Principal’s Message
03 February 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2014 school year, especially to all of our new families. I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable and safe Christmas vacation period. I certainly enjoyed spending some quality time with my family.

I am very excited about what 2015 will hold for the students at St Joachim’s. I believe that we have created a great team of teaching staff, support staff and administration officers who will work closely with you and your children this year.

This year we have an enrolment of 336 students, 221 families and 44 staff members. My number one goal continues to be that we are a supportive and inclusive Catholic community of faith where all are welcomed and valued.

New Staff Members
This year we warmly welcome six new staff members: Miss Ashleigh Foster (Prep), Mrs Melissa Buchanan (Year 2), Mrs Marg Marshall (Year 4), Miss Sarah Gray (Year 6), Mrs Sally Stevens (Learning Support) and Miss Lauren Phillips (Guidance). I am positive each of our new staff members will add great value to our wonderful school.

Parent Information Evenings
The following evenings have been set aside for the beginning of year parent information evenings. I do hope that you are able to attend these very important information sessions. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher/s. The sessions will go for about 40-45 minutes and are held in the classrooms.

- Wed 4th Feb 6.00pm – Prep & Year 3
- Tues 10th Feb 6.00pm – Year 1 & Year 2
- Wed 11th Feb 6.00pm – Year 4 & Year 5
- Wed 11th Feb 7.00pm – Year 6

Expression of Interest - Class Reps for 2015
The Class Representatives are parent volunteers who assist in developing and nurturing the community spirit we enjoy here at St Joachim’s. The Class Representatives provide opportunities for families in the same year level group to socialise a couple of times a year. They show the community’s support for one another by acknowledging new babies, expressing sympathy and offering assistance during difficult times. The Class Representatives also facilitate communication between the families and the school.

In 2015 the Class Representative Coordinator is Mrs Kim Harris. Kim has been involved in the school for 7 years now and is also a member of the P&F Committee. Kim will assist the Class Representatives. In most cases the Principal will liaise with Kim who will in turn communicate directly with the Class Representatives.

If you are interested in being the Class Representative (consider sharing the role with another parent) or wish to find out more about the role please contact Kim at harrissk2003@yahoo.com.au or phone 0412 446 387. Visit our website to view the Class Representative Role Description.
http://www.stjoachimscps.qld.edu.au/Parent%20Information/Pages/Class-Representatives.aspx

Tuckshop Convenor
Congratulations to Mrs Sabrina Hawe for securing the position of the St Joachim’s Tuckshop Convenor for the 2015 school year. Sabrina, a parent of St Joachim’s, will bring a wealth of experience in catering and administration to the position. I look forward to working with Sabrina this year.

Due to the late appointment the tuckshop will re-open in Week 4. Visit our school’s website to find out how to register your children (if you have not already done so) for the online ordering system we use at St Joachim’s. http://www.stjoachimscps.qld.edu.au/Parent%20Information/Pages/Tuckshop.aspx

Assembly
The school assembly will be held in the Parish Hall every second Monday afternoon (even weeks of the term) from 2.00pm – 2.45pm. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

eNewsletter
The school eNews will be emailed to all parents each Tuesday. If you miss the email, you can always download the newsletter from the school’s website or view it on the St Joachim’s School App.

Date Claimer: Welcome BBQ Friday 20th February 2015 – more information to follow.

Have a great week ahead,
Chris
Religious News

Dear Parents

I hope your Christmas holidays were enjoyable and relaxing. It seems a little like a distant memory now, but it’s been a wonderful start to our school year.

Next **Friday, 13th February**, we will be celebrate the beginning of the school year with Mass commencing at **9am in St Joachim’s Church**. During this Mass we will welcome our new students, families and teachers. The Mass will also include a rite of leadership where our Year 6 students will be presented with their student leader badges. You are most welcome to attend.

Our Year 6 leaders have made an outstanding start to the year. They have been exploring the concept of servant leadership in preparation for their Leadership Day next Monday 9th February. They have met their new Prep buddies. Teams of students have already taken responsibility for leading *Prayer of the Church* for years 4-6 students on a Monday morning and our school assembly. They are also enjoying their Year 6 eating area.

