



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

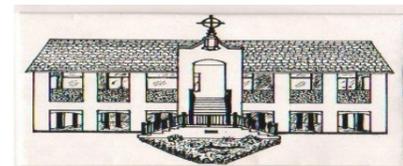
2018 Term Two

Week One

Newsletter Date

Wednesday

18 April 2018



Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear families, carers, staff and students,

Welcome to Week 1 of our new term. We do hope that you enjoyed the blessings of Easter as you celebrated with your parish communities, families and friends. I also hope that the holidays were timely to enjoy the company of your loved ones. I had a lovely break and it was a wonderful time to catch up with family and friends over the two weeks, as well as catching up with those long awaited maintenance jobs that await us ... only for holidays. I know that the staff also enjoyed a great break and are ready for all that Term 2 offers in our learning and teaching.

PUPIL FREE DAY:

The teachers spent the Pupil Free Day on Monday at Good Shepherd, Springfield Lakes. They spent time with their colleagues, digging deeper into the data collected in Term 1 to plan learning for Term 2. We all learn better collaboratively with others and Monday was no exception for the teachers. The feedback from the day has been very positive and I am excited about the learning journey ahead. Miss Ulcoq, our prac student working with Mr. Wren for the next four weeks, was able to join the teachers on the day. Welcome Miss Ulcoq!

The school officers participated in professional learning to support students in the classroom. We then converted the Breakfast Club room into a **STEM** (Science Technology Engineering Maths) Lab. This idea came from a Year 3 student, Lou Doyle, who wrote a persuasive letter to me last term to plead her case for a science lab for the school. Thank you to the P & F who are supporting the school to purchase further science equipment to use in the lab. We are very grateful!

POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS:

Miss O'Connor, Mrs. Bernie and Mrs. Opperman have continued their professional learning with their two-day participation in the Positive Partnerships Program. This initiative is funded by the Australian Government and is delivered by Autism Spectrum Australia. Whilst the focus of the program is supporting students who have a diagnosis on the spectrum, many other learners can be supported through the strategies and interventions developed.

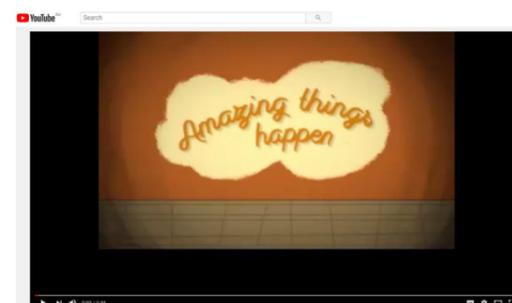
AUTISM AWARENESS:

On Friday, St. Joseph's supports Go Blue for Autism awareness day. There is merchandise to purchase in the school office and children are encouraged to wear blue to show their support for students who have a diagnosis on the spectrum.

Students will also be viewing a video which explains in simple terms a little bit about Autism and how we can support individuals and their families. A link is provided if you would like to view it also.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fy7gUlp8Ms>

go blue for autism.



REMEMBERING THE ANZACS AT GALLIPOLI.

We remember ANZAC day next Wednesday, 25 April 2018 praying for all that were part of that fateful landing over 100 years ago. We will certainly not forget those courageous young people who paid the ultimate price. We also remember all those who have died and suffered in wars and pray earnestly for peace. We pray especially for our own men and women, who form part of the defence force and especially remembering those who are currently deployed.



St. Joseph's children will be involved in services and liturgies during the week. We especially invite our community to be part of St. Joseph's **ANZAC Liturgy** which will be held on **Tuesday 24 April at 2.00pm**. This is a significant event in the lives of so many Australians, therefore, let us come together in unity and a sign of peace.

