



**ST JOSEPH'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Nambour

ABSENTEE LINE
(Ring before 9.00am)
T 5441 5900

ENROLMENTS 2013 are now open!

**Do you have a child
ready for Prep in 2013?**
Places are filling fast!

BUILDING UPDATE

The fine weather has seen a burst of activity on site! We hope to be moving into the classrooms within a fortnight though the car park date continues to elude us!

Prayers please

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Herron family. Michelle (m) and their three children, Briana (4S), Jayden (1J) and Heidi (18 mths) were involved in a serious car accident over the weekend. While we hope the children will be returning to school soon, Michelle is in the Royal Brisbane hospital awaiting surgery. Volunteers for a meal roster have been called for from both Year levels by their Parent Contacts. We hold Michelle, Steve and family in our prayers.

NEWSLETTER

9th May 2012

Term 2, Week 4

49th and rising.....

Did you see Saturday's Courier Mail? I'm not normally a reader of it but after receiving a text message congratulating me on our school's performance first thing Saturday morning, I felt compelled to see what was reported! Sure enough, in the Schools Guide feature, they had lists of the Top 50 Most Improved Schools in Queensland in various categories and we made two of them.....Most Improved Year 3 to 5 results (2009-2011) and when comparing Year 3 results (2010-2011)! What an achievement!

What this means is that our students'.....your children's achievement levels have increased, on average, by an incredible amount, indeed by the 49th highest amount when compared with the 1100+ primary schools across Queensland! 2011 NAPLAN results indicate our students are performing **at or above** both *Queensland and National averages in most of the 12 areas reported on*. That is quite an achievement!

How did this happen? Through a four year process focussed on school improvement and a lot of hard work! We have moved from being a school where 16 class teachers did good work in their own rooms to being a professional learning community where team work and co-teaching results in continuity and consistency across the school so as to ensure our students develop the learning skills needed for living and working in the 21st century! We have -

- Effective learning environments (okay....well, nearly!),
- A school-wide pedagogy - the interaction between teaching and learning - that values the role formative assessment plays in improving student learning;
- An expanded music program that provides opportunities for all students during their time at St Joey's to learn two musical instruments, and thus explore possible talents;
- A thorough PE/sporting program that covers the spectrum from gross motor skill development, to fitness, to team work, to opportunities to excel and represent our school, region, and state; and
- Increased curriculum offerings in all subject areas, particularly history and science.

Four years ago, our staff wrote our 'Teaching & Learning Vision' and everything that has happened since has flowed from this. Improvement in student achievement levels such as those recognized in Saturdays' paper only happen when you have a team with determination! While recognizing that as parents, you too play a vital part, I am sure you share my pride in congratulating the staff of our amazing school and thank them for all they do, each and every day.....as acknowledgement in a Top 50 list is but the tip of the iceberg!

May you know God's blessings this week!

Marg Pont
PRINCIPAL

APRE NEWS

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Sticker cards for this year's Earn and Learn promotion were sent home with students yesterday. The collection of points began today May 9th and runs until July. Don't forget to ask for your stickers when you shop at Woolworths!!! A collection box for completed sticker charts is in our school administration office.



Sundale Nursing Home

The term two Yr 7 Liturgy and Prayer committee will travel to Sundale Nursing Home tomorrow to attend the monthly mass with residents.

Multicultural Australia Mass

Please mark in your diary our whole school mass for term two. On Friday May 25th we will be celebrating mass at 8:45am. We would love parents and extended family members to join us.

NAPLAN testing

The national literacy and numeracy tests will take place next week. National Testing (writing, reading and numeracy) for years 3, 5 & 7 will take place on 15th – 18th May. Please do not plan any activities that will impact on the children's ability to complete these tests successfully. The tests are mainly held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Please ensure your child is present at school before the first bell on each day of the tests. Students absent on any of the main testing days will sit the test on Friday. The Australian Government asks that there be no disruptions at this time.

Shop for Sunshine Kids

Shop for Sunshine Kids has commenced for 2012. Each time you shop at the Sunshine Plaza during the next 5 weeks, if you place your receipts in the box near the Customer Service Centre, the total of your docket is counted towards our school tally. You also have the chance to win \$500 each week if you fill out an entry form at the Customer Service Centre when dropping your docket in. Bonus Days are Sundays. The total of your docket will be multiplied by 5 if you shop on a Sunday.

Peace and best wishes for the week ahead.

