



# NEWSLETTER

**ST JOSEPH'S  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Nambour

**ABSENTEE LINE**  
(Ring before 9.00am)  
T 5441 5900

## **SPORTS CAPTAINS**

Congratulations to  
Ella MacDonnell &  
Jezze Gorman - Naamba

Courtney Johnson &  
Lachie McKenna - Currie

Brittany Stark &  
Jack Milburn - Petrie

## **Parish Car Park**

Parents/carers, we understand the inconvenience of car parking for all at present, however, **please do not park in the Priest or Parish Administration Car Parks** when dropping off or collecting children from school. Your co-operation would be most appreciated. Thank you.

## **William Street parking**

Please ensure you do NOT park across drive ways in William St if you are leaving your car. Our neighbours have been greatly inconvenienced by one or two who have repeatedly done this. Thank you.

8th February 2012

Term 1, Week 3

## **Enhancing our Catholic identity....**

St Joseph's Primary School exists because it is a Catholic school. We are not a private school nor an independent school. Yes, we value being respectful and responsible and work hard to provide robust educational programs but we do so out of a faith filled tradition and within the Catholic Education system of Brisbane, Queensland and Australia.

So how can we 'be Catholic' in this secular world? That is the question that YOU ARE BEING ASKED through the **Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project**.

### **PARENTS – YOUR VOICE MUST BE HEARD**

At the end of this month, parents in our School will be invited to participate! The project is focused on exploring the particular catholic identity we have as a school and on how we would like to see this developed in the future. How do we see our religious identity? Is this the identity we want for our school? Is our teaching and learning aligned with this vision?

We are a pilot school for this significant project and will participate along with 50 other Catholic Schools around the nation. The survey will be an online survey (you need internet access) or this can be provided at school, and will involve all parents, staff and students. It is important for you to contribute if at all possible. More in our next newsletter.

The other vital issue that is happening right now has to do with funding. The Federal Government's **Gonski Review of Funding for Schools** has now been presented to the government. A period of government consultation and public debate on its recommendations is expected to follow after the report's release later this month. As key stakeholders in the future of Catholic education, it is vital that you are aware of the facts about school funding, so that you are able to participate in this debate at any opportunity. Attached to today's Newsletter is a telling graph that clearly illustrates the comparative average resourcing levels of the State, Catholic and Independent schooling sectors in Australia. For more detailed information about school funding, I encourage you to visit the website developed by the National Catholic Education Commission at: [www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au](http://www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au)

So while we continue to work hard on a daily basis here at school, it is important that we keep 'one eye' on the bigger issues that impact and inform us. We can't think, 'O, someone else will do it!' or 'It's all too much for me!' Your voice must be heard if we are to influence the directions we want education to go in.

May god bless you and yours this week!

*Marg Pont*  
PRINCIPAL

## APRE NEWS

We have had a wonderful start to our 2012 school year. I have spoken to many children who are 'loving' being back at school and have already seen classes engaged in purposeful and motivating learning experiences. AND the many happy smiles around our school are always a pleasure to witness!!!

### Confirmation/ Communion Program 2012

St. Joseph's Parish invites children 7 years or older to prepare for the Sacraments in 2012. Enrolment forms are available from the parish office or school office. Enrolments close Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

### UNSW Competitions 2012

Competitions available for students at St. Joseph's to enter in 2012 will be: English, Mathematics and Science. The cost for entering in 2012 is \$7.70 per competition. Dates for competitions and due date for payment and return of competition entry will be in next week's newsletter.

### Class Mass Celebrations and Assemblies

Each week a class from Yrs 4-7 attends the parish mass held on Wednesday at 10am. Our classes commenced this for 2012 today. Children in Yrs 4-7 are also rostered to go to reconciliation on Wednesdays. Upcoming dates for classes can be found in the Parish dates at the back of our newsletter each week. Parents are always welcome to attend with their child, and class, at the parish mass on Wednesdays.

All classes from Prep to Year 7 are also rostered on to lead an item at our Friday assembly each week. Year 6J commence this for us this week. Dates for classes rostered on can be found in our school dates at the back of our newsletter each week.

*Peace and best wishes,*

*Narelle Harney APRE*

### Parent Information Nights are in Weeks 4 & 5

Come along and meet your child's teacher for 2012 and find out important information about their learning, homework and class activities.

Wednesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Prep & Year 1

Thursday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Yrs 4 & 5

Wednesday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Years 2,3 & 7

Thursday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – Yr 6

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

The P&F Annual General meeting will be held on **Monday, 20 February** at **7.30pm** in **Year 6J's classroom**. (Car parking on the convent playground.)

### Come along and get involved!

As per the P&F Constitution, "At the Annual General Meeting of the Association, all the elected members of the Executive shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.....maximum term of three years." The Executive positions are -

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Nomination forms can be collected from the office.

Please complete and return them to the office by Friday, 17th or bring them on the evening.

Other business of the evening will include decisions on the calendar of events for 2012 and early fete preparations.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Prep J Kayla Ware  
Prep S Jacob Wiener

For being ready to learn and for looking at the teacher.  
For an amazing start to school! Jacob has been a wonderful example to the other children in his class. Jacob is respectful of the people around him and has come to school ready to learn.

1J Ashley Paton

Ashley has had a wonderful start to Year 1 at St Joseph's and has made lots of friends. Ashley has been able to show off her beautiful handwriting skills in all her written tasks. Keep up the great work Ashley.

1S Kiah Gormley

Kiah has joined St Joseph's this year in a confident way. She always sees what needs to be done in our classroom and quietly gets the job done.

2J Jaidan Griffin

Jaidan has had a fantastic start at his new school and is always friendly, cooperative and working hard!

2S Pippa James

For a wonderful start to the year. We are so lucky to have her at our school. She has fitted in so well, is consistently enthusiastic about her work and is always kind and caring to all of our class members. Keep up the fantastic work Pippa and thank you.

3J Libby Ward  
3S Jacob Ivanfy

For always being an enthusiastic learner and a happy classroom helper.  
For being an excellent student trying hard in his work and fitting in well in his new school.

4J Jasmin Peak

For being an engaged, diligent and cooperative student. Thank you Jasmin.

4S Peleina Tofilau  
5J Angus Mohr

For working hard on her science journal report.

5S Mia Longden

For the brilliant start to the year he is having and for the effort he is putting into all areas of his work. Well done Angus!  
Who has started the year with a Bang! She is really firing, and giving 110%. Well done, Mia.

6J Jessica Pepper

For lighting up the room with a wonderful smile. She always does her best and never gives up. A lovely friend to all students and a valuable member of the 6J classroom. Thank you Jess!

6S Abbey O'Rourke

For demonstrating a sense of responsibility and striving to be a positive role model.

7J Kelly Farrelly

We have completed two Maths test in 7J and Kelly has received full marks in both of these tests. Kelly is prepared to always work hard and with this attitude will have a very rewarding year.

7S Will Ross

For making a positive start to the St Joey's school year and for working hard to complete tasks during maths lessons and literacy groups. You've made a great addition to the St Joey's community!

### PE Award : Brittany Stark

For showing encouragement to others during P.E. and participating in the Beep Test with great determination.

Brittany's 7.2 was the best in the school and a reflection of the hard work she puts into her Surf Life Saving, Swimming and Cross Country training. Great effort Brittany.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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



Feb	07	Kaycee Brady
	08	Lahni Thorogood
	09	Matthew Clifton, Anthony Kajewski
	10	Declan Cassar-Smythe, Jaimi Watson
	11	Grace Bishop
	12	Cory Clifton, David Doherty

## AROUND THE CLASSROOMS....1S

1S have had a wonderful start to 2012! We have been learning about how we all contribute to making the community of St Josephs a place where we can live together happily and learn. Together we have made a class covenant so that we are all aware of what our rights and responsibilities are in 1S. In our religion lessons we are busy making a book showing how God created our world. We have many budding artists amongst us! Looks like we will have a great year.



## MUSIC NEWS



All Choirs and Bands begin this week! If you play a brass, woodwind or violin in Yr's 5-7 you will begin Pop's Orchestra practice this Friday, in the Music Room at 1pm. Guitar, keyboard and drumkit players will be approached by Lindsay as to what group you will be in. All band members will then need to fill in an enrolment form and return it a.s.a.p. Rock/Lit Band begins 2pm, Friday. Junior Joeys has already begun but it is not too late to enrol. Senior Singers begins this Friday in the hall at noon. Enrolment forms for both choirs are available from the office.

