



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2014 Term 2

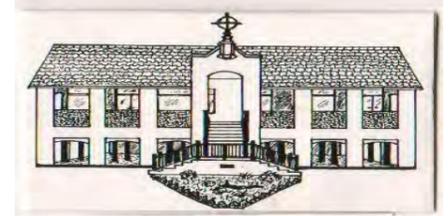
Week 9

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
18 June 2014



Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Friends,

Reading From Home

Step 2 PREDICT

What is this text about?

What sort of text is this?

This week we will look at the significance of encouraging children to make predictions about what the text they are reading is about and what sort of text it is. When reading at home with your little one it is vital having given them a chance to skim (STEP 1) over the text for a short period of time, that they are encouraged to give an analysis of what they have seen. As adults we do this every time we pick up a book or flick through a newspaper. We tend not to read each and every article, rather we nominate particular sections that appeal to us after skimming the text for key words or images. Questions you may like to ask of your children are:

Early Years

What do you think this text is about?

What images/words did you see?

Who do you think the main characters might be?

Upper Years

What do you think will be discussed in this text?

What words or images are familiar to you?

Can you put what you have seen together and predict what will be the focus of this text?

What do you think you might learn from this text? (Fictional Text)

Having answered these questions, your child is now in the right frame of mind to begin reading. It is important to remember that the prediction isn't about getting everything correct or recalling all the details, it simply serves as a means to get students switched on and thinking about the text they have in front of them. Feel free to engage in conversation about what they might know about the themes of the book i.e. talk about a time when you went to the park if that is what they believe the story is about.

In class students are encouraged at the same time to predict what sort of text it is that they are about to read. This is a relatively new focus as part of guided reading here at St Joseph's and I would ask that you withhold from asking this question until I have been through all the stages with you. During second semester I will run a session with all parents on the different text types that exist.

Family Fun Day Sunday.... I'm sure you may have heard this phrase being chanted in the car or around the house at some point throughout the week. This is of course referring to our building of community event this Sunday which is set to be a great deal of fun for everyone. I encourage you to come and join us for Mass beginning at 9:00 am, prior to the fun day kicking off at 10:30am here **at school on the bottom oval.**

Thank you to all the parents who offered to help out with the athletics carnival on Friday. By the close of business today, either Helen or I would have tried to contact you to inform you of your role on the day. We have endeavoured to ensure all parents supporting the event are able to watch their children's events throughout the day. If for some reason we haven't been able to reach you or get in contact, please come and see myself or Helen before Friday.

Sincerely

Ben Gray



From the APRE.....

Refugee Week 2014: Restoring Hope

World Refugee Day is **this Friday 20th June**. Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

The theme for Refugee Week 2014 is **Restoring Hope**. The theme reminds us that, while a refugee's journey begins with danger, it also begins with hope. Refugees flee their homelands not only because they fear persecution, but also because they have hope: they hope to find freedom from persecution, and safety and security for themselves and their families; they hope to be given a chance to start a new life and recover from past trauma.

The theme also calls attention to the role of countries which, through offering protection to refugees and providing them an opportunity to rebuild their lives, restore hope for a future free from fear, persecution, violence and insecurity.

Finally, the theme aims to highlight the situation of refugees whose hopes have not been fulfilled – those who remain in seriously protracted situations, facing ongoing discrimination, violence and uncertainty, with little hope for a resolution in the near future. The theme calls on us to consider how we can provide solutions for these refugees and restore their hopes for a brighter future.



When Every Night Is Winter

Lord, you split no sky when you came among us,
And you rose not from the sea.

A star was seen in the heavens—but only by those who looked.

A choir of angels was heard—but only by those who listened.

No thunder, no storm, no cataclysm announced you,
Just the cry of a lowly refugee,

Turning to no one, turning to everyone,
Saying, "Will you let me in?"

And so, when every night is winter,
And every town is Bethlehem,

And every inn seems filled,
And on every ear those words are heard,
"Will you let me in?"

May we have eyes to see the star,
May we have ears to hear the choir,
May we have hearts that finally speak:

Yes, yes, by all means, come in.

Come in and stay.

Amen.



HELP NEEDED!!

Can you sew or do you know someone who can? I have 20, 1mx1m prayer table cloths that will be distributed to the classrooms. However before they can be used, they need the edges hemmed. If you would like to volunteer your skills, please come in and see me.



Until next week,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand,
Shannon Cattell

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" Matthew 25: 35

What's On

20/06/14 Athletics Carnival
22/06/14 Family Fun Day
24/06/14 Prep & 6/7 Class Mass

Students of the Week



Congratulations to:

Back from left: James Parr (2/3) - Integrity Award, Matt Roth (4/5) - Doing Your Best Award, Sophie Young (6/7) - Doing Your Best Award.