This year, the Sunday gospels are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Mark’s gospel was written about 40 years after the death of Jesus. It focuses on the ministry of Jesus - on the journey of Jesus and the disciples from Galilee to Jerusalem. Here are some ‘Did you know?’ facts that you might not know about Mark’s gospel:

1. There is nothing mentioned in Mark about Jesus’ birth or early childhood.
2. Jesus’ first act of ministry is to ask for forgiveness of his sins.
3. A third of the gospel is devoted to the Passion - the last week of Jesus’ life.
4. Mark’s gospel is the shortest gospel. Mark’s gospel was the first of its kind. All earlier Christian writings were just sayings of Jesus – one-liners out of context. Mark put these Christian writings into a ‘gospel’ form to tell the story of Jesus’ ministry.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on the 18th February (Week 4). We will celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season with Mass in St Joachim’s Church at 9am.

Wishing you God’s blessing for the week,
Amanda

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Serendipity Fitness

Join a fun, safe, low impact exercise class to trim down and tone up. Early morning and after the morning school drop off times are available.

St David’s Hall,
855 Logan Road,
Holland Park,
Cost $15.
Phone 0422 948 650 for class times and a free health check questionnaire.

School News

Thank you to all the children and parents who so kindly gave me cards and presents (Shortcake and boiled lollies) to keep my energy levels up in order to keep going in 2015, I absolutely love working at St Joachim’s and all your good wishes are gratefully received.

Thank you,

Gee.

(Mr Kinghorn)
Sports News
Welcome back to all St. Joachim’s families and hello to our new families. 2015 sport is looking busy, challenging, exciting and fun.

St. Joachim’s Sport 2015 Overview

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District Interschool Swimming Trials
The trials will be held on Thursday 11th February at Hibiscus Sports Complex, Klumpp Rd, Mt Gravatt from 8.15am. Students chosen from last year’s Interhouse Swimming Carnival performances to represent our school will be receiving their paperwork shortly. Please return all forms to Mrs Jacks ASAP.

Congratulations to the following ten students who have been chosen to represent our school at the district swimming meet:

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ST. JOACHIM’S DISTRICT SWIMMERS 2015

Lunchtime Sports Equipment Borrowing
Yrs 2 to 7 will be able to borrow sports equipment each day during both breaks. This gear must be looked after and used with care. It is the borrower’s responsibility to return the gear to the sports room at the end of the lunch break. Year 5 students will be the sports room monitors. Sports equipment will be available up on the top grass area for the children from prep and Year 1. We encourage and promote active lunchtime play at St. Joachim’s.

“Love is nothing in tennis, but in life it is everything.”

Donna Jacks
PE Teacher

Birthdays on the School holidays
Miro Katsanevas; Madyson Moran; Leila Nicoll; Zac Green; Billy Rowan; Gabriela Silva; Larry Clark; Grace McMullen; Max Denny; Emily Lewis; Lucy Lewis; Alanah McNulty; Lily McChlachlan; Ethan Hawgood; Jett Sanewski; Charlotte Brearley; Sophia Ayres; Charlie Vokes; Bridie White; Tate Foster; Eva Suess; Evie Gallagher; Lockier Beckett; Lucy Herbert; Amy Herbert; Alice Taylor; Ingrid Carlton; Nicole Catton; Tim Flannery; Emma Holden; Katherine Hamill; Chloe Horan; Daniel Herbert; Brody Flett; Amy Deegan; Addison Free; Alastair Bennett; Jaden Spoor; Meila Clark; Holly King; Sophie Oneto; Eve Campbell; Lachlan Amos; Grace Gaffney; Lara-Jane Tjas; Liam Clancy.

Birthdays
Rubi Creyton-Moran; Samuel Benham; Angelique Jeffery; Giselle Jeffery; Ellie Peacock; Lewis Coane; Bridie McNenes; Claire Hooper; Ashlynn McNenes; Ava Ravlic; Benjamin Wick; Ivy Williams; Mae Williams; Fletcher Ascough.
**Term 1 News**

**School Calendar**

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**Bookclub News**

Bookclub is being offered at the school again this year. Scholastic Bookclub is a convenient way to support your child’s reading. The place of books and the ability to read fluently are critical to a person’s independence and success. Bookclub is offered 8 times a year and there is never any obligation to make a purchase. Choosing and then sharing a book with your child can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Books offered are reasonably priced and the school receives resources and reward points from your purchases. Leaflets have gone home this week and any orders are due back at school by **Friday 13th February**.

We have access to a new way of ordering through their online ordering system called LOOP. [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Once in, choose St Joachim’s and then add your child’s name to the correct class. Place your order and make payment directly. No need to return paperwork to the school. Once the closing date is reached, I will go in and add any paper orders and the orders are processed as a school as usual. Books will then be returned to the school for distribution. You may of course still complete the form and return it to school with payment as before. In this case, please ensure that your child’s name and grade are on the order form and payment recorded. It makes it easier for us if you could make your payment by credit card using Scholastic’s phone payment system 1800 557 908.

