18th April 2012

‘Hit the ground....working!’

A new term has begun and as the sign on Currie St says, we have ‘hit the ground, working’! Several teachers have commented on how well the children have returned to school, eager to learn. Getting the brain into gear is always a challenge after a holiday but mine was kick started .....with a smile.....when I received the following email:

Although I wasn’t overly happy for the holidays to be over (personally I love having my daughter at home), I felt so at peace with taking her to school today. Looking around the school made my heart so happy, here were all these beautifully dressed children eager to learn. I will continue to sing the praises of St Joseph’s Primary because it has such a wonderful community feel about it. Today alone I was able to help out with reading in the classroom with a number of other mothers, then duck up for a visit with Jenny in the library and walk past the music room knowing that tomorrow Isabella will have the gift of song shared with her by Mrs Simpson as part of the Junior Joeys. In the day to day routine of things and of course with the anticipation of finished buildings and car parks it is so easy to forget just how lucky we are to have this wonderful school available to our children filled with teachers committed to sharing knowledge and fun with them.

Yes, in spite of the obvious challenges we continue to grapple with, St Joey’s is a great place to be a part of! And thank you to the parent who took the time to write this!

We welcome two new students to our community this term - Shaun Maclachlan into Year 1S and Jack Davidson into Year 4J. A warm welcome to you and your families, boys!

A lot of work went on during the holiday period and I want to sincerely thank our Groundsman, Ross Gilby for his part in it all. We have new play equipment on the ‘second’ thanks to the hard work of our P&F, the Prep shed has been moved to the ‘third’ for the storage of sports equipment and the Piazza and surrounding areas were all high-pressure hosed and now look ‘spick & span’! Once the building program is completed and we can actually see the whole picture, there will be many incidental jobs that will need doing. If you are aware of any, especially safety issues, please either let the office staff know or email me. Thank you.

Many of you (approx. one third of the parent community, randomly chosen from the school’s database by Griffith Uni.) would have received an email, inviting you to complete an on-line questionnaire as part of my Principal's Appraisal. Every principal in the archdiocese is appraised every four years and the parent ‘voice’ is integral in this process. I encourage you to complete it so as to assist me to continue to develop in my role within this community.

God’s blessings to you and yours this week!

Mary Pont

PRINCIPAL
Welcome back to Term Two! We had glorious weather during the recent school holiday break. I hope everyone enjoyed the great outdoors and have returned to school refreshed and ready for new and exciting challenges. We are now in the season of Easter, where we focus on new life and new beginnings and try to be more like Christ.

**NAPLAN Testing – Week 5**

The national literacy and numeracy tests will take place in Week 5. National Testing (writing, reading and numeracy) for years 3, 5 & 7 will take place on 15th-17th May. Please do not plan any activities that will impact on the children’s ability to complete these tests successfully. Further information will be published in coming weeks.

**SVDP and Caritas Lenten appeals**

Thank you for your generosity!!!! Our collection for SVDP for the Lenten appeal was once again overflowing. Thank you for your donations of goods for this appeal. During lent we collected for Caritas Australia through the Project Compassion appeal. We will be sending a cheque for $1402.40 to Caritas this week. Well done!

**Dance Fever**

We have commenced our fancy footwork once again. Students will participate in dance lessons each Tuesday this term. Students in Yrs 4-7 are invited to attend the Interschool Dance Challenge on Wednesday June 20th. More information regarding this will be advertised during the term.