Narelle Harney APRE

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL - NEW ABSENTEE SMS SYSTEM COMMENCING NEXT WEEK

If your child is unwell and is going to be away from school, you are asked to contact the school on the

Absentee line 5441 5900

Or email: pnambour@bne.catholic.edu.au

Our current practice is that All unexplained absences result in you receiving a phone call (so as to ensure the safety of your child).

Commencing next week WE WILL BE TRIALING a new SMS System which will send a text message to your mobile phone rather than a personal phone call from the school office.

On receipt of this message you will need to phone the office to advise the reason that your child is absent as there is no "reply" by SMS available. Please don't be offended if you receive a message in error .

PLANNED ABSENCE

If you know your child is going to be absent from school for three or more days, it is a requirement that you complete a 'Notification of a Planned Student Absence' form available from the office and on the website at least one week prior to the absence.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

There was a buzz in the air at last night's Board meeting, for more than one reason! While the agenda held various issues for discussion, it was particularly significant as we thanked and farewelled three members whose participation has been highly valued during the past two to three years of tremendous change at our school. Adrienne Ford,



Danielle Twomey and Trish Heaps (pictured right to left with Tony Vella, Chair of the Board) each expressed their appreciation of being involved at such a level.



Tony welcomed three new members to the Board also - left to right: Anthony Stead, Andrew Walker and Matt Mackinlay. Membership of the St Joseph's Pastoral School Board is now Tony Vella (Chair), Vicki O'Shea (Secretary), Lisa Bishop, Aaron Trigg, Anthony Stead, Andrew Walker, Matt Mackinlay and Marg Pont (Ex-officio).

We are the winners of the Inaugural Leo Dunne - Parent Partnership Award!

The 'big ticket' item on the agenda was the celebration of the news that St Joey's School has won the Inaugural parent Partnership Award which was established this year in honour of a former longstanding President and Executive Officer of the P&F Federation, Leo Dunne OAM who passed away in February last year.

The Board's application for this award focussed on using the promotion of reading and other aspects of literacy in this the National Year of Reading, within our parent population. The Board felt this was especially important as we draw to the end of the building program and begin to actively seek opportunities to entice you to 'return'! As one Board member said....."The new physical infrastructure needs to develop a heartbeat!"

The proposal is to offer a range of activities facilitated under the auspices of a **Parent Book Club**. A meeting will soon be organised for anyone interested in being part of this exciting venture in the very near future. Stay tuned!

NAPLAN - demystified!

There seems to be some confusion about the purpose and process of NAPLAN so I thought the following may be helpful.

- NAPLAN = National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy. Held in May each year, over 1 million students in Years 3,5,7 &9 sit them on the same three days across Australia - the 15, 16, & 17 May. (18 May is a 'make up' day for any student who may have been absent earlier in the week and has missed a test.)
- There are strict protocols surrounding the administration of the tests so as to ensure their security and integrity .
- They are a 'snapshot' of a student's ability and must never be seen in isolation from the school's ongoing assessment of all learning. While NAPLAN results (which arrive in September) are glossy and graphic, they should be regarded as but one indicator of a 'point in time' ability.
- The results **DO NOT ATTRACT FUNDING!**

If you have any questions or queries, I encourage you to have a conversation with your child's teacher!

PARENT WORKSHOP - 'Stress Proofing children'

It was a 'full house' at last week's workshop run by Dr Teoh, Senior Lecturer in Psychology from ACU with feedback from those in attendance being very affirming!



CONGRATULATIONS to our Graduate!

We congratulate Ms Meg Reminis (6S) who last Friday evening, graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Prim) from Australian Catholic University! Her Prep buddy class helped her celebrate in style with a 'mortar board morning tea!'



