Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Friends,

As part of our focus on building a greater sense of community this year, our P and F committee have nominated that we have a particular emphasis for each term. In Term Two the focus will fall to the male population of our school and how best we can bring the boys and men in our community together to build stronger and more meaningful relationships. In the business of everyday lives, often time spent between fathers and their sons can become very difficult to find and/or maintain on a regular basis. With this in mind I am looking to start an annual Father/Son Camp.

The camp will be an opportunity for boys from year 4 and above to come together with their fathers, grandfathers or other significant males in their lives to share an experience that is relaxed and enjoyable. As part of the weekend the boys will take the time to challenge themselves through a range of activities in a supportive environment, where their role models can guide and lead them to achieving success. It would be encouraged that all father figures participate in the activities and come to the weekend with the mindset of being ready to devote two days to their boys. This camp isn’t compulsory by any means, and the opportunity exists for all men in our school community to come along and support boys who may not have male role models in their lives.

Given the changing climate of our community and the country in general, many young boys are growing up today without the regular support or guidance of a significant male in their lives. Having said this, the Father/Son Camp is an opportunity for parents of younger students, male teachers, mature male teens and other influential men in our community to give up some of their own time to support the development of some of the boys in our school community.

The setting for the experience will be Tuchekoi Camp, which is located just outside of Gympie. The camp offers numerous activities that will allow the boys attending to spend quality one on one time with their fathers or male role models. At present we have booked the camp for the 28th and 29th of June. The camp will run from Saturday morning through to Sunday lunchtime and will consist of 3-4 outdoor experiences, campfire at night, free time for games and relaxation and short mentoring sessions for the male role models and the boys. We will cater ourselves for the weekend to keep the cost down and we are currently looking at the possibility of providing bus transportation once we have a look at our numbers. If you are interested in being involved in the weekend please don’t hesitate to come and see me or let Helen or Chris know at the office. When we have a clearer picture of numbers I will release a flyer with all the details.

This week we held two successful Learning and Teaching Model sessions with parents after school. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend, your honest thoughts and questions are greatly valued. If you would like to learn more about the Learning and Teaching Model for St Joseph’s, please don’t hesitate to come and see me and we can arrange a time to meet. Through a shared vision and understanding, we can make incredible progress as a learning community.

Sincerely

Ben Gray
From the APRE...

**Sunday 11th May**
Good Shepherd Sunday was celebrated last Sunday. It is a day to recognise Jesus as our Shepherd and guide.

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The Good Shepherd Prayer

Jesus, you're my Good Shepherd
You know and call me by name.
I hear your voice and know you are near.
Bless me.
Care for me.
Be my guide.
Protect me.
Comfort me.
Stay by my side.
Lord, your love holds me close
And leads me day by day.
Let me always hear your voice
And follow it, I pray.

Amen

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First Reconciliation
Congratulations to those students and their families who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday. It was a wonderful celebration, and the children spent a lot of time preparing for this event. Well done - Madi, Alex, Bridget, James, Lani and Hamish. May we continue to pray for these children and their families as some are continuing their journey this year with the sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

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Thursday 15th May—International Day of Families
Tomorrow we celebrate the International Day of Families. We all know how important our families are to us personally, as well as the wonderful things our families do for our school community. On this special day you may like to take a photo of your family, take the time to give them an extra hug or take time out to share a meal, a story or just make the extra effort to spend time with them. So, whether near or far, take the time to be in touch with your families on this special day.

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Parish Family Mass
On Sunday 25th May, the St. Joseph's school community will be leading the Sunday Parish Mass. Our children will assist with this mass by doing the readings, leading the music, and sharing the prayers of the faithful. After mass we will be hosting a community breakfast BBQ. This mass is an opportunity for all our families to come together and celebrate the values we share as a community. So come along to 9am mass and join in celebrating the Easter Season.

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National Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 23rd May is National Walk Safely to School day. St. Joseph’s will be recognising this day by offering an alternative drop off place and the opportunity to walk together to school. We will meet at 8.10am at Jaycees Park (Museum Park). We will mark a roll and walk safely to school as a group from there.

Please join us in this fun, alternative way to get to school.

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Music Lesson News
In our weekly class music lessons—most classes are taking the time to look at rhythm. We have practiced matching rhythms heard with picture cards, looked at creating rhythms using percussion instruments and body percussion. We will also be learning different ways to write rhythms. Later this term many classes will begin looking at the names of notes and where they belong on musical staves.

We have fun singing and playing musical games too!
Miss Mack.

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What's happening?

