



# St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2014 Term 2

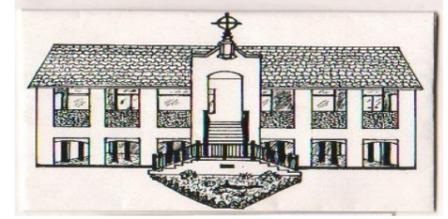
Week 6

Newsletter Date

Wednesday  
28 May 2014



## Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Friends,

Time and time again our school community goes above and beyond in giving up their time, effort and funding to support the development and wellbeing of their children and the wider community. In the past week alone, our school has held several special occasions that celebrate not only our students' academic development but spiritual formation as well. On each occasion staff, students and their loved ones have showcased their enthusiasm for ensuring that everything we do here at St Joseph's is a success. Father Jason requested the opportunity to thank members of our school community personally for the support they showed in attending our *Community Mass* on Sunday.

**“Last Sunday we celebrated our first Parish Family Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity for families from the school and church to come together as one community of faith. Without a doubt we have some of the most talented and enthusiastic young people of any parish school, and this was on display in how they read, sang and prayed with us so beautifully. Many thanks to all the families who supported this event by their prayers and their presence. A special mention goes to Mr Ben Gray and Miss Michelle McClafferty who generously prepared the liturgy and the BBQ feast afterwards. Thank you to all the helpers who assisted on the day! Stay tuned, because we hope to make this a regular feature of parish.  
Blessings and thanks, Fr. Jason”**

Last week all members of staff worked with Tessa Hobbs (literacy consultant) to help refine the teaching of reading in our school as part of our Learning and Teaching Model development. In particular she focused on two of the three key elements of teaching reading: modelled and shared.

**Modelled reading** is often a form of reading that parents utilise regularly with children from a young age, where they will allow their child to select a book and they read to them. Unfortunately, as children develop, this process can often fall by the wayside. In the interest of developing consistent school wide practice, all teachers are making a conscientious effort to nominate 5-10 minutes a day to ensure students are being exposed to a high standard of reading. This can look different in some ways from one classroom to the next; teachers in the early years may choose to use big books, while in the older grades they may choose to focus on a novel text. For it is through effective modelling that students can clearly see the standard we want them to achieve. Having said that, parents should be encouraged to read to their children regardless of age, as any time spent reading with your child is invaluable in supporting their overall development and understanding.

When initially exploring **shared reading**, it is important to note that the focus is on *the teaching of effective reading and comprehension skills as a whole class*. Teachers will select a text that will best suit the learning experience at hand. For instance, in Year 3 students are expected to understand; *that paragraphs are a key organisational feature of written texts*. In order to support student development, the teacher will select a text that all students have access to that contains a structure inclusive of effective paragraph usage. Even though students may be at different reading levels, the teacher will pitch their lesson to the level that is suitable and use a range of strategies to ensure all students develop a sound understanding of the concept or process.

Over the coming weeks I will speak more closely to the framework that exists across all classrooms when conducting shared reading. I have always emphasised the importance of keeping parents informed of practice that is existing within the classroom, however I don't expect that you need to be conducting a classroom structure in your reading sessions at home, unless specified like I did with modelled reading.

Have a great week and thank you again for all of your hard work and support.

Sincerely

Ben Gray

# From the APRE....

## Reconciliation Prayer



Holy Father, God of Love,  
You are the Creator of this land and of all good things.  
We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the sufferings of our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness.  
We thank you for the survival of indigenous cultures.  
Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you.  
We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.  
Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our nation.  
Teach us to respect all cultures.  
Teach us to care for our land and waters.  
Help us to share justly the resources of this land.  
Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.  
Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.  
May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our nation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prepared by Wontulp-Bi-Buya, the Indigenous Theology Working Group.



### St. Joseph's Outdoor Sacred Space

The vision of an outdoor sacred space at St. Joseph's has long been a dream. However, in 2014 we plan to make it a reality. The Faith Ministry made up with our year six/seven leaders are busily designing their dream sacred spaces at the moment. We hope that this space may be used for outside prayer liturgies, as a place for quiet contemplation and a way to outwardly show the religious life within our school. If you, or your children have any landscape design experience or interest in this area, please join us in our quest to create a fantastic space which we as a whole community may be proud of. Many more details and design plans will follow in the coming weeks, and we hope to begin making this a reality next term.

