Literate and Numerate...

St Joey’s staff has been forging ahead in recent years, striving to achieve our clear goal of providing high quality teaching and learning opportunities through the use of school wide pedagogy in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. This has entailed ensuring our structures reflect this vision. To this end, four Curriculum Teams were established this year. Facilitated by a Leading Teacher, each team has the goal of researching and resourcing each of the Phase One subject areas—English, Mathematics, History and Science and to assist them in this role, the Leading Teachers have participated in professional development opportunities including—

- Coaching (Growth Coaching International),
- Maths, English and Science - Australian Curriculum (Queensland Studies Authority)
- Visible Learning Plus workshops.

Another key component contributing to the high quality learning and teaching is the use of Action Research Projects currently underway at St Joey’s. These are -

1. Literacy - An Improvement Project
2. Numeracy - ‘Building Core Capacity’
3. Numeracy as a General Capability - in conjunction with UQ and ACU.

While all staff are involved in each of these, ongoing professional development is also occurring with the support of Deb Tyson from Pat Edgar Consultancies. Over the past three years, Deb has assisted us in focussing on the core instructional strategies of teaching, reading and writing. Our staff has had these strategies modelled to them (by Deb); they have taught in front of Deb and received feedback (coaching) from her - Prep to Year 7! While such strategies are adapted according to the age and stage of the students, they are consistent school-wide which ensures St Joey’s has an effective school-wide pedagogy.

Why is there such an emphasis on research and pedagogy? The simple response is because teaching is a PROFESSION and as such, teachers must be involved in a continual process of using research to inform practices that are both challenging and meet the needs of our 21st century learners. Obtaining a degree to teach was only the starting point! Our staff are firmly focused on your child’s development and well being. They are to be congratulated and encouraged for the manner in which they grapple with the numerous elements that constitute their role in these exciting times in education!

The reason and result of this vision is to ensure each child is literate and numerate when leaving St Joey’s! Last year’s NAPLAN results would indicate that this is more than happening! Check out the ‘My Schools’ website!

God’s blessings this week!

Mary Pont
PRINCIPAL
APRE NEWS

Celebrating St. Joseph’s Feast Day

It was wonderful to have so many parents and parish members join us yesterday at mass celebrating the feast of St. Joseph. After mass there was a lovely morning tea, catered for by the Yr 7 Hospitality committee. During the middle session of the day, students rotated to four different activities focusing on St. Joseph and Harmony Day (which is today). Thank you to teachers and students for your valuable participation in celebrating our patron saint’s feast day. There are some beautiful examples of work on display in the office and library this week.

Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day

Last Friday at assembly there was a sea of green and excitement galore. Thank you to everyone who dressed to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and for your generosity in donations which has helped our collection to grow to over $1300 so far for the 2012 Project Compassion CARITAS appeal. We hope everyone enjoyed St. Patrick’s Day!!!!

Project Compassion, Week 4, brings you the story of Bae Lisa.

Bae Lisa lives in Mindanao in the Philippines. She works with MPC, a group supported by Caritas Australia to help build peace in this troubled area. She explains: “In times of crisis I comfort women and children traumatised by conflict, who fear for their lives. I deliver food to displaced people and mediate between government officials and traditional leaders.”

Your Project Compassion donation is supporting MPC in its heroic work protecting and speaking out for peoples of different faiths, backgrounds and viewpoints.

ST VINCENT de PAUL’S LENTEN APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the SVDP appeal already. We have 1.5 weeks of collecting left. Please send in items to your child’s class.

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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.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Prep J
Ted Bunter
For wonderful improvement in all areas of school. Well done.

Prep S
Riah Bolland
Riah has been a wonderful new friend to have in our classroom for two weeks. We have had some wonderful conversations about her school in Japan. Riah has a beautiful smile and lights the room each time she walks through the door. Thank you for spending your precious time with us Riah, you have created some lovely new friendships.

1J
Kyla Smith
For always giving 100% effort in whatever she does. Kyla is a quiet achiever and is a very valued member of 1J. Kyla is a wonderful friend to her classmates and we all love you.

1S
Finn Lawson
Finn is a hard worker who always listens to instructions. He is a good friend who is always ready to help others. Finn works well independently and is a good role model to others particularly in our rotation groups. Well done Finn!

2J
Krystelle Maker
Krystelle shows determination in all the tasks she attempts and she consistently shows respect, care and interest in her classmates. Her writing skills are to be commended and she is showing that using a dictionary really improves her use of describing and emotive words in a story. We value your contributions in class!

2S
Solomon Curyer
A fantastic class member who is always trying his hardest, listening carefully and following directions. Solomon is a quiet achiever, a kind friend and a reliable helper. Keep up the great work Solomon.

3J
Holly Unitt
For the positive attitude she has taken to improving her learning by completing extra homework activities. Well done Holly.

3S
Liam Odgers
For his effort in mathematics. It is great to see Liam always putting up his hand and having a go. Keep it up Liam!