**This Week – Week 4**
15/05 Gunther Village Visit—Prep
15/05 Year 1/2 Class Mass – 9am - Church
16/05 Assembly – Year 1/2 - Compassion—Hall

**Next Week—Week 5**
20/05 Under 8's Day—Gayndah State School—9.30am—12pm
22/05 Family Reading Morning—8.40am
23/05 Assembly—Year 4/5—Balance
**P & F News:** Our next tuckshop day will be **next Monday, 19 May.** Forms were sent home yesterday. If you did not receive a form please let the office know. Forms and payment are due back to the office by Friday.

**Library News:**
- **Bookfair:** We are holding our annual Book Fair **next week 19th to 23rd May.** The theme this year is ‘Reading Oasis: A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books’. There will be competitions and prizes. Book Fair times are: **Monday 19th May—8.00 to 9.00am and Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd May—8.00am to 4.00pm.**
- **Family Reading Morning:** **Thursday 22 May,** 8.40am—9.15am. Come along and share a book with your child on the deck outside the library.

**Under Eights’ Day:** ‘Everyone Can Play’. This year Under Eights day is being held on **Tuesday, 20 May,** at the Gayndah State School Oval, 9.30am—12pm. There will be a jumping Castle, Old McDonald’s Farm, painting and play dough, music, storytelling, Biggest Morning Tea, 000 Services and much more! 
*St Joseph’s has been asked to provide fruit for fruit kebabs, so any donations of suitable fruit would be most welcome. Fruit can be left at the office on Monday, 19 May.*

**Edalive Software:** If you would like to place an order, please return the form and payment to the school by **Friday 16 May.**

**Student of the Month: Joseph Formica**

The focus this month was on Resilience. Joseph is constantly looking to involve himself in activities with his peers. When working in the classroom, Joseph always gives 110% towards achieving his full potential. He is a quiet yet hard working member of the 4/5 classroom, and a very deserving recipient.

**Student of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who all received **“Doing Your Best” Awards at Assembly last week:**

Back from left: Courtney Bryant (4/5), Jared Bernie (4/5), Zara Bambling (6/7)

Front from left: Xavier Roberts (Prep), Caitlyn Nelson (1/2)

**Soccer:** Congratulations to Warwick Pearse who will represent Wide Bay at the State Trials in Roma. Well done also to Will Roth who made the “possibles and probables” list. Top effort boys!
GAYNDAH SOCCER (5-18yo) Training every Thursday, 4—5pm Gayndah Sports Fields. New players always welcome. Ph 0428 931 151

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED SOCIAL SOCCER: For Senior players (12yrs to adults). 16 & 23 May. Gayndah Sports Fields, 6pm start. Play under lights—teams allocated on the night. A small canteen will be run. For more info—ph Laine 0428 931 151

FUN NOT FUSS WITH FOOD: Workshop—learn how to improve your child’s fussy eating behaviour. Come along to this free 1.5 hour workshop and learn: why children become fussy eaters, what children need for healthy growth and development, practical strategies to make healthy food fun and delicious!
9.30am—11am Friday 16 May 2014 at Gayndah State School. For further information please contact Berneice Hilly, Accredited Nutritionist RHealth. Ph 4162 5230 or 0417 613 596.

C & K OPEN DAY: Saturday, 24 May. 10—12pm at Gayndah Community Kindergarten, 28 Fielding St Gayndah. The open day is an opportunity for families in our community to come and sign up for Kindy for 2015. Our wait list for 2015 is filling up fast so come along and see what we have to offer and secure yourself a spot for 2015.

GUNTHRER CUISINE: International cuisine available each fortnight on a Thursday from “Coffee on Capper”. Orders need to be in by close of business on the Wednesday prior to pick up day. Orders may be faxed to 4161 3612, emailed to catering@cubdha.org.au, or dropped in to Gunther Village administration staff. Your freshly made food will then be available for pick up between 2.30pm—5pm on Thursday. For more information phone 4161 3699 during business hours.

GAYNDAH DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM: Over four workshops participants will learn practical solutions to reduce their risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes. Sessions include: hands on physical activity, preparation of a healthy breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks, practical solutions to shop smarter, understand food labels and modify recipes. Dates: Wednesday 14, 21, 28 May and 4 June. 6—7.30pm at The Gayndah Arts and Cultural Centre. The program is being offered to you for free and places are limited. If you think this program might be for you, contact Berneice Hilly to secure your place: Ph 4162 5230.

DOWNLANDS COLLEGE: Families are invited to Downlands College Open Day on Sunday 18 May starting at 10am. Come and feel the community spirit and vibrant culture of learning at Downlands. Meet our Principal, Stephen McIlhatton, and ask questions of staff and students. It is the perfect way to discover how your family fits within our family. It’s great to be a Downlander!