The heart of our school....

In spite of the obvious challenges presented to us all by the building program, I would have to say this past term has been one of the smoothest I've experienced in my 17 years as Principal! It’s as if we have ‘risen above’ the daily drop off / pick up ‘chaos’, some unconventional teaching spaces and the hilly trekking around the perimeters of our school, to name but a few...and put our energy into the important things in life. A couple of these that come to mind very quickly include -

- Our community’s outreach to one of our families who lost all their possessions and home in a fire;
- Your generosity in becoming actively involved in the life of the school by ‘putting your hand up’ to be Parent Contacts, P&F Committee members, Fete Convenor, classroom assistants, library book shelvers and coverers..........and the list goes on!

As I remind you often, **the core business of a school is quality learning because of quality teaching!** We have both in abundance at Joey’s because we have students who want to learn and teachers who are highly skilled professionals! Our student achievement levels have risen rapidly during the past couple of years as we have steadily ‘picked up the pace’ with the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. Our ‘point of difference’ from many of our neighbouring schools however is none of this. It is that **the heart of our school is the Easter message!**

> It is true that Jesus who lives in us died but did not die.  
> But just as true is the fact that we have all known resurrection in our own lives as well.  
> We have been crucified, each of us, one way or another, and been raised up again.  
> Life is not one road. It is many roads, the walking of which provides the raw material out of which we find hope ....  
> [Joan D. Chittister excerpt, Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope]

We ponder what this means in our lives again this Easter, committing ourselves to strive to grapple with the mystery it presents, knowing that it is in our deepest, quietest moments that we KNOW the hope that our God of Love offers!

We hold in prayerful support those parents of our community who this Easter will either be baptised, renewed or received into the Catholic church - Sandy, Ivo, Bronya, Jo and Patrick. Congratulations to each of you!

To end this term, I want to sincerely thank you for the myriad of ways in which you support our community in the daily ‘exploits’ of school life. Your children are a credit to you! I hope that the coming two weeks of reprieve from school routines will bring your family time to reconnect.....spiritually and as a family, as you have time to relax!

May God’s love EASTER in you again this year!

*Mary Pont*

Principal
APRE NEWS

Palm Sunday and Holy Week
Please join us Friday afternoon at 2pm for a liturgy focussing on Palm Sunday. This will be held in the church and led by the Yr 5 students.
This Sunday is Palm Sunday. This is when we remember when Jesus was welcomed as a ‘king’. Later next week we move to remember the events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
It is a good time to reflect now on the significance of these Holy Week events in the Christian tradition. I hope your family takes the opportunity to participate in some of the parish celebrations.
Details of services at St. Joseph’s can be obtained from the parish office or their website http://www.nambourcatholics.net/

Project Compassion appeal and SVDP Hamper collection
Thank you to all families for your support during this term towards the Project Compassion Appeal and for your donations to SVDP for the Lenten collection. We will announce our final collection amount for Project Compassion this Friday. A representative from SVDP will collect our hampers on Friday afternoon so that they can be distributed to those in need.

Project Compassion, Week 5, brings you the story of Judy.
Judy, 39, lives in Peru. Her shanty town on the outskirts of Lima has no running water, sewerage or paved roads and little access to healthcare. Judy’s daughter, Vania, was suffering from malnutrition. Now Vania attends a childcare centre run by Caritas Australia’s partner. She receives two free meals a day and regular health checks.

Wishing everyone a holy and restful break over the Easter holidays.

Narelle Harney  APRE

Term 2 commences on Monday April 16th.

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re Principal Performance Review

All those in Senior Management positions in Brisbane Catholic Education, participate in regular performance review processes to assist in their professional development planning.

Ms Margaret Pont is undertaking such a review in Term 2, 2012.

As a component of this process, a confidential on-line survey is to be conducted by the Griffith University – Executive Education and Development Department.

On Monday 16/04/2012, a sample of families randomly selected across the various year levels will receive an invitation to participate in this survey. The invitation will be emailed directly to families by the University, with the sending address as executivedevelopment@griffith.edu.au. This survey will be conducted over a two week period.

