27 May 2013

Dear St Joseph’s Families,

It is with sadness that I write to let you know that Miro Martin passed away in the early hours of this morning peacefully at home, after a long battle with cancer. Miro was a much loved colleague and friend of many of us within the BCE Community, having been principal at St Joseph’s Murgon, Christ the King, Deception Bay and All Saints, Albany Creek.

Please pray for Miro and his family at this time, especially his wife, Alana.

May he rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

This week we welcome 14 girls and 3 staff from All Hallows' school in Brisbane. The girls will be part of our school community today and tomorrow and will also participate in our Sorry Day activities. We warmly welcome the girls and staff to our community we hope they enjoy their stay.

National Sorry Day will be celebrated this week at St Joseph's on Tuesday, 28th May. The day will begin with a Liturgy at 10.00am and all of the school community, including parents, are welcome to join us for this. During this Liturgy, we will present the Kenneth Watson-Cuttler Reconciliation Award.

Reconciliation is about building better relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the wider Australian community for the benefit of all Australians. Therefore the recipient of this award would embrace the spirit of reconciliation, as Kenny did in the following ways:

1. Treats all people as equals to themselves – not judging others based on their race, culture, school work or family circumstances.
2. Takes responsibility for their own actions towards others. Treats everyone with truth and respect and says sorry for mistakes made and hurt caused to others without being prompted.
3. Advocates for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians through modelling the attributes of truth, respect, understanding and forgiveness.
4. Loves and accepts others for their differences.

Last week I was fortunate to be able to accompany Uncle Eric and Aunty Shirley to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander conference, held in Cairns. This proved to be a very valuable and worthwhile experience as the conference covered various aspects of Education not only of Indigenous children but Non-Indigenous children as well. After listening to many of the presenters, I came away feeling very proud of what we are doing here at St Joseph’s and feel that our current practices which we have in place are certainly in line with other schools. Congratulations to Uncle Eric and Aunty Shirley for the valuable input which they shared at the conference. Congratulations also to Sergeant Scott Prendergast and Ms Louise Thompson for their contributions toward presenting at the conference. Both Scott and Louise shared proudly, their involvement in the Cherbourg Junior Police Ranger Program. Next weekend, several of our students will make their First Holy Communion, in Murgon, Wondai or Proston. On behalf of the school community we wish all the children a lovely day/night and hope that they will be blessed on this very special occasion.
Thankfully Grace met up with a Catholic campus ministry at university called Freedom. It was a blessing to meet other people who shared her faith. Grace deepened her faith through the sacraments, study, fellowship and leadership development.

Grace would not be where she is today without the work of Freedom. She now has the confidence and skills to live out her faith, and is excited about what people her age can do to help make the world a better place.

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Campaign will make a big difference to other young people like Grace.

Please show you care about today’s youth with a gift to the Annual Catholic Campaign.

The Annual Catholic Campaign supports religious ministries like Freedom’s Catholic campus ministry and others through the Religious Ministry Fund.

Visit [www.catholiccampaign.com.au](http://www.catholiccampaign.com.au) or phone 07 3324 3200 to show your support.

## PHOTO DAY – THURSDAY 30 MAY

Our School Photos will be held this week on Thursday 30 May. Class, individual and family photos will be taken on this day. Correct uniform must be worn on the day.

Parents need to contact the school by Wednesday afternoon if you wish a family photo to be taken.

## School Uniform

With the cold weather here, just a reminder to Parents that we have second hand school jumpers available for sale at the school office.

## STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

### Semester 1, 2013

**Bus Fare Assistance**
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $22/week* on fares to and from school (* $17/week if you hold a concession card)
- Does your child travel on a publically available bus not owned or associated with the school?

**Students with Disabilities**
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by 31 May 2013.

Late applications cannot be accepted.
You Can Do It

This week I would like to tell you about the five negative Blockers. Each class has talked about Blockers during the introductory section, Ready Set in the You Can Do It program. These barriers can impact on the extent that children achieve success at school, form positive relationships and experience emotional well-being. Some of the Blockers are:

1. **Feeling down.** Negative habits of the mind that lead to feeling down include: self-downing (Thinking I am a total failure unless I achieve good results), needing to be perfect, I can’t do it (Thinking I am not good at something and I will never be) and giving up (Thinking that I have no control over what happens to me).

2. **Feeling worried.** Negative habits of the mind that lead to feeling down include: needing to be perfect, needing approval (Thinking that I need the approval of others and when I don’t it’s the worst thing in the world) and I can’t be bothered (Thinking that life should be fun and exciting and I can’t stand it when things are boring).

3. **Procrastination.** Negative habits of the mind that lead to feeling down include: having no goals, planning time poorly and needing approval.