St. Joseph's will again march in the ANZAC Day parade. Any students who are available to participate should meet at the Court House at **9:45am on Wednesday 25 April**. Students should wear their formal school uniform, including hat and black shoes. We will supply a ribbon for each student. They may bring a small water bottle. Parents can collect their children at the Cenotaph after the service.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

THE TREE:

Sadly, the beautiful tree shading the eating area had a bad case of borers. It was beginning to drop small branches and, before it starting dropping large ones, we contacted an arborist to trim it back. Yes, it has had a significant hair cut but it will grow back in time.

The shade sail had been damaged previously and has been taking down for repair. It should be back up again soon.

REVITALISATION GRANT:

Our application for BCE's Revitalisation Grant was approved and our order for new furniture (chosen with input from both staff and students) has been placed. The lead time is approximately 5-6 weeks. We may need another working bee prior to when it is delivered to move old furniture out.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE:

I will be taking three weeks Long Service Leave at the end of this term (Weeks 9, 10 & 11). This leave was approved prior to my appointment. Miss O'Connor will be in charge whilst I am away.

PREP 2019 ENROLMENTS:

Prep Enrolments for 2019 are currently being accepted. An interview will be scheduled after parents have submitted the enrolment application. Families who have a child due to commence Prep in 2019, need to submit enrolment applications to ensure a placement for your child.





From the APRE



Welcome back! I hope that the Easter break brought you some peace and time to relax and recuperate. We will continue to celebrate the Easter joy in our liturgies and masses right up until the feast of Pentecost, which completes the Easter season.

I have to admit to getting caught up in 'Commonwealth Games Fever' over the holidays. After attending the final day of athletics and the gold medal match of the netball, it was evident to me that the athletes, volunteers, organisation, the venues and the spirit of competition certainly were reasons for pride and the efforts of the athletes and teams were inspirational. I was very much swept up in the atmosphere of the competition. Sport is a wonderful vehicle for defining, demonstrating and building character. Our family, school and community values, something that can at times be a little intangible, become evident and through sharing the highs and lows of these sporting experiences we have the opportunity to re-define our culture and our values and make them real and 'teachable'. Consider the lessons our children learnt about character and values through:

- *Our overall results, the 'clean sweeps' and the many personal bests*
- *Years of dedication and training resulting in winning/losing in a fraction of a second and learning how to win/lose respectfully and with humility/dignity*
- *The last minute losses in the Gold Medal games of our Women's netball and Rugby Seven's teams*
- *The heart-breaking disqualification of Claire Tallent in the 20km walk while leading with only 2km to go*
- *The utter commitment of marathon runners and their determination to continue*
- *The example of Kurt Fearnley as both an athlete and an inspirational human being*
- *The three Australian athletes who remained on the track until the last competitor had finished*



Likewise, just in my short time here at St Joseph's, I have witnessed many defining events and teachable moments on and off the sporting field, and have been most impressed by the values and expectations our coaches and teachers reinforce.



Next week, we will commemorate ANZAC Day on **Tuesday 24 April at 2pm**. Our Year 6 students will lead us in our ANZAC Day liturgy and this will take place in the church at 2pm. We welcome all our families and friends to attend this special liturgy.

Whilst Anzac Day is not a school day, we encourage and welcome all our students to march with us in the morning. The men and women who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula created a legend, adding the word 'ANZAC' to our vocabulary and creating the idea of the ANZAC spirit.

Each year we pay homage not only to those original ANZACs, but to all who died or were disabled in their service to this country. They enrich our nation's history. I think it would be fair to say that we have all be touched by the Anzac spirit....in one way or another. Marching on Anzac Day is just one way we can keep the Anzac spirit alive. We would love our students to join onus for the Anzac Day march on Wednesday 25 April.

Keep smiling

Bec



What's happening.....