Front from left: Fletcher Worland (1/2) - Integrity Award, Sienna Slattery (Prep) - Doing Your Best Award.

P & F NEWS:

- We are seeking donations of cakes and slices for our Family Fun Day on Sunday 22 June. If you can help, please bring them along on the day.
- On Sunday at the Family Fun Day the P & F will be holding a second hand uniform shop on the library deck. We have lots of second hand uniforms (some in excellent condition) available for a gold coin donation.
- Tuckshop orders for sports day are due in to the office by *tomorrow, 19 June*.

SCHOOL WEBSITE: Don't forget to check out our new look website, www.stjosephsgayndah.qld.edu.au

ST JOSEPH'S ATHLETICS DAY: *This Friday, 20 June* is our annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival, which will be held at the Gayndah Sports Grounds. Information was sent home with your child yesterday. Please let the office know if you have not received the information pack. Our Family Fun Day will be held this *Sunday, 22 June*, on the bottom oval of the school.

Below: Tom Colvin (left) and Georgia Slack participating in today's High Jump events.



Community Notices

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 *next 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.



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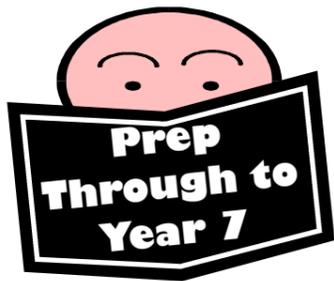
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**“In All Things
 Glorify God”**

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

Diary of Coming Events

20 June Athletics Carnival	22 June Family Fun Day
27 June Last Day Term 2	15 July Term Three starts
25 July Gayndah District Athletics Carnival	

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 play *this Saturday 21 June*, at Gayndah against Wondai.

Under 6s & 8s play at 10.00am

Under 10s play at 11.00am

Under 12s play at 12.00pm

Under 14s play at 1.00pm against Chinchilla

Under 16s play at 2.00pm against Gladstone Valley

Monto A Grade play Wondai A Grade at 3.30pm

Theodore A Grade play Cherbourg A Grade at 5.00pm

Any queries or concerns please contact Robert Linsket 0429 611 096 or Sandra Kenny 4161 2116 (my email is still out at home).

GAYNDAH TENNIS: Vacancies exist for players for Term 3 for the Tennis Hot Shots program for Primary School children by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coach, Kevin Banner on Friday afternoon, at the Gayndah Tennis Association Inc., Barrow Street, Gayndah. For further information (cost & times) please contact Kevin: 0409 520 753

TENNIS HOLIDAY CLINIC: *Thursday & Friday July 10 & 11* at Gayndah Tennis Complex, Barrow St, Gayndah. Holiday come and try clinic with tennis professional Kevin Banner. 8.30am—11.30am for new players and existing beginners/intermediate. 1.30pm—4.30pm for High school and advanced players. Registrations with Greg Baker 0412 686 572 or Kevin Banner 0409 520 753.

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!

GAYNDAH KINDERGARTEN: Judith Woodman-Huth is retiring from her role as the C&K Gayndah Community Kindergarten Teacher/Director. We are going to have a celebration at the Kindergarten on the *Wednesday 25th June* at 3:15pm to celebrate her dedication to the little people of Gayndah of the 30+ years she taught at the kindergarten. All community members are invited to attend.

GAYNDAH SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY: Walkathon and Bike-athon. *This Saturday 21 June* 2014. Full course: 10km walk or 20km bike ride. Half course: 5km walk or 10km bike ride. Quarter walk: 2.5km. Start 7.45am Burnett State College, along Porter Street, past the golf course, along Little Woodmillar Road, into Wigton Road, finish at Gayndah Primary School. Rest stops available every 2.5km. Entrants to raise minimum \$30 in sponsorship before the event. Prizes of iTunes gift cards and phone credits for highest student fundraisers. Sponsorship forms and entrant details from Gayndah schools, churches and newsagent. In aid of Gayndah Schools Chaplaincy.

AFLOAT: Events celebrating our strength. *Saturday 28 June*, Bicentennial Park, Mundubbera. Free – gates open at 4pm, 5pm start. Alcohol free event, BYO chairs and blankets. Digital animations telling local stories. Short films about our recovery. Performances telling stories about our communities. Woven symbolic sculptures. Food and information stalls.

CENTRAL BURNETT DAY CAMP: 1—3RD July 2014, for children in Grades 1—7. Coordinated by Mundubbera, Eidsvold and Gayndah Uniting Church Congregations. Registrations close Sunday 26 June. For more information please contact Glenda, 0428 613 133.

WIDE BAY MEDICARE LOCAL: Will be conducting free hearing tests on 24 & 25 June. Contact your GP for more information.