*Have a great week! Peace and best wishes,*

_Narelle Harney     APRE_

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**ST JOSEPH’S PASTORAL SCHOOL BOARD -**

_Within a Catholic school, Parents/caregivers can exercise roles at any given time which see them as teachers, learners, supporters and advocates. The Board and the Parents and Friends Association have a relationship which is based on the different but complimentary roles they exercise in the school. The essential difference is that the P&F is the official parent body in the school while the Board is part of the official governance structure of the school. Parents/caregivers are engaged in both forums and do so within the school and limitations of the constitutions for each group._

_Members of the Board do not represent any individual or group when engaged in their deliberations but draw upon their experience and shared wisdom to discharge the responsibilities of the Board._ (QCEC, Model Constitution and Commentary for Catholic Education Boards in Queensland, p.72)

Membership of the Board is the Principal, one teacher and elected parents (up to 6). To be elected to the Board, potential members _must attend and information session about the role of the School Board_, conducted by George Kendall (BCE). As two members are completing their term, we are hoping that two more parents might be willing to become elected members of the Board.

If you would like to know more……..

**You are invited to**

_A School Board Information Meeting_

7.30 - 8.30pm.

_On Tuesday, 1 May 2012._

Nominations will then be called for with elections held the following week on Tuesday, 8 May at the monthly Board meeting.
STUDENT EFFORT AWARDS

Prep J  Maddison Weir  For returning from holidays with a smile and ready to learn new ideas in Prep.
Prep S  Billy Lange  For exceptional effort during writing activities.
1J  Hannah Leadbeatter  For making a real effort in reading which has resulted in a big improvement.
1S  Coen Bachmann  Coen has come back to term two ready to work. He has been putting in extra effort particularly in his writing. Keep up the good work Coen.
2J  Emily Hamilton  Emily has worked really hard on her writing skills and has produced some wonderful WOW writing using great describing words and interesting verbs. Emily also is a consistently hard worker and helper in class and always gives her best effort.
2S  Lacey Lamont  We love the way you are always ready to listen with your whole body during carpet time. Thank you Lacey for your helpful ways and kind and caring nature. You are a great role model for others!
3J  Kayla McWilliams  For the extreme effort she puts into her reading challenge over the holidays. Well done Kayla.
3S  Alana Gardner  For the consistent effort she put into her academic work. Alana has a passion for learning and this really shows in her work. Well done Alana!
4J  Braden Simm  For a magnificent report on the life cycle of the plant. Well done, Braden. It was well thought out and written using correct technical language and terms.
4S  Kiarra Craig  For being a helpful and considerate member of class. She takes the time to stop and encourage others.
5J  Amber Imrie  Amber puts 100% into everything she does. She is always aware of the needs of others. Amber is a pleasure to have in the classroom.
5S  Peta Trigg  A great start to the term, particularly in Maths. Peta is concentrating hard and applying herself well.
6J  Alex Bielby  Alex qualifies for this award in many respects. He is a gifted athlete, he achieves well in all facets of the curriculum—particularly maths and inquiry-based learning—but today Alex is receiving this award for recognition of his effort with regards to art. Alex has the ability to persist and work in areas of strength, but it is a credit to him that he can also tackle challenges that are out of his comfort zone. Well done Alex.
6S  Harry Vella  For the positive contributions he makes to St Joseph’s. Harry tries his best at anything that is thrown his way, whether it is at sport, in his class work or when lending a hand, he can be trusted to do so with a great sense of maturity and responsibility making him a well-respected peer and student.
7J  Alice Cargeeg  Alice is an extremely bright student who is also beginning to show that she has a personality to match. Alice has just completed a persuasive piece of writing, which was exceptional. It is a piece that could be published as it really makes people think—I won’t tell you whether Alice was for or against having to do homework!
7S  Tasha Marr  Tasha is a great asset to the 7S classroom. She is always ready to work, she is considerate of others and strives to be engaged during lessons. You are a delight to have in the 7S classroom Tasha. Thankyou.

Music Award: This week’s music award goes to Jane Mary McMaster and her family for their involvement in the Easter choir. A great effort!

Literacy Enrichment Award: Colby Cummmins SS for using speaking with rich language. Always remember to do this, especially in a formal situation.
**COMMENDATION AWARDS**

The focus for the month of March was **Discipline**

These awards were presented at assembly last term and went to the children deemed to be exceptional in the way s/he is able to focus energy and attention on what is important at the time.