Go "Blue" for Autism
Friday 20 April

Anzac Day Liturgy
Tuesday 24 April, 2pm

Anzac Day March
Wednesday 25 April 10am

Leadership Ministry Assembly
Friday 27 April, 2.30pm



NOTES TO NOTICE

ASSEMBLIES:

Please note that from this term, Friday assembly will be held fortnightly. Our first assembly will be next Friday 27th April at 2:30 in the afternoon. Monday morning parade will also be held fortnightly.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Year 5/6 are running a Mother Day raffle with prizes donated from IGA, Gayndah Guardian Pharmacy and Ken Osbourne. Tickets books will be sent home with students. Please see the school office if you require extra tickets. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details and photos

Congratulations to Fr. Biju on his 14 year Holy Ordination on the 17th April. Families are invited to Mass on Sunday 22nd April to help celebrate!

School News

GO BLUE FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

Our school will be dressing in blue this Friday to raise awareness for Autism. Merchandise is available through the school office.

Handballs - \$5

Mop Top pens - \$4

Badges - \$2

Lapel pins - \$5

Pens - \$3

Wrist Bands - \$2

Temporary Tattoos - 50c

Water Bottles - \$10

Keep Cup coffee mug - \$25



FROM THE OFFICE:

- Don't forget to 'follow' our **St. Joseph's P & F Facebook** page!
- If you would like a Direct Debit form for 2018 school fees, please let the office know.



TUCKSHOP

The next **Thursday 26th April**. Please send these back with payment by **Monday 23rd April**. ****Please note that there has been a correction from hamburger to chicken burger.**

BOOKCLUB

Issue 3 of bookclub is going home today! Please return any orders together with payment by next Friday 27th April. Remember our school receives 20% of all orders to spend on books!

ICAS UNSW TESTS

Information and registration forms for these **optional** assessments will go home today. Students from Years 2-6 (and up to Year 12) are eligible to enter. If your child is interested, please complete the registration/order form and return together with payment by next **Friday 27th April**.

SOUTH BURNETT COWHORSE COMPETITION

- 8-00/9-00am Friday 11th May 2018 at Nanango Showgrounds
- Open to all students of South Burnett Schools
- **Nominations close Monday 23rd April 2018**

Events include:

Team Penning,

Western Bending,

Whip Cracking

Working Cow Horse,

Barrel Race,

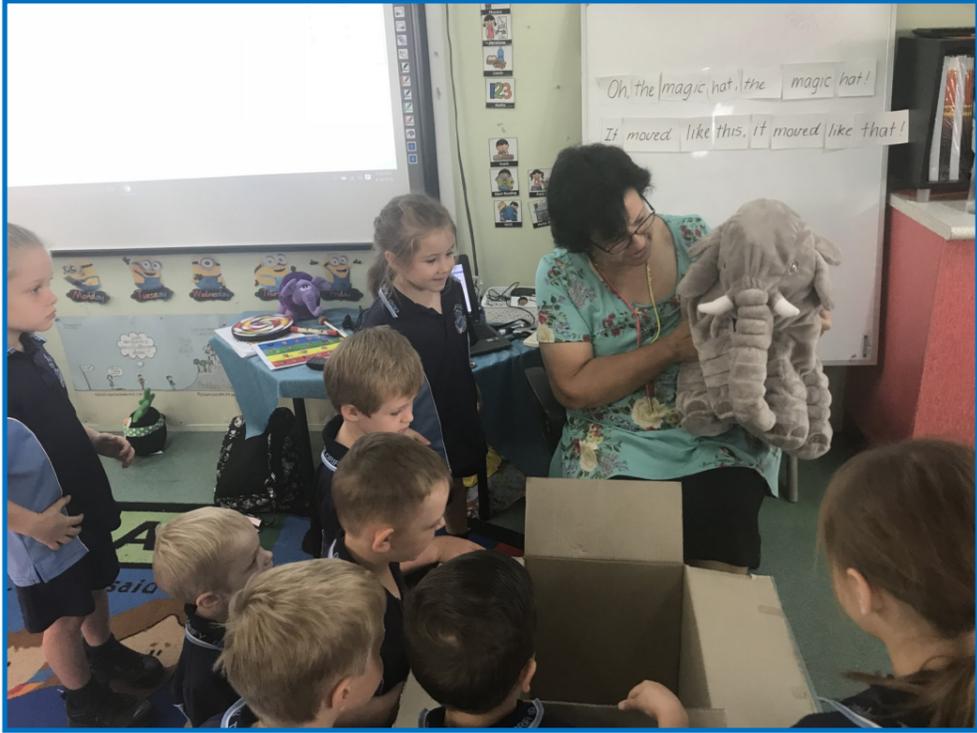
Lead and Ridden Stock horse etc.