4J
Tyler Orange
For his enthusiasm in the classroom especially within history and science. Tyler your energy and engagement as an active learner is greatly appreciated in the classroom.

4S
Marco Porcellini
For a fantastic effort in raising money for the World’s Greatest Shave event for the Leukaemia Foundation - in doing so he achieved so much more. For taking the initiative in preparing their cabin’s concert item for camp. Well done Liam!

5J
Liam Todd
For taking the initiative in preparing their cabin’s concert item for camp.

5S
Tanya Luangkwan
For the positivity she brings to 6S. Tanya displays a great sense of perseverance and determination which are just a few of the many great attributes she possesses and models to her peers.

6J
Adele Wight
It takes enormous courage to stand up and speak the truth, especially when it goes against what your peers would want you to do. Adele, you are to be admired. Your strength of character is second to none. Your principles are firm, even at such a young age—you really might just grow up and change the problems of the world and make it a better place. Congratulations, your family and your class are very proud of you!

6S
Anthony Kajewski
Anthony receives the award this week for his continual positive attitude. Anthony always has a smile, is ready to help anyone at any time and, no matter the situation is prepared to volunteer in any situation.

7J
Monique Sutton
For always giving 100% effort in all she undertakes in class, for the consistent care, concern she puts into the presentation of her work and for always showing initiative in the 7S classroom. Thanks Monique, you are appreciated.

Music Award: Will Ross (Yr 7) who has the potential to be a fine alto saxophone player. Keep it up Will!

PE Award: Molly Vogler (2J)
Molly’s effort hitting with a baseball bat last week was phenomenal. Her technique and style made her swing nearly perfect. Well done Molly.

Maths Enrichment Award: Libby Ward (3J)
For recognizing the relationship between numbers to keep an equation balanced. Libby was replacing an absent classmate, so an extra well done for her effort and reasoning.

Literacy Enrichment Award: Esther Cargeeg (5S)
for a consistently high stand of work at literacy time.
LIBRARY NEWS
St Joseph’s Readers’ Cup is on this week and the excitement is mounting as the finalists have been decided and the winners will be determined tomorrow. Details for the finals are as follows: Year 6 at 8.30am and Year 7 at 9.30am. This 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 Inter-school Readers Cup competition in May.

This year the heats, held on Tuesday and today, have been of a very high standard, so I am looking forward to some fierce competition tomorrow. Good Luck to everyone!

Happy Reading
Cathie Menck Teacher Librarian

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.”— Walt Disney

MUSIC NEWS
As the end of term one draws near it is timely to take stock of all the opportunities that are there for the students of St Joseph’s. There are the instrumental lessons, the instrumental immersion program for Yr 4’s, the Pop’s Ensemble, the Rock/Lit Band, Junior Joeys and Senior Singers. Most of these opportunities are free of charge or have a minimal fee and enhance skills such as group co-operation/team work in a fun, non competitive environment. Well done to all those students who have joined the St Joseph’s Instrumental/Vocal program. Remember persistence counts!!

In term two there will be the return of The Drumming Circle and it is opened to all students. It will occur in the Music room on either a Wednesday or Thursday lunchtime and for an eight week block it will cost $24. Enrolment forms will come out at the end of this week.

There are a number of larger instruments still available for hire (double bass, trombone, tenor saxophone, bass clarinet) so see either Lindsay or myself if you are interested. Also there is a virtually brand new, Messina alto saxophone for sale, please see our grounds person, Leonie Leck, if you are interested in purchasing it.

Yr 4 students please bring your homework practice sheet to your lesson to have it marked. There are a number of questions regarding the sheet which is on the back of their instrument homework, practise booklet. Firstly your child needs to be recording the number of minutes per day they are practising on their instrument e.g. Row six would be Week six and each column is a day of that week. Within this your child needs to write the amount of time they spent on that instrument that day. The parent is then to place their signature in the last column at the end of the week. The ideal is that the student is doing short practices daily. Progress will be slow if there is no practise for days at a time. Think of it as the new family pet, it needs daily “feeding and attention” or it won’t thrive.

Keep singing,
Paula Simpson
Music Specialist

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS
Thanks to those families who have paid their Term 1 School fees which were DUE LAST WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH. If you are having difficulty paying your statement, please email kmhigginbottom@bne.catholic.edu.au or contact me on 5441 9208 to discuss a repayment plan.
P & F NEWS
FETE 2012 : Friday 2nd November

At the P&F meeting held on Monday night Rae O’Flynn was confirmed as the 2012 Fete Convenor, to be ably assisted by the P&F President, Kirsty Dare.

The first Fete meeting will be held on Monday 23rd April 2012 at 7:00pm where we will be looking for a Secretary, Marketing Officer and Stall Convenors.

Our Annual Fete is our major fundraiser for the P&F. Anyone that is interested in helping out in any way is encouraged to attend this meeting.