4. **Not paying attention-disturbing others.** Negative habits of the mind that lead to feeling down include: acting without thinking, being intolerant of others, self-downing, giving up and I can’t do it.

5. **Feeling angry.** Negative habits of the mind that lead to feeling down include: being intolerant of limits, acting without thinking and social irresponsibility.

Next week I will look at the positive habits of the mind that support optimum growth in our social and emotional capabilities.

*Paul Burnett, Guidance Counsellor*

**Blocker Thinking**

*It’s awful if someone thinks “I’m silly. I won’t say or do anything to embarrass myself.*

*The worst thing in the world is to make mistakes.*

*I shouldn’t have to do things that are boring or hard.*

*No point in trying. I’ll never understand.*

.Netball*

Last Monday Brooke Heness, Jenna Holznagel, Kyeisha Warner, Brenna Prendergast, Jaiden Hill, Jenai Purcell, Ashleigh Rennie and Madison Beresford went to the QC Cup at Wembley Park at Coorparoo. We started off well with a 3 all draw in our first game. From there our next 5 games were a little challenging. However, we came home strongly with a 5-2 win. Well done to all the girls, you did us proud. *Miss Amber*

Book club flyers are being sent home today. These orders are due back next Monday 3 June. Please note that if you are paying for your order by cheque, kindly make the cheque payable to St Joseph’s Primary School. *Regards Nell Guteridge, Librarian*

**Coming Events**

May
- 28 Sorry Day – Liturgy commencing at 10.00am
- 29 Tuckshop
- 30 School Photos

June
- 3 Assembly - Year 2 – 12.45pm
P & F NEWS

The P & F is now finally up and running for 2013.

I would like to thank the past committee for their efforts in 2012.

This year there will be a focus on a number of core functions for the P & F to achieve. One of these functions is to increase family participation within the school environment, including involvement with the P & F. Everyone acknowledges that life is getting busier and busier, and this year the committee would like to have one or two family activities which allow everyone to get together and catch up in a relaxed and fun environment. Ideas are very welcome and further on this will be discussed at the next P & F meeting.

We also support the Fete Committee for the Parish Fete to be held on the Friday September 6. Our support for the Fete greatly contributes to the success of the event. The Fete is an institution within the local social calendar. This year it has been decided that the P & F will be responsible for the Cake Stall and Soft Drink stall, plus the numerous other activities that our parents contribute to. If you can help out in any way either by cooking, selling or any donations of cooking ingredients it would be greatly appreciated. This also doubles as one of the major fundraising activities for the Parish together with the P & F, so all support is welcome. More will be discussed at the next P & F meeting.

Obviously another function of the P & F is to independently fundraise. It was discussed at the last meeting that this year’s P & F will set two goals for Fundraising; one is that we are required to establish sufficient funds on a biannual basis for the Year 6/7 groups to travel to Canberra. This is a major educational experience for these students. If you are a parent of the current Year 5/6 class, we would greatly appreciate your support in this fundraising venture. The second goal was each year the P & F purchase a significant learning or educational gift for the school. This could be but not limited to Ipad tablet devices, or Library Resources etc. We would greatly appreciate ideas, or the odd hour of support from parents and guardians in achieving these two goals. Therefore, one of the first fundraisers will be the selling of the Football Double tickets for the last game of the State of Origin. Watch this space for more information as the game gets closer.

GO QUEENSLAND!!!!!

These goals and ways to achieve these goals will be discussed at the next P & F meeting on Wednesday 19 June at 6pm. The reason for the change in meeting nights is due to the clash of other events. It would be great to see some new faces and hopefully enjoy the ride to ensure the kids of the school continue to be great little role models for our community.

Scott Prendergast, President.

Wednesday 29 May 2013

Workers: Jan Irvine, Leisa Peterson, Gina Gleich

One more worker is required for the above group; two of the workers have to leave at morning tea to go to work.

Suppliers: Leisa Walker, Bev Zelinski, Kathleen Hoult

The June Tuckshop Menu is going home today with the newsletter.

Student of the Week 2013 – Week 6 Term 2

LOVE OF WORK: Jaime McEffer (Prep); Annie Walsh (Prep); Brett Watcho-Page (1); Jamari Alberts (1); Dylan Kapernick (2); Kardel Carlo (3); Kaitlyn Zelinski (4); Lachlan Zelinski (4); Brenna Prendergast (5/6); Emma Cran (5/6); Heather Sandow (5/6); Malakai Cummings (7)

GABBY GET ALONG (part of the You Can Do It Program) – 20/5/2013

Bridie Prendergast (3); Damien Baulch (4); Jarrod Barnett (5/6)

Parish Mass Times for June 1 and 2

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