Dear Parents,

Yesterday I completed my first contract renewal appraisal. The panel has seen fit to renew my contract as principal of St Joseph’s for four more years. I feel very privileged and honoured to serve such a wonderful Catholic school community and look forward to doing so for the next four years. Thank you to those who were able to take time to complete the surveys. An announcement to the school community can be found attached to this newsletter.

The Father’s Day Breakfast to be held this Friday is always one of the highlights of the year for our children. For many dads it is one of the few opportunities they have of visiting the school during the year and for the children this means a great deal. I hope many of our dads, or a significant male in your child’s life, is able to join us for breakfast and visit the classrooms this Friday morning. Many thanks to our Kinder class parents and helpers for their work in preparing the breakfast. I look forward to seeing you all then.

I am concerned with the amount of children playing in the school playground after school each day. Unfortunately there have been a few accidents with school or pre-school children. Although minor, there is the potential of serious injury. I ask that if you are in the playground with your child/ren after school, that you supervise them and ensure they remain safe. Thank you with your assistance with this.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions. My door is always open.

Michael Gallagher

Sunday’s Gospel Reflection

If one of my followers sins against you, go and point out what was wrong. But do it in private, just between the two of you. If that person listens, you have won back a follower. But if that one refuses to listen, take along one or two others. The Scriptures teach that every complaint must be proven true by two or more witnesses. I promise you that God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth, but he will not allow anything you don’t allow. I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you. Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you.

Matthew 18:15-20
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Curriculum News

Array Photo Challenge

A big thank you to the Christie and Perri families who sent in photos of arrays for our array challenge! Also, Mrs Appleton and her family, for taking up the challenge as well. Here they are!!!

Array of tins  Array of water bottles  Array of filing trays

Array of toys  Array of papers

As you can see, it’s not hard to find arrays everywhere you look! They are all around us! Now challenge yourself by seeing if you can work out how many items are in each array. What makes it easier/harder to work it out? What mathematics can you use to help you get your answer?

Anyone who would still like to send in an array can do so to brenda.paul@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Brenda Paul
Assistant Principal
Religious Education News

FATHER’S DAY

A man and his young son were climbing a mountain. They came to a place where the climbing was difficult and even dangerous. The father stopped to consider which way he should go. He heard the boy behind him say, “Choose the good path, Dad; I’m coming right behind you!”

Author unknown

How powerful is this quote Dads, Parents and Carers?! As you prepare to celebrate Father’s Day with your children this weekend take some time to reflect on the tremendous responsibility we as parents and carers have. It’s not always easy to choose the right path for our children but we can’t go wrong if we: Show them our love; Give them a good example to follow; Have time for them and; (one that often gets overlooked) Let our faith be seen.

This last characteristic is easier than it may sound. We don’t have to have all the church teachings at our fingertips for our children but it is important that we do let our faith be seen in the kindness we have for others.

And when we make mistakes, as we all do, don’t be afraid to admit it and ask forgiveness.

God, bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like You are.
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen.

Have a very special Father’s Day everyone. Hope to see you at the Fathers Day Breakfast.

CONFIRMATION

Please keep those children preparing for their Confirmation in your prayers. This weekend the candidates are invited to either Saturdays 5.30pm Mass at St Josephs Church or Sundays 6.00pm Mass at St Rose Church to be affirmed for their completion of the program and blessed as they prepare for their special Confirmation Day on 14th September. See flyer attached to this newsletter.

PERUVIAN HANDCRAFT STALL

Unfortunately the shipment of handcrafts has not yet arrived from Peru. As soon as they do we will advertise and items will be for sale at school.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL TALENT QUEST: Auditions begin tomorrow 1pm! 20c to be in the audience.

Singing Audition - Thursday 4th September
Instrumental Audition - Friday 5th September
Dance Audition - Thursday 11th September
Variety Audition - Friday 12th September

Gillian Evers
Religious Education Coordinator
FUNFAIR News

RAFFLE TICKETS
It is wonderful to see raffle ticket money returning for the Scratchie Tree Raffle at the Spring Fair. If you could please return your stubs and money by the last week of this term would be appreciated.

SPRING FUN FAIR RIDES
We are now selling ride bands for the Fun Fair on Saturday 25th October.
We have the following rides available on the day for the children to enjoy unlimited rides if they have a ride band.
Turbo Tubs, Windjammer, Water Walkers, Climbing Wall and Jumping Castle (for the little ones)
The ride bands are for sale before the fair at a cost of $25 per child.
If you have three children the cost will be $65 for the pre sale fair bands.
Bands will be available for sale at the fair at a cost $30 per child, and $80 for 3 children.
If you do not decide to purchase a ride band each ride on the day of the fair will cost $5.
So get in early and order your ride bands for family and friends on the attached order form at the end of this newsletter.

School News

NAPLAN 2014
Students in Year 3 & Year 5 will today bring home their NAPLAN results from the tests conducted back in May.

Community News

Invitation to Stella Maris College Manly Reunion 1982/1984:

Stella Maris College Manly
30 year casual reunion for class of 1982/1984
Date: Saturday 20th September, 2014
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Harbord Diggers - bistro/bar area
Carmel Groom (nee Barrack)
former school captain of Stella Maris 1984
Students of the Week

Kindergarten
Jocelyn P: for using “excuse me” after waiting for someone to stop talking.
Ethan H: for taking his time to do his best work.

Year 1
Chloe L: for using kind words and actions.
Jacob D: for clever ideas for writing.

Year 2
Abigail L: for always being a polite and patient student of Year 2.
Dane C: for excellent work during literacy groups.

Year 3
Samantha E: for using kind words and manners.
Sania J: for well presented work.

Year 4
Samuel P: for working well with all members of the class.
Malu A: for always listening to and following instructions quietly.

Year 5
Kalan M: for excellent Narrative writing.
Makayla T: for using kind words and actions.

Year 6

St. Lucy’s
Startright 1
Sienna M: for independently walking from taxi to classroom.
Startright 2
Bridie T: for trying hard to hear and write sounds in words.

Important Dates

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Annual Fathers Day BBQ Breakfast
Friday 5th September 7.30am
(Please complete this form ASAP and return to school for catering purposes)

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Please note: If families are unable to print and return this form, Yvette is happy to receive the attendance numbers/catering requests to her email yvettempayne@gmail.com