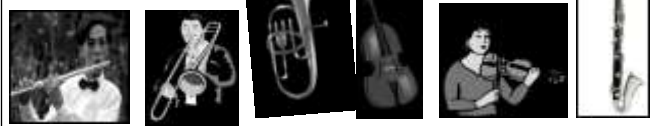
St Joseph's Instrumental Hire is one of the cheapest around, so if your daughter or son would like to learn an instrument here is what we have on offer (in order of pictures).

Flute, Trombone, Euphonium, Double Bass (large), Violin and Bass Clarinet.

See either Lindsay or myself in regards to the instruments below.

Keep singing

Paula Simpson



## CHESS NOTICE

Welcome to our 2012 players.

This year, the children in a year level will be taught the fundamentals and playing strategies of chess with Mr Finn Sorenson and Mr Johan Van der Beek during class time. You will have to wait and see if it is your class! Lessons will begin in Week 4.

Years **3 to 7** - Lunch sessions will be held on **Tuesdays** in the large Year 4 classroom above the office. Come at 1pm with your lunch and a playing partner if possible. The sessions will last for 30 minutes and children who show well developed skills will be considered for our St Joseph chess teams to compete in the interschool competitions on the Sunshine Coast.

**Years 1, 2 and Prep** will be offered chess beginner lessons on **Thursday lunch time** in the large Year 4 classroom. Please bring your lunch and come with a partner at 1pm. Last year's prep chess players will come to Tuesday lunch sessions.

Any queries, please contact me at school on Tues, Wed or Thurs.

Dorothy Devlin

## TUCKSHOP

### Hello from the Tuckshop!

Our first week back was a big success. Much applause to the Year 2 parents who brought homebake & helped out, you were great! We look forward to seeing the **Year 3** families in action **this week**. Remember that if your rostered class day doesn't fit your schedule, you are welcome to help on the alternate day of the week!

Almost **ALL** our St Joey's families now use the online system!! A big **THANKYOU** for making our tuckshop run more efficiently (... keep an eye out for more exclusive online offerings!) For those families who haven't tried online yet, you can check out the website & register @ [www.flexischools.com.au/](http://www.flexischools.com.au/) It's easy to use and security guaranteed by Westpac Bank. If you are a nervous first time user, we are happy to confirm your orders on the day, by phone or come & see us!

#### This Week -

- **Special: Spring Rolls** 2 oven baked vegetarian spring rolls with soy or sweet chilli sauce
- **Helpers & Homebake : Year 3**

#### Next Week-

- **Special: Mexican Meatball Wrap** mild mexican meatballs wrapped with salsa & cheese
- **Helpers & Homebake: Year 4**

**Remember....Tuckshop only happens with your help!**

Lee Etheridge  
Tuckshop Convenor



## UNIFORM SHOP Hours are 8am - 9am

Next Days: Thursday 9th Feb & Tuesday 14th Feb  
Glenys Appleby  
Uniform Shop Coordinator

## FAMILY INFORMATION DETAILS

A reminder that we would like these forms returned (even if details have not changed) by Friday 17th February so that we can update our records.

## P & F CONTACT BOOK

If you would like your details to be included in the P&F Contact Book, please return the form to the school office by Friday the 17th February.

If you **DO NOT** return by this date then your family details **WILL NOT** be included.

If you would like to advertise your business and need more information please contact Debbie at the school office.

## MOBILE PHONES - Student Use

We acknowledge that there may be a genuine need for some students to bring a mobile phone to school, eg. for safety concerns if attending an after school hours commitment. If however, there is not that need, students are *discouraged* from bringing mobile phones with them.

Contact with parents/guardians during school hours for either urgent matters or emergencies can be made via the school office. If you wish to get a message to your child during the school day, again, please do so via the school office. Messages are relayed to classes daily.

It is presumed that students who bring mobile phones to school have parental permission. These phone must be given to the class teacher for 'safe keeping' during the school day. They need to be:

1. Switched off, and
2. Clearly labelled for ease of identification.

They will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.

The school takes no responsibility for mobile phones that students bring to school and are not handed into the class teacher.

Use of mobile phones during any school day is prohibited, regardless of where the activities are, eg. at school, on an excursion, sports activity, or on camp. Arrangements are always put in place with staff members in the case of an emergency.