If you would like to complete a survey and do not receive an invitation, please contact Griffith University’s Project Manager, Ms Sharlene Younger by email: executivedevelopment@griffith.edu.au / ph 07 373 53248. Arrangements will then be made for the participation details and online code to be forwarded to you.

Community consultation is highly valued and I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Paul Blundell
Area Supervisor
School Services North
Catholic Education Archdiocese of Brisbane
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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<th>Prep J</th>
<th>Mason Smith</th>
<th>For great understanding of the Easter story and involvement in classroom discussion.</th>
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<td>Prep S</td>
<td>Nathan Wood</td>
<td>Nathan has shown he is able to use many of the reading strategies we have learned this term. Nathan read his very first book from front to back using skills like sounding out, recognising sight words and looking at the pictures for clues. Nathan was able to do this without any help.</td>
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<td>1J</td>
<td>Angus Harry</td>
<td>For showing enormous effort in always trying to do the right thing. Angus lead by example and is an excellent role model to his classmates. Thank you Angus you are to be congratulated on your diligence and focus during learning.</td>
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<td>1S</td>
<td>Jackson Illguth</td>
<td>Jackson joined St Joseph’s this year in a confident manner. He applies himself to all that he does and this has shown in the great gains he has made in his reading and writing. He is an asset to our class!</td>
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<td>2J</td>
<td>Max Adams</td>
<td>Max is putting in a fantastic effort towards his work, focusing very well and always being cheerful.</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Jenni Skehan</td>
<td>A beautiful star who is always trying her hardest in class. Keep up the great work Jenni.</td>
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<td>3J</td>
<td>Max Stead</td>
<td>For showing such courage when attempting new and challenging tasks and for always having a smiling face and fabulous sense of humour. Congratulations Max.</td>
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<td>3S</td>
<td>Liam Davidson</td>
<td>For excellent commitment to his entire schooling. He works hard and tries his best at everything. Liam you are an absolute delight to have in 3S.</td>
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<td>4J</td>
<td>Chloe Hickson</td>
<td>For always striving to do your best and complete tasks on time. You can always be relied upon within the classroom. Thank You Chloe.</td>
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<td>4S</td>
<td>Ella Pearson</td>
<td>For working consistently throughout this term. She has put a lot of hard work into every activity that she has undertaken to do and her results reflect this. Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>5J</td>
<td>Harrison Blinco</td>
<td>For the effort he put into packing the luggage into the bus when we were leaving camp.</td>
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<td>5S</td>
<td>Heath Egel</td>
<td>For his great leadership and problem solving skills at camp. Heath was an exceptional organiser and assistant both in preparing for camp and during it.</td>
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<td>6J</td>
<td>Ben Jessen</td>
<td>Ben puts 100% into everything that he does. He is passionate and witty, but this award is particularly for his excellence in mathematics. Ben completes logical and abstract mathematics with ease. He has the making of a real master of the numeracy domain. Well done Ben, it is great to have your insights and contributions in the maths lessons.</td>
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<td>6S</td>
<td>Gemayn Toonen</td>
<td>For the great progress and positive changes he has made throughout the term. The effort Gemayn has put into developing self-discipline skills, improving the quality of his class work and homework is to be congratulated. His humorous and creative nature brings a smile to all that surround him. Thank you, we are all so proud of you.</td>
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<td>7J</td>
<td>Zane Watson</td>
<td>Zane receives this award for two brilliant oral presentations—one in Religion and the other in English. Zane has that X-Factor and showed the Year 7 students how to use passion when speaking in public. And, yes, pirates are more fierce than bushrangers.</td>
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<td>7S</td>
<td>Conner Hornby</td>
<td>For the hard work he put into planning and preparing his persuasive speech. It was well argued and presented with enthusiasm and confidence. Conner is also a reliable student who always demonstrates initiative and care for his classmates. Thank you Conner, you are a great asset to 7S!</td>
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**Music Award**: Orrick Bain (Yr 2) who has shown great progress on the keyboard. Keep up the good work, Orrick!

**Literacy Enrichment Award**: Ethan Kamuti (1S) who is always very enthusiastic at literacy time, loves sharing his ideas and has great skills with reading and writing.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS...4J

In 4J we have been busy learning about explorers and how we need to be like the explorers in our own learning as we discover new ideas and concepts. Here are some of the things that we have enjoyed exploring so far.