STUDENT EFFORT AWARDS

Prep J	Jonah Pezzard	For not giving up, improving in all areas of Prep and greeting Garry with good morning, everyday.
Prep S	James McCarthy	James puts 100% effort into his learning every single day. James has been setting some learning goals and has worked very hard to achieve them. He has already learned all of his red sight words and is ready to move onto blue!
1J	Matthew Bonser	For always having an answer ready during question time even if he is not sure if it is right. Matthew is trying really hard to remember to put his hand up when he wants to be part of the discussion. Well done Matthew.
1S	Amaya Smith	Amaya has come back to Term 2 ready to work. She has been working very hard learning her sight words and is a great leader in her group. Keep up the good work Amaya!
2J	Mackenzie Woodward	A role model for all her classmates and her attention to detail in her work is outstanding. Mackenzie is an outstanding writer, mathematician and artist already, what talent! We are very proud of your consistent efforts and your caring nature.
2S	Isabelle Stark	An absolute super star who is always keen to learn. Isabelle is reliable, kind, thoughtful and is always ready to listen! She is a true asset to our class room. Keep up the fantastic work Isabelle.
3J	Claire Milburn	For always putting in 100% at whatever she is asked to do and for being a thoughtful and caring friend. Well done Claire!
3S	Jamena Saeung	For putting in a fabulous effort in all areas of her school work. Jamena has especially been doing a super job in maths! Well done Jamena!
4J	Jackson Clements	For consistently trying his best and producing beautiful handwriting in his text book. Well done Jackson, keep up the great work.
4S	Acacia Caffery	For working hard in all areas of school work. She is a quiet, conscientious achiever who is a valued member of our classroom.
5J	Matthew Clifton	For the positive attitude he is displaying during Dance Fever classes. Matthew is a pleasure to watch. Well done Matty!
5S	Colby Cummins	Colby puts in 100% effort, 100% of the time. He is particularly trying hard in Dance and is becoming a really slick mover!
6J	Max Hartzenberg	Max works constantly at balancing a busy after-school life with his academic studies. He trains to his physical limit of an evening and he challenges himself to his intellectual limit throughout the day. He contributes valuable insights to classroom discussions and learning, and he is an awesome role-model when he interacts with his buddy. Well done Max, your passion, commitment and management skills truly shine—on and off the field!
6S	Jemma O'Leary	For going after her goals. Jemma possesses the ability to reflect upon her learning, an important life skill which allows her to focus on what really counts. She is a reliable student who is dedicated to her schooling, making her an absolute pleasure to teach.
7J	Cody Ler	Cody has gone into a higher gear with his work. He can be very proud of the improvements he is making. Cody's homework last week was brilliant.
7S	Jaimi Watson	For the positive attitude he brings to his work in the 7S classroom. Jaimi enthusiastically participates in class activities without being called on and he has demonstrated some great improvements in his Maths. Thanks Jaimi and keep up the great work.

Music Award : Teaghan Le Busque (Yr 7) who only recently started learning the alto saxophone and is making great progress. Well done, Teaghan!

Literacy Enrichment Award : Zariah Lamont 5J who is going ahead with persuasive writing in leaps and bounds!

Maths Enrichment Award: Chelz Chan for the solid effort he makes and the enthusiasm he brings to our Extension Maths lessons. You make a great class member.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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



May 4	Eliza Fallis
8	Audrey Etheridge, KobeFalkiner
10	Alex Twomey
12	Liam Hamilton
13	Mollie Gaffney, Otto Harris-Oldenburg

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS..... 5S

We have been doing Dance Fever every Tuesday morning, learning new steps and having fun with our instructors, Meagan and Steven who are making sure that we beat Stella Maris and St Pat's, and we are trying very hard to do so... Chloe

In 5S we have been practising our persuasive text for NAPLAN and making something special for our mums on Mother's Day. We're doing lots of maths. In Dance Fever we have one more step to learn for the show dance and we have finished the Mambo... Alicia

5S has been doing Dance Fever from the start of second term, week one. We have been learning the Mambo and a dance routine that Steven and Megan made for us. We will be going to the dance off in Gympie. Hopefully we will win and beat Stella MarisParis

In 5S we are learning about Earth's place in space in Science and we are doing lots of NAPLAN practice; well you know what they say: "practice makes perfect!" I hope you all had fun at the disco on Friday night. It was so much fun.....Abby

5S is making a special present for Mothers' Day. It will be great. I pray that it will not rain! And we are doing GREAT in Dance Fever.....Jim

Both Year Fives sent an Easter card to Miss Kim's son, Flight Lieutenant Matthew Gill, who is in Afghanistan. We were very excited to receive a photo of his team ready to go to work and a lovely thank you letter. We are now making a birthday card for him and will send it with some lollies he can share.



MUSIC NEWS

On Friday a small group of our students went to the Bonza Band Bash at Siena Primary School, Sippy Downs. They had a fun, productive time mixing with other Catholic school students who learn a band instrument. At the end of the day their families were treated to a small concert of the pieces they learnt that day. Below are some pictures of our students waiting their turn to perform in the concert.



If anyone has some spare time and sewing skills, please send me an email-pford-simpson@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Keep singing.

Paula Simpson (Music Specialist)

PARENT WORKSHOP

Wednesday, 30 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.

Please note: this date has changed due to a clash with a State of Origin match.