If you have any questions please contact me for assistance. I can be emailed at ssims@bne.catholic.edu.au or on the school phone 3397 9087.

Thank you for supporting your child and us in this way.

Stephanie Sims
Bookclub Co-ordinator
Curriculum News

Extra-Curricular Activities 2015
St Joachim’s offers families a number of opportunities for students to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Parents who are interested in their child/ren participating in any of these activities are invited to contact the individual teacher whose contact details are on our school website. These include chess, speech and drama and piano lessons.

This year we have also engaged private teachers to offer lessons in guitar and drums and, we are in the process of engaging a teacher(s) to offer string/brass instrumental lessons. Further information about these instrumental music lessons will be finalised and provided to parents in the next few days via a separate email.

P&F News

A message from the P & F President
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new and existing families back to St Joachim’s School. I hope everyone had a restful break over the school holidays and if you are anything like me glad to send the kids back to school so you can go back to work for a break. We have a couple of important dates to keep free over the next couple of weeks, they are:

Welcome BBQ
The P & F will be hosting a welcome BBQ for all families of the school. For our new parents of the school, it is a great chance for you to meet and get to know the other beautiful families from across the school, for our existing families from last year, it is a great chance for you all to catch up again over a nice drink and burger. The BBQ is on Friday the 20th February from 5.30pm. I look forward to seeing you all then.

The first P&F meeting
Our first P & F meeting is next Tuesday 10th February. It is a chance where you can have your say on how we can make St Joachim’s community a better place. Next week we will be discussing amongst other things, this year’s fete, and where you would like to see the profit from the fete spent, I look forward to seeing you all there next week. All new parents are welcome, come and make a difference. It is a great way to keep up to date and informed on what is happening around the school.

Fete Meeting
We are under way with planning of this year’s fete. We are still looking for stall convenors and would encourage anyone that would like to help in early planning and organisation of the fete to come to next week’s meeting Thursday 12th at 7pm in the school Library. If you you can’t attend but want to help please email me at stjfete@gmail.com. Together we can all make a difference.

Enjoy your week,
Alan

Community News

Meals on Wheels
Holland Park Meals on Wheels are currently looking for enthusiastic, caring people who are available from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm to help deliver meals to our elderly, frail and disabled clients.

If you are available one day a week or one day a month we’d love to hear from you.

For more information please contact Natalie or Megan on 3397 9150 between 7:30am and 2:00pm Monday to Friday.

YEAR 7 2018
CLOSING SOON
Loreto College is currently accepting enrolment applications for Year 7 2018 (students in Year 4 2015)
APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2015
Offers will be made during Term 1, 2015.
Applications received after 6 February 2015 will be placed on a waiting list.

YEAR 7 2019
NOW OPEN
Enrolment applications for Year 7 2019 (students in Year 3 2015) are now open and will close on 5 February 2016.

For more information on your daughter’s prospective enrolment please contact, Ms Emma Beach, Manager of Enrolments on:
P: 3394 9999 or E: enrol@loreto.qld.edu.au
415 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo Qld 4151
www.loreto.qld.edu.au

Enrolment at Loreto College
Loreto College Coorparoo is an independent Catholic secondary school for girls offering an education which liberates, empowers and motivates students in the Mary Ward tradition of excellence in education.

NAB AFL Auskick
NAB AFL Auskick is running at your local footy club now!
Where: Camps Creek JFC
When: First session and sign on Sunday 15th February
Time: 9:00-10:30 am
Length of program: 6 weeks*
Cost: $70

When you participate in Auskick you also receive your very own football, drawstring bag and match day cap!
For more information call 3394 2198

Enjoy your week,
PARISH MUSIC

Who me?

Well, do you think music at Mass is important?

Absolutely!

What can you do?

Who me???

Yes, you!

I can sing in tune but so can everyone.

No not everyone can, and we need more singers.

Who me?

Yes, you! Look it's time to stop thinking that others can keep the Church going. The parish needs both singers and keyboard players. Other instruments would be great too. Can you get a little group together who would provide music once a month? Would you like to join an existing group? Do you know anyone who isn't even a Catholic but enjoys making music and might be interested? Take a risk, think creatively.

So yes, I am talking to you, contact the parish office.

Phone: 3349 2280 or Email: hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

It's time to jump in, to contribute and to feel the satisfaction that comes from being generous!