So far this year, I have really enjoyed doing the year 4 music program and learning the flute! I love it! I also enjoyed all the learning facilities. (Braden Simm)

So far this term we have learnt lots of things I have liked, such as learning how to play the violin. This term in history study: How did the great journeys of exploration occur? We have been learning about Vasco da Gama and Christopher Columbus. I have enjoyed learning about the explorers. (Georgia Switala)

Last year I was having trouble with my handwriting but now am really neat. What I found very interesting was learning about the study of history. I also liked in particular, the life cycle of a plant. (Gracie Wright)

So far this year I have learned how to play the violin and I have learned a lot with history about Vasco Da Gama and Christopher Columbus, I have loved it. (Lily Abt)

This term we have been learning about Christopher Columbus and Vasco da Gama. Plants: We have watched and discovered all about different kinds of plants, and what’s in them. Reading: In class we are doing shared reading. So far we have read Whale Sharks, the Paralympics, Record Breaking mammals, Past and Present Glass, Discovery of Electricity and Wheel Chair Sports. (Lucy Schulz)

This term 4J has been learning about exploration and the amazing HISTORY. As a class we have been learning about Christopher Columbus and Vasco Da Gama. Did you know that Vasco Da Gama found a new trade route and sank a boat with over 300 people in it? (Mariana Weaver)

So far this year I have made 15 new friends. I learnt that Christopher Columbus died of an illness and that Vasco Da Gama died of natural causes. (Matthew Shannon)

At the start of the year I struggled to do my punctuation. But now I know to put in my capital letters, commas and full stops. (Tyler Orange)

This term I have been learning how to play the violin. We are learning how to play ‘Hot Cross Buns’. (Mason Dare)

MUSIC NEWS

DRUMMING CIRCLE BEGINS IN TERM 2.

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS. Class size-15.

So get your enrolment form from the office and return them a.s.a.p.

If your child learns an instrument or is part of a Choir/Band, here are some dates for your calendar at home.

BONZA BAND BASH- For concert band instruments-Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Bass Guitar. Friday 4th May at Siena Catholic Primary School.

SENSATIONAL STRINGS-For Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass students. Monday 4th June at Stella Maris Catholic Primary School, Maroochydore.

CHORAL SPECTACULAR- For Senior Singers- Monday 23rd July at Siena Catholic Primary School.

GUITARS TO THE MAX!!- For all guitar students including Bass Guitar. Monday 5th November at Stella Maris Catholic Primary.

Transport will be arranged to and from school for the day. The only change that might occur to this is if there are late afternoon concerts for the parents. I will let you know closer to the date.

Even though the holidays are approaching don’t forget to practise your instrument regularly otherwise your muscle memory and strength goes.

From the music program at St Joseph’s we wish you a joyous time in this season of spiritual renewal.

Keep singing,

Paula Simpson (Music Specialist),
Lindzmuse team and Alex Patri (String Teacher)

FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

DATECLAIMER – 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.
LIBRARY NEWS

Last week was a big week in the library calendar, St Joseph’s Readers’ Cup was on! Congratulations to all 84 students from Years 6 & 7 who participated in this activity. You are all winners because you had a go and read some fabulous books. Special congratulations to the 32 finalists who all received a medal for their place or their effort.

Of course, for 8 of you, the week was extra special because you won! This year’s winners in Year 7 are David Doherty, Thomas McMillan, Monique Sutton and Maggie Primmer and in Year 6 - Catherine Quinn, Austin McNaughton, Alex Bielby and Seb Russo. These 8 students, all excellent readers, are very worthy winners of these cups, but for them Readers’ Cup is not over. They have already begun their preparation to represent us at the Sunshine Coast Interschool Readers’ Cup competition in May.

Holidays are fast approaching and as is the practise here at St Joey’s, we not only continue to borrow over the holidays but the children are encouraged to read more. I have had a number of children, who have come to us from other schools this year and are surprised they can borrow in the holidays. I don’t really get the practise of not borrowing, as holidays are when most of us have more time to read. This is certainly the case for me, I already have my books lined up. I hope you enjoy the Easter break and get to read a good book or 2!