LIBRARY NEWS

Alison Lester is a well known Australian author and illustrator, (Magic Beach, Imagine, Rosie Sips Spiders etc). Last week I had the opportunity to view an exhibition of her artwork for her book, "Are We There Yet?". This exhibition shows the process of illustrating a book from the idea stage through to the end product. The inspiration for this book came from a road trip around Australia with her family and Alison used photos from this holiday along with her children's diaries as her starting point. The photos and diaries form part of this exhibition which is on at The Butter Factory at Cooroy until 12 May and it's free. There is also a hands on activity centre for the kids. This exhibition is also travelling around Australia but only stopping in one place per state. It is sponsored by the Sunshine Coast Council arts initiative, in conjunction with the National Year of Reading. This is a great opportunity for us ... I'd highly recommend it.



Happy Reading
Cathie Menck Teacher Librarian

"Oh, magic hour, when a child first knows she can read printed words!" — A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, 1943

HELLO FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Thank You Year 5 for all your awesome homebake last week!
Year 6 you have a lot to live up to !!!



This Week : Homebake & Helpers Year 6
Special : Tandoori Chicken Drumsticks
Next Week: Homebake & Helpers - Year 7
Special: Pumpkin Soup with Garlic Pizza Bread (Vegetarian)

Lee Etheridge
Tuckshop Convenor

Term 2 Roster

Week	Wednesday	Friday
4	Year 6S	Year 6J
5	Year 7S	Year 7J
6	Prep S	Prep J
7	Year 1S	Year 1J
8	Year 2S	Year 2J
9	Year 3S	Year 3J
10	Year 4S	Year 4J

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

at Erbachers Fruit and Veges

for the Odgers Family.

Sunday 27th May

Last term the Odgers Family (who have sons in Years 2 and 3) tragically had a fire through their home. Thank you for those of you who have helped – big or small... It is now necessary for us to help even more.

Can you help??

We are planning a fundraiser/sausage sizzle at Erbacher's Fruit and Vegetable Store on Sunday, 27 May. We are calling for a team of people to help organise this fundraiser – please email us (millarcommunication@bigpond.com (Peta Millar) (aaron.trigg@bigpond.com (Lucy Trigg) if you would like to help us out.

A roster is needed on the 27 May for people to 'man' the bbq and maybe manage any extra fundraising activities on the day. Many hands make light work. We have heard from some of you (thank you!) but we need many more helpers please.

We are hoping to have a team together by the end of this week so that we can start getting down to the planning... We are really looking forward to hearing from lots of you!!!

Thanks
Lucy Trigg and Peta Millar (3S Parent Contacts).

UNIFORM SHOP Hours are 8am—9am

Next Days: Thursday 10th May

Please Note Change of Dates for Week 5 Only :
Monday 14th May & Tuesday 15th May

As introduced at last week's assembly
New Sports Socks have arrived !

\$6.00 will buy you a comfy pair of thick sports socks with the school's colours and monogram on them!



The regular dress socks for girls (white) and boys (navy) remain the same - but in order to comply with the schools correct uniform - it is recommended that these socks are also purchased from the uniform shop for \$6.

Glenys Appleby
Uniform Shop Coordinator

P & F NEWS

FETE

Thank you to all who have volunteered to take on positions at our School Fete. We still need Stall Convenors. We would love new ideas for more stalls.

If you are unable to help on the night maybe you would like to be our Public Relations Officer. For more details please contact Kate Baker (Fete Secretary) on 0438761293 or kbaker@bne.catholic.edu.au

At the meeting, discussions were held regarding the consumption of alcohol at our fete and the increasing difficulties the P&F / schools have in obtaining a liquor license for a bar on the evening. The presence of a Bar on the evening is not a highly profitable exercise. We would like your feedback on this. Please complete and return the slip below.

We are in favour of having a Bar at the 2012 School Fete: (Please circle)

Yes

No

Comments: _____

Name (optional) : _____

THANK YOU from Year 7

Thank You to all of those St Joseph's Parents and friends who continually use their time and talents for the welfare of St Joseph's.

In Year 7, over the past two weeks, we have had parents provide morning tea for the monthly seniors mass as well as a group of ladies who will be giving up their time to help with knitting classes.

These acts of kindness happen continually at St Joseph's and it always amazes me that families with such busy lives are always there for their children.

Thank You 7J & 7S



MOTHERS DAY STALL THURSDAY 10TH MAY

SCHOOL HALL

ITEMS FOR SALE FROM 50 CENTS TO \$20

REMEMBER TO BRING A STRONG PLASTIC BAG TO TAKE HOME YOUR GOODIES

HELPERS NEEDED YOUR CHILD'S TIME FOR PURCHASING WILL BE ORGANISED BY THEIR TEACHERS.

