Dear Parents and Friends,

Family Camp
A great time was had by the 16 families that attended the 4 day camp at Mansfield. Campers attended the local market, celebrated Halloween, had camp fires with singing and games, the town’s fireworks, and lots of relaxing. The camp has been a feature of St Joseph’s school for over 20 years and I would encourage everyone to consider it for next year.

Senior Games
Teachers Karen McQuade and Simone Traynor have both taken leave this week to participate in the games on the Gold Coast. So, watch the media for some excellent basketballers doing their best for our area.

The Giving Tree
We are all asked to assist those less fortunate than ourselves by providing our local St Vinnies with some gifts to distribute. The tree is in the foyer with tags to take. Last year a magnificent collection was created. Are we able to do as well this year? I think so!!

Marriage
Our wonderful office manager, Mrs Sue Lucas, is looking radiant this week as she is the proud mother of Julie who is a bride this Saturday. God bless the whole family!

Staff
After 4 years we are sad to announce that Mrs Drago has accepted a teaching position close to home. We are sorry to be losing a dedicated teacher and wish her well. We will announce our staffing arrangements for 2013 when they are finalised.

Conference
The Mind & Its Potential conference was a fascinating exploration of how to apply the new science of the mind to learning, creativity and personal development. For two days we had an expert speak for 30 minutes on their speciality. We had several influential scientists speak. It was quite mind blowing and I will take some time to synthesis the information into something useful to us!

Swimming Program
Due to an oversight by the pool, our swimming program is being brought forward two weeks starting on Monday 19 November and going through until Friday 30 November. We will be inviting parents to volunteer as walkers to and fro soon. We hope this hasn’t inconvenienced anyone.

God bless us all,
John

The Pied Piper DVD order forms are due by 16th November.