



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

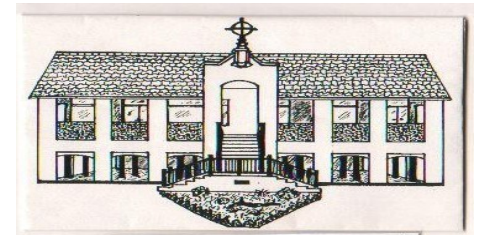
2014 Term 2

Week 7

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
4 June 2014

Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Friends,

Late last week St Joseph's Primary took another step forward in building positive school, family and community communications by updating its existing website. Having done so, our plan is to maintain this website and provide up to date events and information, links to classroom SharePoint sites, weekly newsletters and notices, rosters, core school information and several other applications. In particular, the website now contains recent pictures of our students and their learning experiences. To do so, we have used the supportive personnel in Brisbane Catholic Education and School Site Solutions to bring the page up to speed and coordinate a working partnership with Helen Smith in our office. I encourage you to find some time this week to take a look and save it as one of your 'favourites' in order to access it easily. If you would like assistance with that, please don't hesitate to come see me (though I don't claim to be a magician with technology).



In addition to the updated website, Helen has recently been given administration rights to update the St Joseph's P & F Facebook page. By providing Helen with access to the page, she will be able to keep parents informed of up to the minute school wide notices, date reminders of meetings and special events and key information relating to our parish and wider community. It should be noted that this page isn't a discussion point and parents are to refrain from posting any images or comments. If you aren't already a member, I encourage you to seek out the page and join. Should questions arise from anything on the site, please contact the school for clarification.

From the 4th of August, St Joseph's Primary will be holding Prep Enrolment Interviews for 2015. The interviews are scheduled to occur over a two week period which coincides with the commencement of our Pre Prep Program (August 5 – September 9). Prospective parents are encouraged to collect an information pack from the office which contains application material, details outlining the 2014 Pre Prep Program and preparation information on ways parents can support their children as they begin their educational journey here with us at St Joseph's. Appointments can be made now for interviews with the administration team. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to come see myself or the ladies in the office.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the departure (as of the last week of this term) of a hardworking, caring, supportive, nurturing and long standing member of staff, Sharon Nicoletti. Sharon has been offered the opportunity to continue her work as a school officer in beautiful Hervey Bay at Xavier College. Luckily for us we will still have her services one day a week for the remainder of this year to support us in the workplace health and safety role. We will sorely miss her warm hearted nature and loving spirit around our school grounds, but we wish her every success in her new role and thank her for the tireless effort and countless additional hours she has put into making this place the wonderful success it is. I encourage you to touch base with Sharon over the next three weeks to reinforce our gratitude for all that she has brought to our school community.

Sincerely

Ben Gray

From the APRE....

Pentecost

God didn't just pick any day for this to happen. Like everything God does, he has a specific time, purpose and reason for it and Pentecost was no exception. Pentecost occurred 50 days after Easter Sunday or 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus had already gone back to Heaven so the disciples and new believers of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that's what Jesus told them would happen. Plus, since Jesus wasn't with them anymore the Holy Spirit would help bring them closer to God. Just before Jesus was taken up to heaven He told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them, and they'd be His witnesses in the whole world (**Acts 1:8**). Even more, He told them much earlier that the counselor (or Holy Spirit) would be sent by the Father, that He would teach them all things and remind them of everything He said to them (**John 14:26**). So, the Holy Spirit is super helpful to us! He becomes a part of us when we become a Christian and understand that Jesus died and rose for us. When we're ready to try to live a life pleasing to God, the Holy Spirit becomes part of us so we have a part of God with us all the time.

The Faith Ministry, together with the Year Six/Seven class will lead a Liturgy on Pentecost on Friday . This liturgy will be in the Church at 9:00am and I would like to invite you all. This is the first time since our committees have been formed that the Faith Committee is organising a liturgy. They are practising hard for this, and it will be nice if a people could come to show appreciation for the effort the students have put in. I am very proud of the students for their achievements.

Just a thought...

