

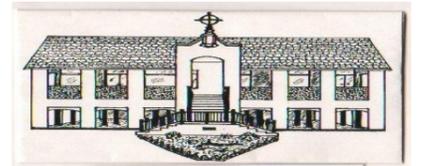


# St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2018 Term One

Week Two

Newsletter Date  
Wednesday  
31 January 2018



## Principal's Letter to Parents



Our theme for this year is **Growth – mind, body and spirit**. At our Opening Mass last Thursday, each class was presented with a pot and a packet of flower seeds. We talked about all the things that we need to grow physically and what the flowers would need also. We then thought about how we grow spiritually and together as a community. The flowers will be an outward sign of our growth this year and we hope that they bring more beauty into our school environment.

Teachers have been discussing some of the things children hope for this year as we start afresh with new classrooms and teachers and new work to learn. Realising our hopes and dreams requires passionate conviction and dedication. It requires belief in something more than what is: the kind of belief that empowers us to reach beyond. This is ultimately an act of faith.

Helping our children to articulate their hopes and dreams is giving them an opportunity to touch into their spiritual capacity. Supporting them in achieving their hopes and dreams opens them to experience the spirit of Hope that St. Paul speaks of, the spirit who is tangible in the love and support we give to each other.

What a wonderful gift to give to your children, the gift of the Spirit of hope that can grace them with the ability to overcome the greatest obstacles and hurdles in life. It is the spirit required of the Tortoise when racing the Hare to **NEVER, EVER GIVE UP!**

### Gratitude:

Miss O'Connor has written about our **Gratitude Project** in her information. Here are some ways to open up a conversation about gratitude at home or with others in the community. These ideas come from the [www.gratefulness.org](http://www.gratefulness.org) website and I encourage you to have a look, especially view the video A Grateful Day.

*What am I grateful about in my life right now? Why?*

*What blessings does nature offer in my life?*

*What situation is offering me the opportunity to handle it gracefully?*

*What has surprised me lately?*

*What makes me hopeful?*

*When I consider a difficult situation and the impact it had on me, can I identify an aspect of the situation (or impact) that I can feel grateful about?*

*Who inspires me? How?*

*What unexpected things have brought me gratitude?*

*What challenging situations have brought out the best in me?*

*Who might I be wrong about?*

*What act of kindness did I notice or experience today?*

*What can I commit to not taking for granted from this moment forward?*



### Welcome BBQ:

A letter was sent home yesterday regarding the Welcome BBQ on Friday night. We'd love to see as many families as possible there to celebrate the start of the school year. Please RSVP to the Office.

### The Central Role of Literature:

I have included with this week's newsletter an article about the importance of reading with your children. Please don't assume that this is only for children in the beginning stage of reading. Conversations about texts and discussions about characters, places and time all help learners develop their literacy skills and expand their vocabulary and their thinking.