If you require further information you can contact Rae O’Flynn on rae.o@internode.on.net.
Or Kirsty Dare on thedare5@bigpond.com.

Let’s make this year’s Fete one to remember.

CROSS COUNTRY

The local runs begin again Sunday week, April 1st (the first of 6).

For serious runners and winners from year 5 to 7, this is a great opportunity to run on the Regional course and / or just improve your fitness. Please go to www.sccrosscountry.org for more details.

Happy running,
Dorothy Devlin

FAMILY DETAIL UPDATE FORMS

We still have approximately 80 family detail update forms that have not been returned to the office. It is imperative that we have your current information to ensure that we have your correct contact details on record.
Please return to the school office ASAP.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Brittany Stark & Jezze Gorman 7S who competed in the Qld Nippers Surf Lifesaving State Titles on the weekend of 10th March. Their results were:
Brittany : 1st Board Rescue, 2nd Board Relay, 2nd Surf swim Team, 3rd Beach Relay and 5th Individual Board Race.
Jezze : 1st Cameron Relay, 3rd Board Relay, 5th Spring Relay, 4th Swim Team.

VACATION CARE

We have an action packed holiday program organised for your enjoyment and it’s filling fast!!

We have everything from Easter egg hunts, Crazy Candles, Ceramic painting, an excursion to Quota Park for a play and sausage sizzle, lots of art and crafts, as well as Bike and Scooter day. My personal favorite: Mamma Mia Pizzeria - we are not only making pizzas, we are making dessert pizza’s ... mmmmm!

Places are filling fast, so if you want your children to have a day of fun and excitement, or you need a day off, or you simply need to work, come and join us. All new enrolments are welcome.

The Staff at St Joseph’s OSHC would like to introduce the newest member of our team James Tynan. James was a student at St Joseph’s then he moved on to St John’s where he finished year 12. Now James is in the first year of his teaching degree. He will be a excellent addition to our great team. So welcome James...and buckle-up, you’re in for a ride!

For all ASC, BSC and Vac. Care booking’s please contact us:-
Phone: - 54417646
Email: - nambouroshc@bne.centacare.net.au

Look forward to seeing you there!

Regards
Debbie, Crystal, Jes, Peta-Maree and James.

FOUND

A brand new pair of black formal shoes were found in the Year 3 Port Racks a couple of weeks ago. The children were asked if they belonged to them but there was no response.

If you think these may belong to your son/daughter could you please contact the office.

Semester 1, 2012

Online applications for the Bus Fare Assistance Program and the Students with Disabilities Scheme are being accepted now until 31st May 2012.

To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for either program, go to:
www.schooltransport.com.au

Further enquirers to:
3336 9192 or schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au

Applications received after 31st May 2012 cannot be processed.
Wednesday 21st March
8:30am RCIA Group 2
9:30am Reconciliation
10:00am Mass; Year 4S & 4J
12:00pm Reconciliation Year 6S
7:00pm-9:30 Quilt Craft Group

Thursday 22nd March
5:30pm-6:30pm Liturgy meeting in Community Centre

Friday 23rd March
6:30am Mass
7-8.00am Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel
8:00am Stations of the Cross

Saturday 24th March
4:30-4.50pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Evening Mass for Sunday
Children’s liturgy: Maree Fitzsimon

Sunday 25th March
Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:00am Mass
Children’s liturgy: Lyn Purssell
9:00am Mass
Children’s liturgy: Fiona Simm
Candle Presentation: Ava O’Keefe (Christopher & Sharmilla); Ethan Kamuti (Chris & Annah)
10:00am Baptism: Ethan Kamuti (Chris & Annah)
10am-12 Easter Choir Rehearsal
11:00-4:00 Adoration in Chapel
5:30pm Mass at Palmwoods
(at the Anglican Church)

Monday 26th March
8:00am Mass
6:00pm-7:00pm Helping Hands meeting

Tuesday 27th March
7:00pm RCIA Group 1

Wednesday 28th March
8:30am RCIA Group 2
9:30am Reconciliation
10:00am Mass; Year 6J
7:00pm Reconciliation Liturgy for Lent
7:00pm-9:30 Quilt Craft Group

Confirmation and First Eucharist
Well, the 2012 Sacramental Program for children is underway. There are about 55 children enrolled this year. They and their parents will participate in seven groups that will meet weekly for six weeks after Easter. We look forward to celebrating the completion of their initiation in June.

SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 1
MARCH
Wednesday 21st Year 5 Camp till Friday 23rd
Friday 23rd Assembly 4S
Friday 30th Assembly 5J

Term 2
Last Day of Term 1
School recommences Monday 16th April

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 tonight, 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings—away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset….your Marriage!
This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date : 27-29 April, 2012
Venue : Santa Teresa, Ormiston Qld

For Bookings / Details contact:
Terry and Rhonda Boyle tel. 07 3352 3328 or boyletj@powerup.com.au.
Information website: www.wwme.org.au