of their parents). Book your spot.

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St Joseph’s Parish & St Vincent de Paul Society