### National Walk Safely to School Day

Last Friday to celebrate National Walk Safely to School week the staff and students gathered at Jaycees Park for a walk to school. The students enjoyed the yellow balloons and stickers and created quite a spectacle in Capper Street on their way to school.

It was a wonderful community event and the coming together of the two schools to celebrate was great. We had over 60 children join us for the walk, which was an awesome effort. The national event, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, encourages children to walk and commute safely to school. It's a community event seeking to promote road safety, public transport and the environment.



### National Reconciliation Week



This week it is National Reconciliation Week, a week about building better relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians. The staff and students took time on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to recognise the significant contribution that indigenous people have made in our community and our nation. The students reflected on being together, in this one land. They decorated hands with words and images and placed them in our indigenous garden.



### Long Service Leave



This is my last newsletter for this semester, as I am on Long Service Leave as of Monday. I will be journeying to Canada for six weeks to see family, and have a look around Vancouver, British Columbia. I will return to the office in mid July, however in my absence the role will be filled by Miss Shannon Cattell whom we are borrowing from Mr. Dougherty and Star of the Sea, Hervey Bay. So please make her feel welcome to St. Joseph's and our Gayndah community. Have a wonderful upcoming holiday and stay safe on any journeys that are planned.

### And we end with a joke.....

Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing. The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it to the green. Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it is headed for the water hazard. Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green a metre from the hole. The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball, as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one. Jesus looks at Moses and says, "I really think I'm leaving Dad at home next time!"

*Have a wonderful week.  
Michelle McClafferty*

#### **What's On**

29/5/14 Year 6/7 Gunther Village Visit  
30/5/14 Year 2/3 Assembly—Healing—9am Hall  
5/06/14 Year 4/5 Class Mass—9am Hall  
6/06/14 Pentecost Liturgy— 9am—Church

# Students of the Week



## Congratulations to:

*Back from left:* Zarabella Bambling (6/7) - Doing Your Best Award, Taylor Nelson (4/5) - Doing Your Best Award, Torra MacDonald (2/3) - Integrity Award, Tiffany Driver (4/5) - Doing Your Best Award  
*Front from left:* Kaida MacDonald (1/2) - Integrity Award, Poppi Chambers (Prep) - Doing Your Best Award

**JUNE BOOK CLUB:** Order forms were sent home last week. If you would like to place an order, please return the forms and payment to the school office by **Thursday 5 June**. Please make cheques payable to St Joseph's School.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** Our school photos will be held on **Wednesday, 11 June**. Students need to wear their formal uniform, and be at school by the first bell (8.40am). Order forms and payment need to be returned to the office by photo day (preferably before). If your child has not received a photo order envelope please let the office know.

### **P & F NEWS:**

- Our next tuckshop day is **next Monday, 2 June**. Order forms were sent home yesterday, please contact the office if your child did not bring one home. Thank you to Mrs Gray and our wonderful tuckshop helpers.
- Our next P & F meeting is **Tuesday 10 June**, 7pm in the school staff room. All welcome.

**"SMITHY" THE MUSICAL:** Permission slips were sent home yesterday for our Year Four to Seven students to attend the matinee performance next **Wednesday 4th June**. There was an error in the note—students *do not* need to pay the \$2 entrance fee, the school will be paying this. We have today refunded students who have brought in the \$2. Permission notes still need to be returned please.

**GUNTHER VILLAGE COLOURING IN COMPETITION:** Attached to today's newsletter is a colouring in competition. If your child would like to enter, please put their name, age and class on the back and return to the school by **next Monday, 2nd June**.



## Congratulations:

Last week we celebrated the achievements of three of our staff members. Michelle McClafferty received her Master of Education Degree, and Matt Parkinson and Kathryn Lake attended their Graduation ceremony in Brisbane where they were each presented with their Bachelor of Education Degree.