Nambour District Boys Softball Trials

District Boys Softball Trials will be held at Woombye SS on Monday, May 21st, at 3:45 pm (to approximately 5:15 pm).

Any queries please contact Mr Rob Blatchford at Eudlo SS on 5458 0333.

SAINTS NETBALL

All players need to be at the courts before 2pm for the March Past. Lets show everyone what a great club we are. Big thank you to Gary DePaoli and his team at RIDDEL REAL ESTATE Woombye for their sponsorship for the 2012 season!!



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NAMBOUR

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Wednesday 9th May

9:30-9:45am Reconciliation

10:00am Mass; Year 4S

11-12:00 Parish Staff Meeting

12:00 Reconciliation Year 6J

3:15-4:30 Sacramental Prog. Group 3 Dorothy Devlin;

7pm-8:30 Sacramental Prog. Group 2 Carmel Donahoe

7-9:30pm Quilt Craft Group

Thursday 10th May

11:15am Mass at Sundale Nursing Home with

St Joseph's

Primary School Liturgy Committee

Friday 11th May

6:30am Mass

7-8:00am Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday 12th May

4:30-4:50 Reconciliation

9-4:00pm Chaplaincy Course Retreat

(Anne Shepperson)

6:00pm Evening Mass for Sunday;

Children's liturgy: Maree Fitzsimon

Candle Presentation: Jonty, Riley & Beau

(Alyssa & Jeffrey Mitchell)

Sunday 13th May ***Mother's Day***

7:00am Mass; *Children's liturgy:* Adrian Eldridge

Candle Presentation: Kyan Ax (Christine & Robert)

9:00am Mass; *Children's liturgy:* Sally Anne Kinsella

Baptism: Sonny Clements (Kate & Paul);

Imogen Leitch (Darren & Angela);

Bridson Blattman (Edward & Bernadette)

10:30-12 Sacramental Prog. Group 4—Julia Quinn

11-4:00pm Adoration in the Chapel

4:00pm Ukranian Mass & Supper

Monday 14th May

8:00am Mass

9:00am St Johns College Power House of Leaders
in Brisbane

3:15 Sacramental Prog. Group 5 Laura Evans;

Sacramental Prog. Group 6 Kerri Claridge

7:30-9:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday 15th May

7pm-8:30 Sacramental Prog. Group 1 Rosanna Tumelty

Wednesday 16th May

9:30-9:45am Reconciliation

10:00am Mass ; Year 4J

3:15-4:30 Sacramental Prog. Group 3 Dorothy Devlin;

7pm-8:30 Sacramental Prog. Group 2 Carmel Donahoe

7-9:30pm Quilt Craft Group

SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 2

MAY

Thursday, 10	Mothers' Day Stall
Friday, 11	Assembly – Year 2J
Sunday, 13	Mothers' Day
Tuesday, 15	Y3, 5 & 7 – NAPLAN
Wednesday, 16	Y3, 5 & 7 – NAPLAN Year 6 camp - Mapleton
Thursday, 17	Y3, 5 & 7 – NAPLAN Year 6 camp – Mapleton
Friday, 18	Year 6 camp – Mapleton Assembly – Year 2S
Monday, 21	QC Cup – Year 6 & 7 teams (2) 7.00pm P&F Meeting
Tuesday, 22	District Cross Country Carnival – Bli Bli
Thursday 24	Interschool Readers Cup 10am—Year 6 6.30pm—Year 7
Friday, 25	8.45am School Mass – Multicultural Australia Day
Wednesday, 30	School Field Events Carnival - school 6.30pm Parent workshop – 'Cyber Safety & Your Child'
Thursday, 31	Principal's Appraisal – Panel visit

JUNE

Friday, 1	School Athletics Carnival—PCYC
Monday, 4	UNSW Science Exam
Wednesday 6	Year 7 Camp—Emu Gully
Thursday 7	Year 7 Camp—Emu Gully
Friday 8	Year 7 Camp—Emu Gully Assembly—Prep S 7.00pm - Sacrament of Confirmation
Saturday 9/ Sunday 10	Sacrament of (First) Eucharist
Monday 11	Queens Jubilee Public Holiday
Tuesday 12	7.30pm School Board Meeting
Friday 15	Nambour Show Holiday
Monday 18	7.30pm P&F Meeting
Wednesday 20	Dance Fever Interschool Challenge Years 4-7 (Gympie)
Friday 22	Assembly—Year 1 Last day of Term. Reports are sent home.

Term 3 Commences on Monday 9th July