### Uniform:

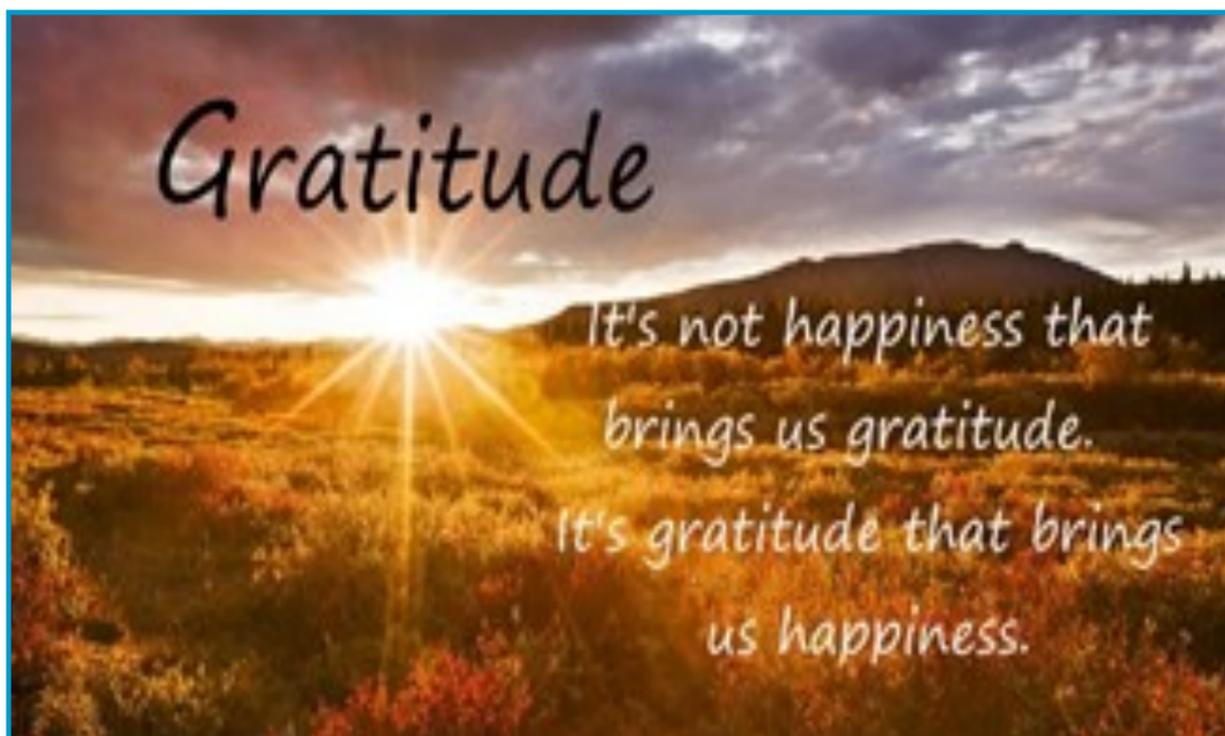
Thank you for supporting the St. Joseph's Dress Policy. A gentle reminder that hair should be neat and tidy, not falling in the children's eyes, nor should there be any dramatic colours, cuts or shaving patterns. Nails should be free from polish and jewellery kept to one earring (sleeper or stud) and a watch.

### Year 5/6 Canberra Trip:

Please note there will be a short meeting for parents of Year 5/6 students on Tuesday 20 February at 6pm.

Enjoy the blessings of the week

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### Parent Information Night

Next **Thursday 8 February**, each class will host a Parent Information Session. The times are as follows:

**Prep:** 2.30-3pm

**Year 1/2 & 3:** 6-6.30pm

**Year 4 & 5/6:** 6.30-7pm

This is a great opportunity to meet staff and to see what is happening in your child's class for the year ahead. We hope to see you there!

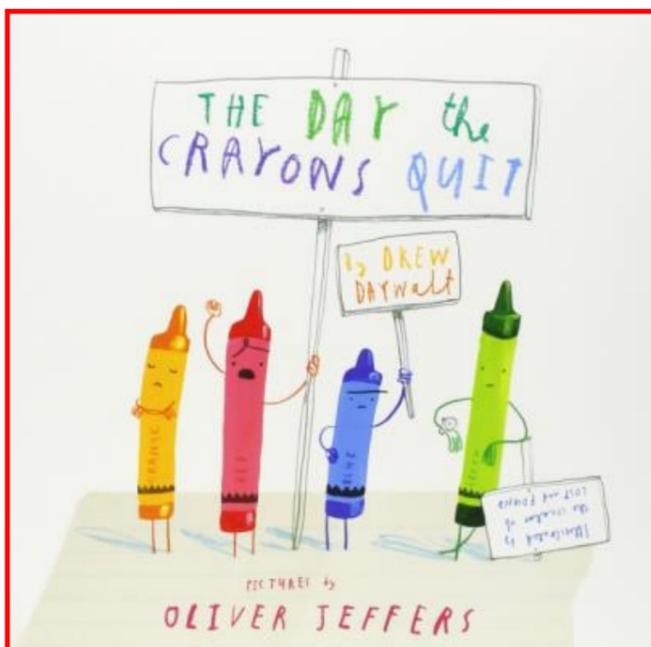
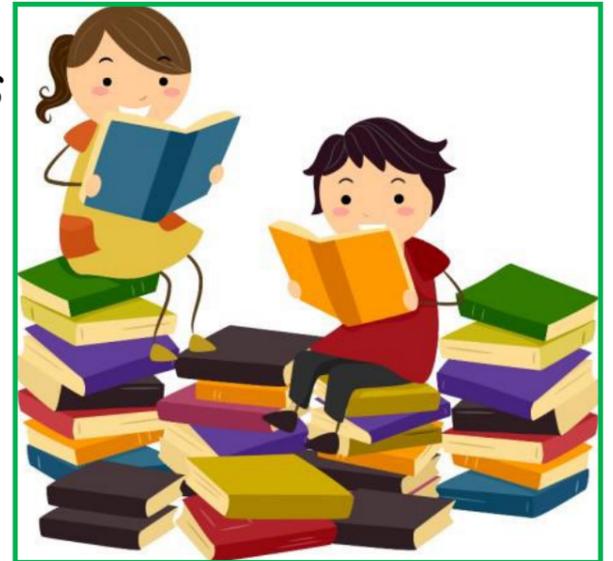
### Working Bee