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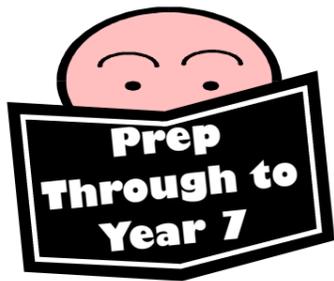
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**“In All Things  
 Glorify God”**

<b>ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014</b>	
<b><u>Term One</u></b>	<b><u>Term Two</u></b>
<b>Wed 29 Jan— Fri 4 April</b>	<b>Wed 23 April— Fri 27 June</b>
<b><u>Term Three</u></b>	<b><u>Term Four</u></b>
<b>Tues 15 July— Fri 19 Sept</b>	<b>Tues 7 Oct— Fri 5 Dec</b>
<b>Monday 20 Oct—Pupil Free Day</b>	

**Diary of Coming Events**

<b>4 June</b> Musical “Smithy” Yrs 4—7	<b>9 June</b> Public Holiday
<b>10 June</b> P & F Meeting	<b>11 June</b> School Photos
<b>20 June</b> Athletics Carnival	<b>22 June</b> Family Fun Day

# Community Notices

**GAYNDAH SOCCER (5-18yo)** Training every Thursday, 4—5pm Gayndah Sports Fields. New players always welcome. Ph 0428 931 151

Friday night mixed soccer 12yrs—Adults. Gayndah Sports Fields 6pm start. Last night 30/5/14 until further notice. Great fun—teams allocated on the night. Phone 0428 931 151 for more information.

**CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:** Central Burnett Brumbies play *this weekend* in Murgon. Times for Saturday are:

Under 6s play at 9.00am

Under 8s play at 10.00am

Under 10s play at 11.00am

Under 12s play at 12.00pm

Under 14s play at 1.00pm

Under 16s play at 2.00pm.

Bus leaves Eidsvold at 9.00am, Mundubbera 9.30am and Gayndah at 10.00am.

If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact Robert Linsket 0429 611 096 or Sandra Kenny 4161 2116.

**LAMINGTON DRIVE:** Prices as follows:

6 lamingtons for \$5

12 lamingtons for \$9

5 dozen lamingtons \$40

Orders and payment due to Jennifer Prendergast by **28 May**. Large orders will be delivered directly to your workplace. Delivery date is 6 June, in time for the long weekend. For more information, contact Jennifer on 4161 1751.

**ZUMBA:** Starts—*This Thursday 29 May*.

Time—5.30pm.

Location—St Joseph's Hall, Fielding St, Gayndah.

Instructor: TJ Viney

Ph: 0401 465 066.

A fun filled fitness class incorporating world dance styles and aerobics. If you're looking for an exciting, enjoyable way to work out come along and have a go. All ages, fitness abilities catered for, everybody welcome!! See you there!

**AUTISM/ASPERGER'S TRAINING:** For teachers, Health Professionals & Families. Nelle Frances—author of “Ben and His Helmet” and “Sustainable Social Skills”, facilitator of AS Adult Social Group, Educator, Consultant/Trainer, Parent. This workshop gives Teachers, Child Care workers, Parents and families a vivid insight into the subtle intricacies of the Autism Spectrum condition and provides participants with a myriad of strategies to help them cope. The workshop includes Nelle's high-impact Sensory Detective Workshop—an interactive exercise that places participants in the shoes of those with the condition, giving them an insiders look at the world of Autism/Asperger's. **Saturday 21st June 2014**, Brothers Sports Club, 130 Takalvan St, Bundaberg. Time 9am—3pm (Registration from 8.30am). \$125 (morning tea and lunch provided).

**MUSICOM 2014 PRESENTS... “SMITHY”:** Gayndah Town Hall, June 6 & 7. Doors open 7pm, curtain up 7.30pm. Tickets on sale at Angela's Hair Salon, Adults \$10, Concession (Pensioners & students) \$5, Family \$25 (2 adults & 2 or more children). Bookings essential!

**RING ROAD RUN:** Bundaberg Sunday 8 June. 2k Bundaberg Radiology Kids Run, 5k Run or Walk, 10k Run or Walk, 10k Sporting Wheelies Race. Over \$12,000 in cash and prizes to be won! Find out how to Run for Free and register online at [www.ringroadrun.com.au](http://www.ringroadrun.com.au) Team registrations close 30 May 2014.

**DATE CLAIMER—GAYNDAH YMCA TRIVA NIGHT:** “Lets Get Physical” Trivia night. **Friday 18 July**. Gayndah Town Hall, \$5 per person—teams of six. Bar opens 6.30pm, register by 7pm for 7.30pm start. Great prizes to be won and lots of fun on the night. Prizes for best dressed to theme. Contact Dael 0418 246 595.