Congratulations go to:

- Prep J: Lexi James
- Prep S: Eden Dipple
- 1J: Lani Geppert
- 1S: Layne Baldock
- 2J: Milla Dare
- 2S: Solomon Curyer
- 3J: Tatum Lanham
- 3S: Eliza Claridge
- 4J: Lucy Schulz
- 4S: Kayleigh Foster
- 5J: Kathleen Rogers
- 5S: Luke Brennan
- 6J: Stella Haycock
- 6S: Caitlin De Paoli
- 7J: Molly Staite
- 7S: Sophie McNaught

**MUSIC NEWS**

If you were able to attend church at St Joseph’s for Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Vigil you would have heard the wonderful 4 part choir, which contained several past Senior Singers and one present member, Jane Mary McMaster. Well done to Darlene Malone, our parish music co-ordinator, for training and conducting the Easter choir. This week’s music award goes to Jane Mary McMaster and her family for their involvement in the Easter choir. A great effort!

HELP REQUIRED. If you have sewing skills and some time to sew some basic Boa constrictor costumes please contact me at pford-simpson@bne.catholic.edu.au or see me at school.

A reminder that the Drumming Circle begins next Monday, at 1pm, in the Music Room.

Band students please check your practise times for this week and all Senior Singers are required this week at noon.

The following instruments are available for hire- Violin, Double Bass, Tenor Saxophone, Flute, Trombone and Euphonium. See Lindsay, Alex or myself if you are interested in hiring one.

Keep singing,
Paula Simpson
(Music Specialist)

**PARENT WORKSHOPS this term**

This term, we have three parent workshops on offer for you to attend.

**Tuesday, 1 May:** 7.30pm **The Role of the Pastoral School Board** - George Kendall (BCE)

This is a compulsory workshop for any parents intending to nominate for election to the School Board but would be very informative for any parents wanting to know more about how a Board operates.

**Wednesday, 2 May:** 6.00pm **‘Stress Proofing Children’** - Dr Hsien-Jin Teoh (ACU). This session will provide information and practical ideas on supporting children to develop their skills to get through life’s challenges.

**Wednesday, 23 May:** 6.30pm **‘Social Media & You’** - Lisa Harrison (POMO). Come and learn more about social media / networking, privacy and security, all essential in this electronic age in which we live.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

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

- April 17: Maggie Kruger, Jake O’Hara, Kayla Ware
- 18: Charlie Dolan
- 19: Tyvon Hansen
- 20: Jasper Malthouse, Aidan Owen
- 21: Lily Unitt

**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
HELLO FROM THE TUCKSHOP
Welcome back to Term 2 and welcome also to the Year 3 families who are lending a hand this week.
If you don’t use online ordering & haven’t seen the menu for this term, be sure to check the school website or ask at the tuckshop or office for a hard copy. For those who do order online, good news! Flexischools have released an iPhone app so you can order lunches where everyone is!

We are hitting the ground running this term........ let’s GO!

This Week> Special: Creamy Chicken Pasta macaroni, chicken & creamy cheese sauce
    > Homebake & Helpers: Year 3

Next Week> Special: Ham Cheese & Tomato HotRods ham tomato & melty cheese in a crusty roll
    > Homebake & Helpers: Year 4

REMEMBER, Tuckshop only happens with YOUR help!

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Lee Etheridge
Tuckshop Convenor

P & F NEWS
FETE 2012 : We need your help
The first Fete Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd April at 7.00pm. 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.
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If you require further information you can contact Kirsty Dare on thedare5@bigpond.com or Rae O’Flynn on rae.o@internode.on.net.
Let’s make this year’s Fete one to remember.

New play equipment purchased with the 2011 Fete monies raised!

