Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Research indicates that the most important part of learning is receiving quality feedback. This is true for children, as it is for organisations that strive to always do better.

Contained within this newsletter is a very brief, but very important survey that aims to provide us with some feedback. The survey asks 3 questions relating to our Motto: Christian Values, Catholic Family, Individual Growth.

This survey is being conducted at a staff, parent and student level. The data it provides will assist us in a variety of ways, including setting a future direction/vision for St Joseph’s and assisting with mandatory reporting requirements.

Please take one minute to complete the survey and return it to the school office by the end of next week.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton
Acting Principal

Thank you:
- To Mrs Macklin for organising the School Cross Country Carnival last Friday.
- To the parent helpers during the School Cross County Carnival.

Some Upcoming Term 2 Dates:

- Camouflage Day & ANZAC Liturgy (2pm) – Tuesday 24th April
- ANZAC Day – Wednesday 25th April
- Blue Day (not a free dress day) – Monday 30th April
- School Photos – Wednesday 2nd May
- Nude Food Day (Environment Ministry) – Thursday 3rd May
- Mother Day Mass & Student Disco (Helping Hands) – Friday 4th May
- Labour Day – Monday 7th May
- Under 8’s Day & Possible Illusionist for Years 4-7 – Friday 25th May
- Bundaberg Show Holiday – Thursday 31st May
- St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival – Monday 4th June
- Pet Photo Competition – Friday 8th June
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday – 11th June
- Sacred Heart Mass – Friday 15th June
- Small Schools Athletics Carnival – 15th June
- Parent-Teacher Interviews – Weeks 9 and 10
- Activity Afternoon (Helping Hands) – Thursday 21st June
- Last Day of Term 2 & Possible Sound of Music – Friday 22nd June
ANZAC Day
Tomorrow St Joseph’s will have a Liturgy to commemorate ANZAC day. Max Francis, local ANZAC, has been invited to speak during the liturgy. We invite all to join us for this celebration at 2pm. In addition, the Prayer and Celebration Ministry invites all students to take part in Coin It For Camouflage. This event will raise money for the local RSL by giving a gold coin donation to wear camouflage clothing in honour of the ANZACs. This clothing can consist of a shirt, pants and/or sun safe hat and can be worn all day.

ANZAC March
A reminder that all students are invited to march at the local ANZAC day service on Wednesday. We will be meeting at 9.45am on the corner of North and Churchill Street.

Cross Country
I have been informed that the Cross Country Carnival was very successful. Congratulations to age champions Ky Sweeney, Amber Thomson, Cooper Burns, Celia Freeman, Johnua Maroney, Selena Russo, Campbell Pryor, Brooke Fitz-Gibbon, Eden Farim bella and Emily Burns.

Best of luck to students competing at Isis Cross Country today

Excellence in Art Designs
Students are invited to participate in the Queensland Independent Education Union, Awards for Excellence in Art Design. The theme for 2012 is ‘Explore, Dream, Discover’. If your child would like to add a piece of art work they have completed at home please bring it to the school office and we will add it to the other pieces we will be submitting. All art work must be received by the office no later than 20th July 2012.

Strings
Beeke’s string students will be giving a short performance this Thursday from 8.45am. Parents are most welcome to come and see their child/children perform.

Music
There are still vacancies in the music programme. If you would like your child to learn trumpet, flute, clarinet or percussion please contact the school office for more information.
Staff Professional Development
This section in the newsletter will highlight the staff professional development occurring during the week.

Principal Meeting (Tuesday) – Mr Hinton
Support Teacher Meeting (Tuesday) – Mrs Corsetti

Tuckshop
The first week of the volunteer tuckshop system was very successful. Thank you for supporting it by placing orders. Please find another copy of the tuckshop list within the newsletter. Attention, the tuckshop will be open Tuesday instead of Wednesday (ANZAC Day) this week.

2013 Prep Enrolment
Enrolment for the 2013 prep year will be open from the 1st of May 2012.

Blue Day
On Monday the 30th April St Joseph’s will be having a ‘Blue Day’. During this day students will learn a little about the condition known as Autism Spectrum Disorders. Students may opt to have their face painted blue on this day (please let us know if this is a problem for you or your child). This is not a free dress day and face painting will be for free.

Year 6/7 Classroom News
Do you consider Ned Kelly to be an Australian hero or a villian?

This term, the 6/7’s will be researching the life of this famous Australian bushranger in an attempt to solve the debate. We will be writing a persuasive argument to support our opinion (this will help with our preparation for NAPLAN tests in week 5), and then creating a ballad to outline the life of Ned Kelly. We are also hoping to have some time to learn about programming the “Lego” robots.

Our ministry groups are continuing to meet each week to organise various activities and events for the whole school. The next activity will be a “Camo Day” tomorrow, to recognise ANZAC Day and raise funds for the RSL (more details elsewhere in the newsletter). At Assembly next week we will outline other projects that we are currently planning.

With Cross Country, NAPLAN tests, Athletics and various other activities, it will no doubt be a busy term for us all.

Uniforms
School winter jackets have arrived. Could you please pay at the office when you pick up your jackets.
Happy Birthday

Travis Katt 24/04
Darcy Furness 25/04

Book Club

Book club Issue 3 for the year will be going home with your child this week. There is usually a 1-2 weeks turn around for the return of the orders and they are sent home with your child. Scholastic donates a percentage of the total sales back to the school in the form of books for the library.

The Isis Tennis Club Inc. would like to welcome back Junior Tennis Players.

- Resuming after school coaching with Mr. Banner
- From 3.30pm Beginners $6 Per Lesson(30min)
- 4.00pm onwards Intermediate $8 Per Lesson(45min)

For any enquiries please phone Trish Hoffmann 41 266357.