O God of all beginnings and endings,  
We praise and thank you for the gift  
of this school term  
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,  
With challenges and opportunities,  
Joys and sorrows.  
Give us the rest and refreshment  
we need these holidays.  
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,  
And guide each day as you  
have done this past term  
Help us return to school with a new spirit  
and a new energy.  
May we continue to grow  
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace  
All the days of our lives.  
Amen.

Dear Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Friends,
As we journey through this last week of term, we can reflect on all the wonderful learning experiences, masses, visits to Gunther and school events that have taken place. Thank you to all those parents, friends and grandparents who celebrated our end of term with us at breakfast this morning. A big thank you also to all the staff for their help with cooking, serving, and cleaning up after breakfast this morning. It was a great community spirit feel in the air sharing breakfast with each other.

Tomorrow is the big adventure for our Prep - Year 4 students to the Ginger Factory. Can all students please be at school in formal school uniform, with hat, water bottle and lunch in a small back pack ready to go at 6.15am. We will stop at the Gympie Duck Ponds for morning tea. We will provide fruit, biscuits and poppers for morning tea, so students do not need to pack their own. The buses are due back at school at 5pm, and parents will be contacted if this time changes dramatically.

Today and tomorrow we will be moving the library and year 6/7 classroom back into their original homes. Some school officers will be assisting this process today and our year 5-7 students will be on hand to help tomorrow.

Mrs McGregor had a bit of an adventure with some students last week, discovering a new school pet. This blue tongue lizard was very friendly and helped the students learn about how we can care for our environment to protect them.

I hope all our families have a wonderful break and come back to school feeling rested and ready for the final term of 2013.

Michelle McClafferty
Congratulations everyone on making it to the last week of Term Three. This term has certainly been a busy and productive term for all classes and I trust that all families are looking forward to a well-earned rest.

To celebrate the end of our term we will be gathering as a school community with Fr Jason and members of the parish on Thursday at 9:00am in the church for mass. We have students from years three, four, five, six and seven participating in the mass by reading prayers of the faithful and presenting the gifts of bread and wine to Fr Jason. We welcome all families to attend this mass and celebrate with us.

As I mentioned last week Pope Francis called on us to pray for peace in Syria, the Middle East and throughout the world. In 2002 the United Nations General Assembly officially declared 21 September as the annual date for the International Day of Peace. When established the UN suggested that Peace Day should be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples. Anyone, anywhere can celebrate Peace Day by simply lighting a candle, sitting in silent mediation or doing a good deed for someone you don’t know.

Spirit of God, give us the openness, deep within us to recognise, daily, all people as made in your image and likeness. Help us to learn from one another the ways of being fully alive, at peace with ourselves and with those around us. Give us the courage to transform those parts of ourselves and our world that separate and create enmity. Help us to take steps to stop the cycle of violence in our homes, in our workplaces, in our neighbourhoods, in our country, in our world. May we be open to our deepest yearning for a world alive with your justice and truth, to dream of a society where all are treated with respect, and, with the power of your Spirit, to take steps to bring it about.

**Mission Month**

When we return to School to begin Term Four we will be fundraising for the Catholic Missions by participating in “Socktober”. The purpose of Socktober is to encourage our students to reach out to children who are vulnerable and in desperate need in Mongolia and throughout the world.

Our fundraising activities will include “Crazy Sock Day” and a “Mission Mosh Disco” in which we will help Catholic missions to “Sock it to Poverty”. Stay tuned for more information and details early next term!

**Prayer Assembly**

Year One/Two will be leading us in Prayer at assembly this week. As it is our last assembly together for the term we invite all families to join us on Friday morning.

Finally I wish all families a safe, happy and relaxing holidays. I hope you all have an opportunity to catch up with extended family and friends and I look forward to seeing you all for a new term on Tuesday 8th of October!

*God Bless      Miss Lauren Robba*
**SPORTS NEWS:**

Congratulations to Will Roth, Zara Bambling, Sophie Young and Sarah Duncan for competing at the Wide Bay cricket trials on the weekend. Sophie and Sarah made the Wide Bay Girls team and will be competing in Brisbane next term. The boys trials conclude today.

Congratulations also to Eden Smith who has competed at the Wide Bay trials for Discus and Shot-put yesterday and today. We await to see if she has further competitions in the future.

**PARISH NEWS:**

Plans are underway for our annual fete, to be held on **Friday, November 29th.** We are hoping to have all the usual attractions plus a few new stalls. If you would like to be involved in planning the fete, please let us know.

Fete contacts: Helen & Dennis Smith 0429 964 454 or Fr Jason, 07 4161 1315 or Michelle McClafferty 07 4161 1889.
Community Notices

GAYNDAH LITTLE ATHLETICS: Every Friday night at 6pm at Gayndah Sportsground. Enquiries to Ron Mitchell on 4161 1571.

INDOOR SOCCER: Every Wednesday, at the YMCA, 3.30pm—4.30pm, cost is $2 per person. All ages welcome.

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE: Central Burnett Brumbies Junior Rugby League BREAKUP on Friday, 20 September 2013 at the Gayndah Golf Club starting at 5.30—6pm. Welcome to come along and celebrate a great 2013 Junior Rugby League Season. Any queries please contact Sandra Kenny 4161 2116, Clarissa Pointon 4161 1438 for Robert Linsket 0429 611 096.

BINJOUR PLATEAU STATE SCHOOL: Centenary Celebrations, Saturday, 21st September 2013 from 10am. Food & drinks, market stalls, Dan & Steph from MKR, The Gleneden Bullock Team, Monto Circus Performers, Raffle, Chocolate Wheel, Live Entertainment, Jumping Castle & Slide, Official Role Calling and Cake Cutting, Centenary Pavers. Further enquires please contact Julie 4161 3241 or Jasmine 4161 3101.

HOLIDAY SCRAPBOOKING: Holiday Scrapbooking Classes are on again! Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11am to 1pm. Book your place now—contact Stacey Duncan (Gayndah Jewellers) on 4140 8899.

GAYNDAH GIRL GUIDES: Gayndah Girl Guides 1st Company invites Former Guides, Leaders, Parents and the general public to attend the opening of our Time Capsule, Sunday, 13th October, Gayndah Guide Hut, Fielding St. 10am for morning tea. The Time Capsule was originally sealed on the 8th October 1988 to mark 25 years since the Hut was officially opened in 1963. It will be resealed for opening in 2038.

THE STREET PARTY: Save the date for The Street Party. Community event, free entry. Raising money for rural suicide prevention and flood recovery, plus supporting local groups. 3pm—7pm: The Street Party. 7pm: Novelty Guys and Gals Mystery Auction 8pm: Car Park Party Saturday, 26th October, Maltby Place, Gayndah. In front of the Golden Orange.