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR P & F Committee
(Questions provided by the Y7 Stewardship Committee)

Let’s meet our President - Kirsty Dare

Q. How many children do you have at St Joseph’s?
A: 3. Mason in Year 4, Milla in Year 2 & Brady in Prep.
Q. How long have you lived on the Coast?
A. 5 Years; we moved here from Brisbane just before Mason started Prep.
Q. What would be a great night out?
A. Good food, live music, and great friends.
Q. What is the first concert/cd you went to/bought?
A. The first concert I went to was the U2 Zoo TV tour, and the first album I asked my parents to buy for me was Dr Hook’s “Sometimes you win”, (vinyl) and the first I bought for myself was “Allanah Myles” by Allanah Myles (cassette).
Q. If you weren’t a super mum to super kids, what would you be doing?
A. As I have an education degree, I would probably still be teaching (that’s why I have a great admiration for our fabulous staff), and there are plans in the works for me to open a fashion boutique this year.

UNIFORM SHOP    Hours are 8am—9am
Next Days: Thursday 19th & Tuesday 24th
Small Dresses & Small Shirts have arrived.

Glenys Appleby
Uniform Shop Coordinator
ST JOSEPH’S PARISH NAMBOUR
Ph: 5441 1034   Email: stjoenam@ozemail.com.au
Web: www.nambourcatholics.net

Wednesday 18th April
9:30am  Reconciliation
10:00am  Mass; Year 5J & 5S; Columbarium—Therese Woods Internment
Baptism:  Jack Beetsom (Bradley & Tracey); Ruby Hughes (Joel & Melany)
10:30am  Parish Staff Meeting
12:00pm  Reconciliation 7J
7pm-9:30  Quilt Craft Group

Friday 20th April
6:30am  Mass
7-8:00am  Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel
9-12:30pm  Creative Art Group
5:00pm  Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 21st April
1:00pm  Wedding—Tarah Walton & Andrew McShea
4:30-4:50pm  Reconciliation
6:00pm  Evening Mass for Sunday

Sunday 22nd April
7:00am  Mass
9:00am  Mass: Pastoral Council Commissioning
Candle Presentation:  Lilly & Owen Szucko (Scott & Kristy)
Baptism:  Daniel Anderson (Kylie)
10:30-12  Sacramental Program Group 4—Julia Quinn
11-4:00pm  Adoration in the Chapel
5:30pm  Mass at Palmwoods (at the Anglican Church)

Monday 23rd April
3:15-4:30  Sacramental Program Group 5 Laura Evans; Sacramental Program Group 6 Kerri Claridge

Tuesday 24th April
7pm-8:30  Sacramental Program
          Group 1 Rosanna Tumelty

Wednesday 25th April
7:45am  Mass for Anzac Day (note no 10:00am mass)
3:15-4:30  Sacramental Program
          Group 3 Dorothy Devlin;
7pm-8:30  Sacramental Program
          Group 2 Carmel Donahoe

FOUND
A brand new pair of black formal shoes were found in the Year 3 Port Racks several 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.

SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 2

APRIL
Term 2
Thursday 19th  Parent Contact Meeting
            8.30am – 10.00am
Friday 20th  Assembly 1J
Monday 23rd  P & F Fete Meeting  7.00pm
Wednesday 25th  Anzac Day Holiday
Thursday 26th  Year 4 Excursion to Inala
Friday 27th  Assembly 3J

MAY
Tuesday 1st  School Board Information Meeting
            7.30pm - Library

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 enquiries to :
3336 9192  or  schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au
Applications received after 31st May 2012 cannot be processed.

COMMUNITY EVENT
Keeping your kids out of the jungle
Child and adolescent psychiatrist, Dr Brenda Heyworth is hosting a free education session for parents and careers on how to manage difficult behaviour in children and teenagers.
This free education session will give a glimpse into the complicated emotional world of children and teenagers while also providing practical strategies to deal with unacceptable behaviour.
When : 10am-11am, Saturday 21st April 2012
Where: Nambour Library
Bookings through the library (07)54418332
Welcome: Parents, grandparents, carers and anyone who deals with children or teens.