*We had scheduled a working bee for later in the term, however due to our groundsman, Geoff Imhoff injuring his shoulder in a cricket game, we will need some assistance with the upkeep of the grounds. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer your time. We appreciate your support!*

# The Central Role of Literature in Learning to Read

Whether reading a serialised story with a class, sharing a picture book with a preschooler or enjoying bedtime stories, reading quality texts with children is not only fun and engaging for all involved, but also one of the most important ways to support children as they continue to learn through and about language.

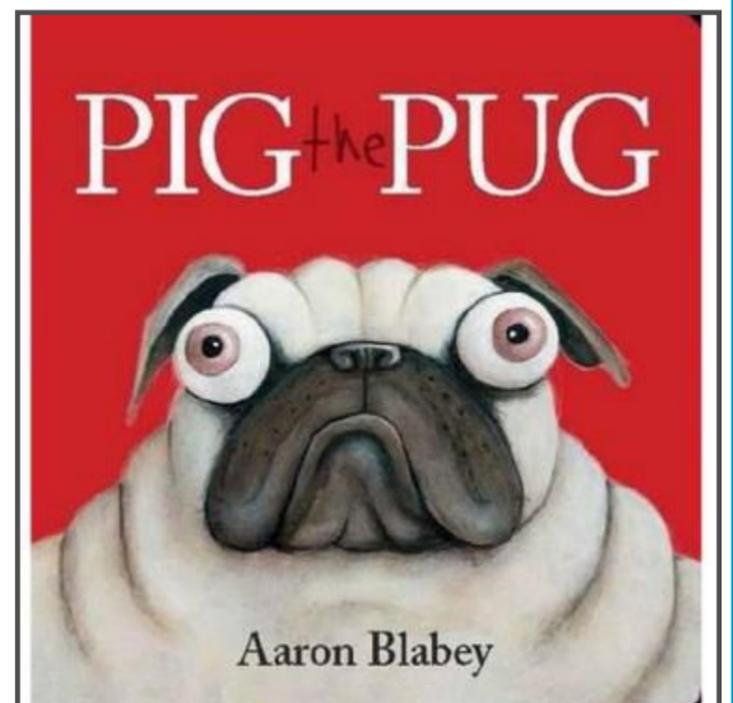
Authentic literary texts are excellent models for a child's developing language skills and the shared reading of literature is highlighted by both The Early Years Learning Framework (2009) and The Australian Curriculum: English. Quality literature is layered so children (and adults) can take different themes and ideas that relate to their contexts and experiences.



Extensive research over the past thirty years has confirmed the importance of quality literature in children's lives (Krahsen, 2013; Saxby, 1997). Interestingly, a recent longitudinal study identified the number of books in a home as one of the best predictors of lifelong success (Literacy Trust, 2008 revised 2011). Parental involvement in their children's literacy practices is a more powerful force for academic success than other family background variables, including social class, family size and level of parental education.

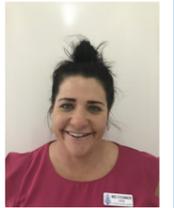
Literature helps children share their own stories, expand their knowledge of the world, reflect on thoughts and experiences, and see their worries and imaginings expressed through the lives of characters. Children can develop empathy and compassion by engaging with the lives and circumstances of others.

Callow, J, Ewing, R, Rushton, K. (2017). Two Weeks with Oliver Jeffers: Developing early language and literacy with literature. PETA Paper 206, Murrumbidgee, NSW





# From the APRE



We have certainly have hit the ground running at St Joseph's. I encourage our family and friends to stay abreast of school initiatives and events via the newsletter. Our school is a vibrant and busy place. Without forward planning and regular calendar checks, information and opportunities can be missed. We have been busy planning new initiatives and opportunities for our students in 2018.