Nomination forms available from: www.saintmarys.qld.edu.au or contact St. Joseph's school office for entry forms.



LOST PHONE

There has been a phone handed in after rugby league training yesterday. Please contact Leah at Gayndah State School on 41603333 if this might be yours.



Around the School!





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

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

Term 2: Tuesday 17 April to Friday 29 June (11 weeks)

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

Term 4: Tuesday 9 October to Friday 7 December (9 weeks)

**"In All Things
 Glorify God"**



Community Notices

TENNIS HOT SHOTS:

Vacancies exist each Friday afternoon for Term 2, 2018 at the Gayndah Tennis complex, Barrow Street, for players, to come and join Tennis Australia's National program, conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner, with lots of fun & games to suit all levels. **Registration is essential.**

Phone Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753

GAYNDAH JUNIOR NETBALL 2018

Training days are:

Monday 3.30-5.30 11-12yrs 3.30-5pm 7-10yrs 3.30-4.30pm 5-6yrs

Thursday 3.30-5.30pm 13-15yrs 3.30-5.30 pm 11-12yrs

Training will be held at the Gayndah Netball Courts at the Gayndah Sportsground .

GAYNDAH GIRL GUIDES

Girls Guides of Australia, is community based and meets outside school hours. It has been in Australia for over 100 years and in Gayndah on and off for over 70 years. Providing for girls and young women from all cultures, faith and traditions aged from 5 to 17 years. It is a global movement with more than 10 million members in 145 countries. Girls see Guiding as fun, friendship and adventure.

The program encourages a girl to develop herself in areas of Physical development, practical skills and relationships with people though the Guide Promise and Law, outdoors, service, Guiding Traditions and leadership.

For 2017, Girl Guides Australia won the best, "School Aged Activity" "for What's On 4 Kids award at the National Awards night in Brisbane.

Come and try out Guides for a couple of weeks free, as it growing movement with young people world wide.

Guides meet on Wed from 3.45 to 5.15pm at guide Hut on the hill in Fielding St. For further information contact **Irene 0409227355.**



**FEMALE LEAGUE—TAG
 COME AND TRY DAY**

Who: Females aged 12 and over

What: League-Tag

**When: Saturday 21 April 2018
 starting 1.30pm**

Where: Mundubbera Archer Park

There will be skills training conducted by Mitch Sargent, NRL Games Development Officer with a short League-Tag game to finish off. All welcome!

**“YOUR health,
 YOUR say...”**

We're planning for the future health needs of our community and we want your input.

Find out more at:
www.health.qld.gov.au/widebay

Community Consultations					
23 Apr	Maryborough	5pm, Brolga Theatre	15 May	Childers	5pm, Isis Club
24 Apr	Hervey Bay	5pm, Boat Club	21 May	Biggenden	2pm, Memorial Hall
3 May	Bundaberg	5pm, Multiplex Centre	28 May	Mundubbera	2pm, Town Hall
10 May	Eidsvold	12pm, CWA Hall	28 May	Gayndah	5pm, Arts Centre
10 May	Monto	5pm, Cultural Centre	29 May	Agnes Water	12pm, Sandcastles 1770 Motel and Resort
14 May	Gin Gin*	12pm, RSL			

*Bus available for Mt Perry residents, bookings essential call 4350 2043.