## PARENT CONTACT GROUP

We are seeking parents who will 'put up their hand' to be their child's class Parent Contact Person! This group has a meeting each term with Marg, acting as an invaluable resource for both information sharing and pastoral care for our families.

### Why not ask a friend and share the position?

Please notify your child's teacher or the office .

First meeting will be in the staffroom after assembly on **Friday, 17 February 2012.**

## INTERNET AGREEMENT FORMS

These forms were sent home this week.

Before any student is involved in Internet projects, we require the form to be returned to the office.

**NON RETURN WILL RESULT IN DENIAL OF ACCESS.**

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

Phone: 5441 1034 Email: stjoenam@ozemail.com.au

### Saturday 11th February

4.30-4.50pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Evening Mass for Sunday ;  
Centacare Appeal

### Sunday 12th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day

7.00am Mass: Centacare Appeal

9.00am Mass: Centacare Appeal

Candle Presentation: Bella, Mia & Shane Evans (Kristy);  
Harrison Borsato (Angela & Daniel)

11.00am-4.00 Adoration in the Chapel

4.00pm Ukraianian Mass & supper

### Monday 13th February

8.00am Mass

7:30pm-9:30 Pastoral Council Meeting

### Tuesday 14th February Feast St Valentine's Day

7.00pm RCIA Group 1

### Wednesday 15th February

8.30am RCIA Group 2

9.30am Reconciliation

10.00am Mass; Year 7J

12.00pm Reconciliation Year 7S

7:00pm-9:30 Quilt Craft Group

### Thursday 16th February

11.30am Liturgy at Hospital Chapel

7:00pm-8:00 Music Meeting

### Friday 17th February

6.30am Mass

7-8.00am Rosary and Adoration in the Chapel

9.00am-12.30 Creative Art Group

### Saturday 18th February

4.30-4.50pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Evening Mass for Sunday

### Sunday 19th February 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am Mass

9.00am Mass

10.00am Baptism Harrison Borsato  
(Angela & Daniel)

11.00am-4.00 Adoration in the Chapel

12:00pm-3.00 Nambour Cursillo Ultreya

3.00pm RCIA Rite of Election at Cathedral

5.30pm Mass at Palmwoods

(at the Anglican Church)

### St Joseph's Nambour

### Confirmation/First Communion Program 2012

Enrolment forms for Children **year 4 and older** preparing for the Sacraments in 2012 are now available from the Parish Office or St Joseph's Primary School Office  
Enrolments **close Friday 9th March 2012**

### Position for Cleaning

St Joseph's Parish requires a cleaner for a small number of hours per week. Please contact Cecilia in the office 5441 1034 to register your interest and to discuss details further prior to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2012

## SIGNIFICANT DATES TERM 1

### FEBRUARY

Friday 10th Assembly 6J

Tuesday 14th 7.30pm Board Meeting

Wednesday 15th 5.30pm  
Parent Info Meeting Prep & Year 1

Thursday 16th 5.30pm  
Parent Info Meeting Years 4 & 5

Monday 20th P & F Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY  
10.00am Mass Years 4-7  
5.30pm

Parent Info Meeting Years 7, 2 & 3

Thursday 23rd 5.30pm

Parent Info Meeting Year 6

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly 7J

### MARCH

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly 7S

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> School Cross Country  
Assembly 6S

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> School Photos

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> School Cross Country (Rain Day)  
Assembly 4J

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Joseph  
9am Whole School Mass

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Year 5 Camp till Friday 23rd

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Assembly 4S

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Assembly 5J

**Last Day of Term 1**

## NAMBOUR WILDCATS SOCCER CLUB

### SIGN ON

Saturday 4th & Saturday 11th February  
Red Cross Centre, Price Street Nambour  
9am—12 noon



## SAINTS NETBALL CLUB NAMBOUR

### 2012 Sign On

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at Nambour Netball Courts  
Players From Prep To Yr 7 Welcome  
For more Info Call Kate Baker 0438761293

## PALMWOODS RUGBY LEAGUE

### SIGN ON

Saturday 11th Feb  
10am - 2pm  
At the Clubhouse, Briggs Street, Palmwoods  
For more information call Kathy 0434 435 743