## What's happening.....

Friday Prayer Assembly hosted by Yr 5  
(Friday 2 February)

Welcome BBQ  
(Friday 2 February)

Year 1/2 Mass  
(Thursday 8 February)

Yr 6 Leadership Induction Assembly  
(Friday 9 February)

We are excited to announce the return of the school choir and wish to invite all students to join.....no matter what their musical talent may be. Our school choir will have opportunities to perform at Masses, special occasions and possible eisteddfods. The school choir will be led by Mrs Bryant, with the assistance of Mrs Shephard and myself. A letter with further details went home today, so please discuss this opportunity with your child and fill out the attached slip if they are keen to get involved.

This year, we have been developing the theme of "grow" and discussing what that looks like at St Joseph's Catholic Primary. We have developed an acronym for the word to help us a little more ...

**G - Gratitude**

**R - Respect**

**O - Ownership**

**W - Welcome**

This week, we have been taking a closer look at **GRATITUDE** and what that looks like at St Joseph's. Is it in the form of a handshake, a word or note.....how do you show gratitude? Grateful living is a way of life which asks us to notice all that is already present and abundant - from the tiniest things of beauty to the grandest of our blessings - and so in doing, we take nothing for granted. To foster and to assist our students in learning about **GRATITUDE**, we have decided to create the **St Joey's Gratitude Project**.



## The Gratitude Project

<b>Who can participate?</b>	Anyone (Families, Staff, Students, Visitors)
<b>Who do we thank?</b>	Anyone (Families, Staff, Students, Visitors)
<b>What do we do?</b>	<p>Write a thank you note</p> <p><i>Example One:</i> Thank you Mrs Smith for helping me out with that Maths problem. I can now solve similar problems by myself.</p> <p><i>Example Two:</i> Thanks Mum and Dad for the sandwiches...they were delicious. The treat was awesome too.</p> <p><i>Example Three:</i> Thank you Harry for playing with me at lunchtime. I was feeling a bit sad today. It was nice to have someone to play with.</p>
<b>Where do we put our notes?</b>	A box will be left outside the school office - drop your notes in. A sample of thank you's will be read out at assembly each week - the rest will be delivered to the recipient. You do not have to sign your name if you want to remain anonymous.

We would love all our families to get involved with the Gratitude Project. Keep an eye out for the box at the front of reception.



To assist our students and parents with getting notices and returning forms to school, we have created the **bucket system** which will be in place from tomorrow.

So how does it work? Each afternoon at 2.45pm, a student (or two) from each class will come to the office window to collect their class bucket. This bucket will contain newsletters, notes, order forms, permission slips etc. to go home. Teachers will distribute these notices of an afternoon. The bucket will return the next morning (by a nominated student or two) to the office window. Students and parents will be encouraged to place permission slips, orders and

any other notes via their child's class bucket. After buckets have been delivered to the office each morning, Mrs Doyle and Mrs Smith will check buckets for items and sort accordingly. It may take us a few weeks to get the hang of it but we are hoping it will make life easier for all.

On a final note, we wish to congratulate Donald MacGregor in Yr 4 for receiving the "2018 Junior Cultural Award" at the Mundubbera Australia Day celebrations. Donald was recognised for his outstanding musical talents. What a huge achievement....Congratulations Donald!



Keep smiling  
Bec O'Connor





### FROM THE OFFICE:

- Don't forget to 'follow' our [St. Joseph's P & F Facebook](#) page!

### BOOKCLUB

Attached to today's newsletter is Issue One of Scholastic Bookclub for 2018. This year we are encouraging parents to order online using the **LOOP** system. Catalogues are sent home as normal, and then orders can be made and paid for online at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) You will find more information on **LOOP** on the order form at the back of the catalogue.

If you prefer to pay by cash we can still accept orders at the office. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Our first **P & F** Meeting FOR 2018 will be held in the staff room on **Tuesday 13 Feb** at 7PM. A reminder that all parents are automatically members of the **P & F** when they enrol their children in a Catholic school and are invited to attend. Please come along and meet other parents and join the conversation. Many hands make light work!

### VOLUNTEER STUDENT PROTECTION:

It is a mandatory requirement that all parents/grandparents and other personnel who work in *any capacity* in the school (not just in class, working bees, BBQs, fete), are required to complete the Brisbane Catholic Education Volunteer Student Protection online course prior to commencing. The course can be accessed on the right-hand side of the BCE Home page.

<http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/student-protection/Pages/Code-of-Conduct-Training.aspx>

After completion, please print off the completion certificate and bring to the Office. If you are experiencing difficulty with this, David Francis, Guidance Officer is happy to work through this with you on Thursdays. Please contact the Office to arrange an appointment.

