Principal's Message

Over the weekend and throughout Monday, St Joseph’s School have hosted a series of meetings for fifteen primary and secondary Brisbane Catholic Education principals.

Local hospitality has clearly been evident throughout the meetings. A Sunday afternoon game of golf was followed by dinner at Woodgate Bowls Club.

Monday, lunch was organised on the veranda of the Childers Arts Space, where year 6/7 photos are currently on exhibition.

John Parkinson (Principal of St Flannon's School, Zillmere) indicated his appreciation of our students’ photos when he stated: “The picture of the strange looking cat’s head reminded me of my own strange aesthetic faults.”

The year 6/7 In My Eyes exhibition was launched at Childers Art Space two weeks ago (a video of this launch can be viewed on our school website). The exhibition closes on the 18th of November. I encourage everyone to pop in and check out the photos. Also, keep your eyes peeled in the Town and Country for a ‘photo of the week’. Parents seeking an electronic copy of their child’s photos should contact John Hinton.

Principals indicated a heartfelt thanks to St Joseph’s School for hosting the meetings. In the words of one experienced principal “You might be a small country school but you punch well above your weight.”

Warmest regards,

John Hinton

Thank You:
- To John for cutting back the overhanging trees on the back fence.
- To Ray for commencing work on the new sandpit.
From the APRE

Grandparents Day
On Friday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} November, Grandparents in our parish and school communities are invited to come along to St. Joseph’s where we will celebrate the important role Grandparents play in the lives of our children. Classrooms will be open for Grandparents to wander through to experience some of the exciting learning happening in our classes. We will gather as a whole school in prayer to reflect on and be thankful for the wonderful ways Grandparents support our children. This will be followed by morning tea. Of course, ‘stand In Grandparents’ will be most welcome! We hope you join us for this special occasion.

Have a great week
Helen Freshwater

2013 Classes
Compositions of 2013 classes are likely to be:
- Prep/Year 1
- Year 1/2
- Year 3/4
- Year 4/5
- Year 6/7

Further enrolments may affect the compositions of the classes.

The above compositions indicate that in 2013 students in year 1 and year 4 will be split. Teachers will be providing a recommendation relating to which class each student might be best located (based on each student’s holistic development). This recommendation will then be aligned with school based learning data. Parents have the right to express their preference and should do so in writing to the school principal by Friday, the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of November. The final decision will be made by the school principal.

In order to assist in planning, please contact the office as soon as possible if your child/children will not be attending St Joseph’s School in 2013.

2013 School Fees
Brisbane Catholic Education has recommended a 4% increase in fees and building fund levies for 2013. A copy of the 2013 Fees and Levies were inserted into a previous week’s school newsletter. Please contact the office if you require further information.
In My Eyes
The year 6/7 In My Eyes launch video can be access via the school website. Photos will continue to be displayed at Childers Arts Space until the 18th of November. I encourage everyone to pop in and check out the photos. Also, keep your eyes peeled in the Town and Country for a ‘photo of the week’.

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Lex Wyatt
Lax Wyatt (Instrumental Music) submitted his resignation as of the end of 2012. Lex has been associated with St Joseph’s School for 17 years, a substantial contribution to the life of the school. Please join with me in acknowledging Lex’s contributions. We wish Lex well as he transitions to retirement.

In planning for the future, Lex indicated that Peter Pagett (Instrumental Music Teacher for a number of State Schools in the area) would be a great asset to the students of the St Joseph’s. I am keen to continue the instrumental music programme, and Peter is keen and available to work with our students one afternoon per week. Please register your interest at the office by the end of this week. We can accommodate 8-12 students in the programme, however please be aware Lex’s previous students may be given priority if interest is high.

Tuckshop Volunteers
Building on World Teachers Day from last Friday, this week it is thank you school tuckshop volunteers. We would all agree that tuckshop has been outstanding, It is certainly my favourite lunch day of the week! My sincere thanks to Helen Woodman and Lynda Ricca our volunteer tuckshop convenors. Many thanks also to tuckshop helpers.
### BUS FARE ASSISTANCE

**Semester 2, 2012**

Online applications for the [Bus Fare Assistance Program](#) and the [Students with Disabilities Scheme](#) will be accepted from

1st October, 2012 – 31st October, 2012

To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for either program, go to: [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au)

Further enquiries to:
3336 9192 or [schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au](mailto:schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au)

Applications received after 31st October, 2012 cannot be processed.

The weekly threshold for 2012 is $20 per family, $15 per concession family. The family must spend more than the weekly threshold on fares.

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### Happy Birthday

- **Campbell Pryor** 01/11
- **Charlotte Bainbridge** 02/11
- **Tia Raffaut** 02/11

### Tuckshop

Don’t forget tuckshop is this Wednesday, thank you for the continuing support.