Happy Reading
Cathie Menck
Teacher Librarian

Knitting needles wanted!

WHAT?????? Year 7 are embarking on some knitting in term 2. We’d love to use some of your unused knitting needles! If you have some spare needles could you drop them off to the Year 7 classrooms.
Thanks, Mr M & Mr G

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Year 7 Committee Reports - Term One

Stewardship Committee

The role of the Year 7 Stewardship Committee has been to provide leadership across different areas across our school. The Stewardship Committee is dedicated to leading by example and helping in all areas of the school community. This term the Stewardship Committee has been involved by organising the Clean Up Australia Day for Schools where all classes were asked to clean up particular areas of our school. The Stewardship Committee also took video of daily life at school and created a 4 minute video presentation depicting life at St Josephs. This video will be played at our whole school assembly on Friday. The Stewardship Committee has also been responsible for changing and updating the signage around the school and for creating and installing a generic school screen saver for computers across the school. The Stewardship Committee has enjoyed working together this term to assist in making our school a vibrant and happy place.

Liturgy Committee

This term’s committee’s members have had a variety of opportunities to both lead the school community and to participate in the wider community of Nambour. Students took active roles in the Ash Wednesday parish mass and the St Joseph’s Feast Day school mass by reading, serving and taking part in both the gospel and offertory processions. For the first time, Liturgy Committee members joined residents of the Sundale Nursing Home to celebrate mass. Committee members considered this something worthwhile pursuing.

Justice & Peace Committee

What a busy term it was for this committee’s members! Activities included writing, offering assistance to a nursing home in flood affected outback Queensland in early February, collecting and counting the school’s weekly contributions to Project Compassion, and speaking at assembly to encourage our school to wear green and donate a gold coin on ‘Paddies for Compassion’ day with all monies going to Project Compassion. It was great to be able to lead our school community in reaching out to those who have less than ourselves.

Hospitality Committee

This term a group of Year seven students have helped with the Hospitality Committee. The activities we were involved in this term were setting up for assembly each Friday and sitting with the Preps during assembly. We provided morning tea for parents and parishioners on St Joseph’s Day. We served baked goods, provided by our committee, as well as tea and coffee. On a Wednesday and Friday we offered help in the tuckshop when we were needed. Whenever we were called upon we were there to give our services. Next term the new Hospitality Committee will be helping Mrs Pobjoy to provide entertainment and morning tea at the Healing Mass on a Wednesday.
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 … mmmm!

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 an 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: 5441 7646
Email: nambouroshc@bne.centacare.net.au

Look forward to seeing you there!

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

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 repayment plan.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alex Bielby, Connor Rogers, Harry Vella and Max Hartzenberg who have been selected into the U/12 Nambour District Rugby League Team.

Congratulations also to Joseph Hutson, Eric Domjahn, Blayne Gatehouse & Jake Chakley who represented our school at interschool chess yesterday. Joe scored 5½ points and a ribbon. Well done boys. Thanks to Nicole Domjahn for transporting the boys to the competition.

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.
**St Joseph’s Parish, Nambour**

**Easter Service Times**

Palm Sunday Weekend:
Masses begin with the blessing of palms.
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.00am Sunday 9.00am

Holy Thursday:
7.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Good Friday:
10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Holy Saturday: 7.00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday: 7.00am & 9.00am

**Sacramental Program for Children**

All the groups have now been organised. On the last weekend of the School Holidays, the 14/15 April, we have our Welcome and Enrolment for the children. The group meetings will begin from that week.

**Fifth Week of Lent**

St Joseph’s Lenten Penitential Liturgy will take place this Wednesday 28th at 7pm. As usual this will be a 2nd Rite of Reconciliation.

**SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 1 / 2**

**MARCH**

Friday 30th  
Assembly 5J  
Last Day of Term 1

**APRIL**

Term 2

School recommences Monday 16th April  
Monday 23rd  
P & F Fete Meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday 25th  
Anzac Day Holiday

**MAY**

Tuesday 1st  
School Board Meeting  7.30pm
2nd  
Parent Session 6.00 - 8.00pm
“Stress Proofing Children”