The online course must be completed by **Friday February 23**. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter. Student Protection is everyone's business.

### BREAKFAST CLUB:

Breakfast Club is back on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Thanks Mrs Jennell Bernie and helpers for organising and running this for our learners. As always, the Breaky club greatly appreciates any donations of items such as strawberry jam, peanut butter, juice concentrate, vegemite, honey, eggs and milo.

### TUCKSHOP:

Tuckshop for 2018 will begin in week 4. Please find attached a note about tuckshop. If you can spare a couple of hours even once a term, please let the office know.

### FINANCE NEWS:

Fees notices will be sent out in week 3. Payment can be made by cash, direct deposit, Eftpos or direct debit.

### CANBERRA FUNDRAISING - ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

Year 5/6 are hosting the first of their fundraising ventures for Canberra.

\$2 Ice-cream Sandwiches next Wednesday!

Available at 1st break!



# Sports News

PE with Miss O'Connor begins **next Wednesday**. Please ensure students are in sports uniform and have a hat and water bottle for PE lessons.

South Burnett trials are just around the corner. Any girls and boys from Yr 4-6 are welcome to attend a softball training session with Miss O'Connor in preparation for this. This session will begin next week on:  
**Wednesday Morning: 7.45 - 8.30am**

If there is interest for more training, I will gladly organise more time.

Next **Thursday 8 February**, the NRL will be making a visit to St Joseph's and will be bringing two current NRL stars to meet and greet our students.

As well as this, the RL Game Development together with 2 current NRL players will be running a meet & greet event at the Gayndah Sportsground on Wednesday 7th February (4.30-6pm) & a FREE NRL Clinic at Archer Park (Mundubbera) on Thursday 8th February (4.30-6pm) which will be followed by an education session for all Central Burnett coaches. Come along and meet these current NRL superstars. Please register to the clinic via the link below

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=49770&programID=40149>

# Prep Week 2





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**“In All Things  
Glorify God”**

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM  
DATES 2018**

**Term 1: Tuesday  
23 January to  
Thursday 29  
March (10  
weeks)**

**Term 2: Tues-  
day 17 April to  
Friday 29 June  
(11 weeks)**

**Term 3: Tuesday  
17 July to Friday  
21 September  
(10 weeks)**

**Term 4: Tues-  
day 9 October  
to Friday 7 De-  
cember (9  
weeks)**

# Community Notices

**GRANITE HILLS BUS COMMITTEE MEETING**

All parents encouraged to attend please.

**Thursday February 1st 4pm -**

St Joseph's Primary School lunch tables

Contact Cris Bryant **0408 400 875**

**GAYNDAH ART GALLERY PRESENTS:**

**MOUNT PERRY FINE ARTS GROUP COLLECTION**

*'A new exhibition of fabulous art and craft!'*

**16th January - 24th February 10am-2pm (closed Mondays)**



**GAYNDAH HOSPITAL AUXILIARY - CENT SALE**

Where: Bowls Club

When: Saturday 24th February

Time: Doors Open 12:30pm, start 1:30pm

Lucky Door Prize: Basket of fruit

Raffle: \$1 a ticket

Raffle Prizes: Coffee Maker, Coffee set and Meat Tray

Entry: \$5.00, includes afternoon tea

Enquiries: Phone 0438612453, 0429875363, 0419671206

**GAYNDAH SWIMMING CLUB**

**General Meeting Monday 5th February**

7:30pm at the Grand Hotel - Waldock Room

\*All invited to attend\*

**CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES NEWS**

Sign On is **Tuesday 13th Feb** at Gayndah Sportsground 4-4.30 finishing at 5.30 with a sausage sizzle.

Cost for the season is \$110 per player including registration, insurance, affiliation fees, shorts and socks.

For families (3 or more players) cost is 270.00

Coaches, Leaguesafe and First Aid Officers are required. If parents are interested please contact Melanie Bice **0488654042**

**ROAD TO THE REGIONS  
NRL CLINIC/EDUCATION SESSION**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - GAYNDAH SPORTSGROUND  
THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - ARCHER PARK - MUNDUBBERA**

**HOLIDAY  
CLINICS**

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All ages

4:30pm - 6pm

**Mundubbera Clinic (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>):**

Age: 6-16 years - Male & Female

Clinic time: 4:30pm - 6pm

Education session: 6:15pm-7:15pm



**PLAYNRL.COM** Further Details Contact - Mitch Sargent M: 0417466759