Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

This Anzac Day marked the ninety-seventh anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Forces on Gallipoli Peninsula – 25 April 1915. As a nation we continue to honour the memory of these brave men, and all the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces. Many have done so at the cost of their own lives, and all were prepared to make this ultimate sacrifice if necessary. We owe them an enormous debt, and we owe those men and women presently serving in armed conflict our unwavering support. They continue the Anzac tradition of courage, honour, integrity, self-sacrifice, and mateship forged by the first Anzacs ninety-seven years ago.

There is an ever increasing appreciation of the Anzac legacy. This was clearly visible with large numbers of people, especially children, partaking in the Anzac march through town. This may be due in part to the realisation of how young so many of our service men and women were, and of how ordinary their backgrounds were. It is a testimony to the nobility of the human spirit and to the generosity of heart that enables seemingly ordinary people to do extraordinary things in the service of others, especially of the most vulnerable.

Right so, we remember with grateful hearts, all who have served our nation in past conflicts and those serving today. We pray for their safety and welfare, and we pray in thanks of the peace and freedom we all enjoy today because of their bravery and generosity of heart.

Warmest regards,

John Hinton
Acting Principal

Thank you:
- To the children and staff who marched and participated in the local Anzac Commemoration last Wednesday.
- To Max Francis who was our special guest for the school Anzac Commemoration last Tuesday.
From the APRE

Mother’s Day Mass
This Friday we will be celebrating Mother’s Day with a school mass which has been organised by Mrs. Freeman and the Prep/Yr 1 class. We would love you to come along and be part of this special celebration. Prep/Yr 1 students will be hosting a morning tea in the tuckshop area following the mass.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM –
First Communion & Confirmation
CATHOLIC SACRED HEART PARISH CHILDERS

The first parent meeting for the Sacred Heart Parish Sacramental Program for First Communion & Confirmation is on Wednesday 5th June at 4.00pm in the Hall under the St Joseph’s Front School Building. This meeting is the enrolment meeting and first session for parents and children. The program is for Catholic children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and are in Year 3 or older. We will be running a Reconciliation program later in the year with the first meeting being on the 21st August.

For further enquiries contact:
Helen Freshwater at School on 4126 1866
Parish Priest Fr Emmanuel 4126 1256

Have a great week

Change of Disco Date
Due to the up-coming long weekend in May, the student disco date has change from May 4th to May 11th.

Please find a list of key dates for term 3 in last week’s newsletter.

NAPLAN
On May 15th, 16th and 17th students in years 3, 5 and 7 will sit national tests in language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. Tests in previous years do indicate students from St Joseph’s perform well.

These tests do provide us with some additional information that impacts on planning and teaching. These tests also give parents and students a ‘time in point’ reference relating to comparable achievement.

Many schools now employ a NAPLAN teacher. St Joseph’s have decided, and right so, not to do this. If our teaching pedagogy changes to ‘teach to a test’ students will do better on the tests, however their overall learning will deteriorate.

Australian Mathematics Competition
An invitation exists for students from year 3 to 7 to sit an Australian Mathematics Competition. This competition will be organised and conducted by Mrs Karen Lindsay. If interested please send $5.50 in an envelope with your child’s name on it to the office.
Staff Professional Development
This section in the newsletter will highlight the staff professional development occurring during the week.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Data Collection (Wednesday) – Mrs Freeman

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

Isis Cross Country Team
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to compete in Hervey Bay as a part of the Isis Cross Country Team; Celia Freeman, Maicey McKey, Will Martell, Joshua Maroney and Eden Farimbella.

Strings
Beeke’s string students gave a short performance last Thursday morning. Students, staff and parents watched on with awe. Please contact the office if you would like your child to be a part of the school’s extra-curriculum music programme.

Make up Music Days
Please be aware of the following additional music make up days.
- Lex’s Students - Tuesday 1st & 8th May.
- Beeke’s Students - Monday 14th, 21st & 28th of May.

Classroom News
In year 3 we have begun our science unit ‘Feathers, Fur or Leaves’ we have been making observations of living and non-living objects, including classifying, labelling and measuring them. We have recorded some of our findings in a graph, in particular what we believe to be true about these living and non-living objects.

We have created a ‘Science chat wall’ where we can add any information we find to refer to while we are carrying out our investigations.

We were so excited by the new tuckshop menu, that we gave ourselves a challenge. We had to spend $6.50 and have no change left. Well done to those students who were able to do this exactly.

During English, we have been looking at persuasive text and have created an advertisement for a billboard, magazine or newspaper to try and convince someone to buy our product. We are now making this into a radio advertisement where we will have to describe our product in a way to tempt the shoppers to buy our product. We will be using this persuasive text and imagining we are on radio and selling our product with the microphones and speakers in the hall.
### Principal's Awards

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### Happy Birthday

- **Jade Krieger** 01/05
- **Amber Thompson-Klumpp** 06/05

### Book Club

Please remember to hand in your book club orders at the office by tomorrow (Tuesday 1st).

### School Photos

It’s school photo time again; the photographers will be here this Wednesday 2nd, please return your photo envelopes to the school office before Wednesday so you don’t miss out.

### 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.

### School Banking

If your child is collecting their Dollarmite tokens and has misplaced them, don’t worry because I keep a tally of how many they have earned so that they don’t miss out on the great rewards on offer. If you would like any further information please see Helen at the office.

### School Fees

Tennis, Music and School fees for Term 2 will be going home this week and are due by the 14th May 2012.

### Nude Food Day

The environment ministry has organised a Nude Food Day for Thursday 3rd May. The purpose of Nude Food Day is to help save the environment by using less wrappers, packaging and plastic bags. Containers are allowed. Please support the environment ministry.