Dear Parents,

St Joachim’s School has a commitment to nurturing active partnerships with families and providing parents and caregivers with opportunities to participate in the life of the school community.

Parents, family and carers are a child’s first and most important teachers and can be a positive influence and help their child do well at school.

There is extensive research which indicates that when schools and families work together children have higher rates of achievement and stay in school longer. There will be many occasions in the year ahead to become involved at school and I encourage you to do so.

The Australian Government has a plan to put students first and improve their education outcomes and schools. We want students to have a quality education with access to the best teachers and an up-to-date and relevant curriculum, and for the people who know them best – their parents, teachers, principals and community – to be able to make informed decisions that will affect their education.

Under the student-first approach, the Australian Government will work with the states and territories, teachers and parents to focus on these four key areas that will make a difference:

- Teacher quality
- School autonomy
- Engaging parents in education
- Strengthening the curriculum


### What is Parent Engagement?

Parent engagement is being positively involved and active in your child’s learning. Your attitudes, values and behaviours can positively influence your child’s education outcomes.

We know that parents, families and carers are some of the most important influences on a child’s education. When you are positively engaged in your child’s education, they are more likely to attend and perform better at school.

Effective parent and family engagement in education is more than just participation in school meetings and helping with fundraising, it is actively engaging with your child’s learning, both at home and at school. When schools and families work together, children do better and stay in school longer.

You can support your child to get the most out of their schooling. The earlier you become engaged, the better it is for your children.

### Why is parent engagement important?

Parent engagement is associated with improvements across a range of indicators, including:

- better education outcomes
- enhanced engagement with school work
- more regular school attendance
- better behaviour
- increased social skills

### How you can help your child do well at school?

While it’s important to stay informed and be involved in school activities where possible, there are lots of things you can do at home which can help your child to do better at school:

- Have high yet achievable expectations of your child.
- Talk regularly about school and the value of learning.
- Encourage positive attitudes and respect for school and teachers.
- Model the behaviours you would like to see in your child.

Other things you can do which have also been shown to have a positive impact are to:

- Read out loud with your child and listen to your child read out loud.
- Talk and ask about what they are learning.
- Ask what was and was not fun at school.
- Help them to develop strong work habits.


### Update Student Records

This week all students will bring home a report/document detailing what the school holds on record for your child/ren. Please review and change any incorrect data. If all the information is correct, please sign and return the form so we know that we have accurate information on record.

Please carefully check that the communication records, including phone numbers and email addresses, are correct. As of January 27th the school uses this information to send communication e.g. emails to parents. In the past the school would create its own distribution lists. We now, as per BCE guidelines, draw the information from BCE’s student database – hence the information contained in the report your child/ren bring home is very important. On the report you may notice the newsletter will only be sent to the first, or one, email address. Should you wish for both parents to receive the newsletter please adjust accordingly.
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Wishing you God’s blessing for the coming week,
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**Sports News**

District Interschool Swimming Trials
Good luck to our swimmers – Eloise Arnold, Alex O’Shea, Poppy Day, Sophie Stenhouse, Isabelle Walker, Claire Campbell, Stephanie Kelly - who will represent St Joachim’s in the pool this Thursday. They will be competing at the Mt Gravatt District Swimming Trials. We wish you all the very best.

**Outstanding sporting achievement:**
Congratulations to Year 4 student Jade Bartholomeusz for her outstanding results at the regional Little Athletics Titles. Jade won a gold medal in the 70m and 100m sprints and silver medals for the long jump and hurdles. She will now go on to compete at the State Championships. Good luck Jade!

“You owe it to yourself to be the best you can possibly be – in baseball and in life.”

Pete Rose (Baseball Great)

Donna Jacks PE Teacher

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**PREP INTRODUCTIONS**

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**Radiance Dance Academy**

“The environment is positive, inclusive and vibrant!”

“There is a wonderful sense of community at Radiance.”

“Radiance is all about enjoying the art of dance and allowing the children to express themselves and be their best.”

“Love, Laugh, Dance. It is definitely magic.”

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Holland Park Studio 2 – 30 Sussex St
Windsor Studio – Cnr Willoughby and MANSER St
Williston Studio – 28 Macgregor St

Classes start at $15 per lesson.
Our students are ages 3 to 18.
Come on and join in the fun and shine with Radiance!”

Contact Miss Cassie
Mrs Cassie Bennett
(07) 3765 5316
misscassie@radiancedance.com
www.dancewithradiance.com

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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.

Term 1 News
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Bookclub News

Reminder 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

P&F News

Reminder
- P&F Meeting tonight at 7:00pm
- Welcome BBQ Friday 20th February at 6:00pm
- There will no fete meeting this Thursday. Postponed until further notice.
Tuckshop News

Tuckshop will return next Wednesday the 18th February. This is Ash Wednesday so there will be no meat items available.

Parents

• Please don’t forget to update your child’s class for 2015 by doing the following:
• Login to your tuckshop account.
• Select update classes.
• Select child’s new class by scrolling up or down.
• Select update now.
• Then it is complete.

For new parents to the school.
Please register with www.school24.com.au for your child to receive tuckshop on Wednesday’s by doing the following:
• Go to www.school24.com.au
• Select register.
• Enter a username and password. School ID 25132963
• Enter you email and best contact phone number.
• Select Submit.
• You will then be sent a activation link to your email.
• Please go to your email and select link.
• You will then login with your chosen username and password.
• To add your child select add student.
• Enter childs name and select class from list.
• Once you had topped up your account you are ready to order tuckshop.
• Please top up your account by bank transfer to St Joachims P&F tuckshop and uniform, BSB 064112, A/C 10208252
• Please don’t forget to include your child’s name and class.

Sabrina Hawe
Tuckshop Convenor

Community News

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.

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

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.
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. Ph: 3349 2280 or E: hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

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

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