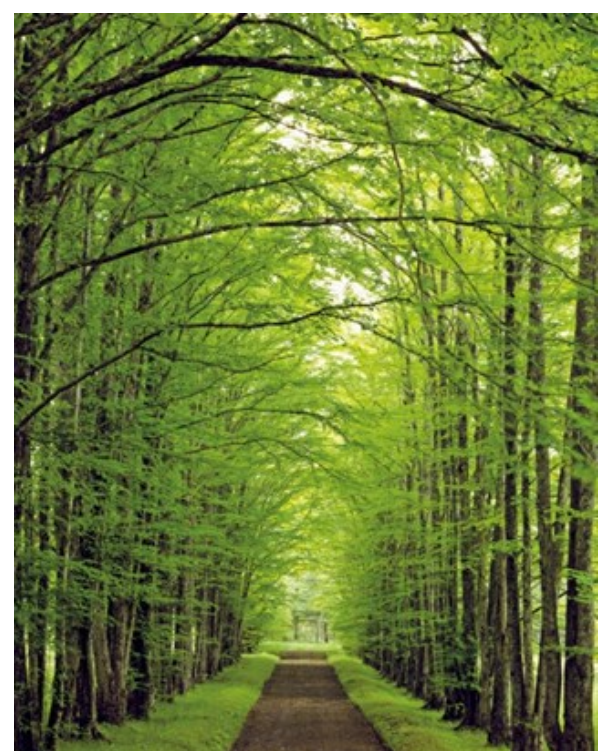
Helen Keller was blind and deaf. Only when she was aged six did she learn to speak. Slowly, with the help of others, she transformed what was negative in her life, and lived more fully than many people. Helen Keller said: *"I thank God for my handicaps because, through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God."*

Let us pray:

**Lord our God,
you have made me in your own likeness
and you love all that you have made.
I thank you for all that has been positive
in my life.
I ask that I may live in such a way
that I may learn from whatever I may find
is negative or hurtful in my life.
May my disabilities and weaknesses
teach me how to be sensitive to individuals,
that I may grow more caring and compassionate
with others who experience difficulties.
May I grow in strength of character
through all that happens to me,
living fully each day.
Amen.**

I thank God for my handicaps.

Wishing you all a great week, Inge



Students of the Week

Congratulations to:

Back from left: **Teresa Fomiatti (4/5) - Doing Your Best Award, Georgia Slack (4/5) - Respect Award, Mitchell Baker (6/7) - Doing Your Best Award**

Front from left: **Donald MacGregor (Prep) - Integrity Award, Wyatt Martin (2/3) - Doing Your Best Award, Mark McCosker (1/2) - Doing Your Best Award**

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

P & F NEWS:

- Our next P & F meeting is *Tuesday 10 June*, 7pm in the school staff room. All welcome.

HEAD LICE: We have had some cases of head lice reported. Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

School Photos

A reminder that School Photo day is next Wednesday 11 June. Students need to wear full formal uniform. Photos will start at 8.40am sharp. Please return order forms and payment prior to photo day.



Our new website is up and running! Check it out at: www.stjosephsgayndah.qld.edu.au

Athletics Day

Our annual Sports Day will be held on Friday, 20 June at the Gayndah Sports Grounds. We are looking for helpers for the day. If you can assist, please complete and return the form below:

I can assist with: (please circle)

Set up, clean up, tuckshop preparation, tuckshop serving, assisting on track & field events

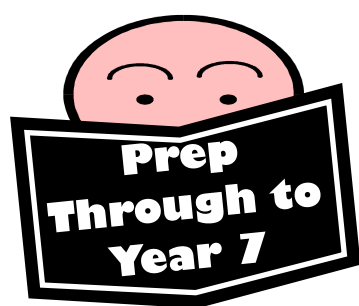
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**“In All Things
Glorify God”**

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

Diary of Coming Events

9 June Public Holiday	10 June P & F Meeting
11 June School Photos	20 June Athletics Carnival
22 June Family Fun Day	27 June Last Day Term 2

Community Notices

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

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:

Central Burnett Brumbies Junior Rugby League have no games this weekend. Training will be in Gayndah on Tuesday, **10 June 2014** at 4.30pm. If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact Robert Linsket on 0429 611 096.

ZUMBA: Every Thursday.

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!

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!

GAYNDAH ART GALLERY: Invitation to attend Soiree (Conversation & Music). Opportunity for “Walk Up”, Musical Item of Your Choice, contact gallery for details. PH 4140 8057. Gayndah Arts and Cultural Centre **Tuesday 24 June** from 4pm. Official opening for Fran Robinson—Gallery 1 & 2. “Beachcomber” Sandra Hines—Gallery 3. “Colours of the Outback”. Free entry, refreshments may be purchased from the kitchen.

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 Team registrations close 30 May 2014.

DATE CLAIMER—GAYNDAH YMCA TRIVIA 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.