Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Friends,

Let me begin by saying thank you for the overwhelming parent involvement we received throughout our Athletics Carnival and Family Fun Day last week. I have spoken to this before in my newsletter pieces, but the way in which you all put your hand up to help on Friday not only with the athletics events but the tuckshop as well couldn’t of cemented any further how powerful this community is when it comes together. Brooke had a few words that she wanted to share;

"Dear Parents and Carers of St Joseph’s
I just want to take the opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the support I received on Friday. Whilst I know that illness is part and parcel of being pregnant, your quick response to help me complete the tuckshop was exactly what I needed and was greatly appreciated. I can’t speak highly enough for all the kind words and well wishes I have received over the past week and I can assure you that I am back to full health and ready to keep the tuckshop train rolling into second semester. Thank you again for all of your support and the way you in which you have all made myself and Ben and Isla feel so welcomed.

Sincerely Brooke”

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Jody Doyle will be taking on the one day a week role as office secretary. I was overwhelmed with applications and the interview process was very well represented by quality applicants from within the school community and outside as well.

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School is looking for a member from the Gayndah and wider community to join our team of School Officers beginning week 3 of Term 3. The role (15 hours per week) will involve working with students from Prep to Year 7 and require all applicants to have experience in working with young children or students of any age. Additional skills required include; current blue card status, year 12 or equivalent academic qualifications, motivated to learn and be involved in all elements of our school community. Please submit by the 11th of July, an up to date curriculum vitae and a covering letter explaining why you feel you would be well suited for the position, to St Joseph’s Primary, PO Box 119 Gayndah 4625. Chris will be in the office during the first week of the holidays if you wish to drop off your application in person.

I was recently approached by a number of families in our school community requesting information regarding the South Burnett Regional Equestrian Event to take place July 31st in Kingaroy. If your child has experience in such events we would like to support their entry by paying their nomination fee into the two days. At the front office is an information pack about the event, please take the time to see Helen at some stage this week to collect the information and if you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to come see me. We have been extremely lucky to receive a kind offer of support from Stephen & Sue Jameson, who have proposed to assist with the cost of embroidery if students would like their school name embroidered onto their saddle cloth. The Jameson family have represented this school in the past for a range of events and they would really love to see the tradition continue. We sincerely thank them for this kind donation.

Reading From Home

**Step 3 READ THE TEXT**

**Step 4 CLARIFY**

Which words can’t you read?

When exploring step three this week I felt it was important to nominate that although the main focus of reading at home is to help your child to develop in their reading skills, there are a number of different ways parents can be involved in the actual reading of the text. As you are reading together over the holidays, (very important to help maintain progress made throughout the year) take the time to use all these strategies:

- Allow the student to read silently in their head.
- Have the parent read aloud with expression.
- Take it in turns to read a line or a page each.
- Read at the same time together aloud.
- Have both of you read it silently and finish by talking about your favourite part.
- Allow the student to simply look at the pictures and tell you what they think is happening.
- Have the student read the text again but this time have the parent replace some words in the text that have a similar meaning.

All of these strategies make for a more enjoyable and flexible reading experiences. Children must first enjoy reading before they can make significant development. Thank you for your feedback on what I have shared so far this semester and I look forward to many more questions next term.

Sincerely
Ben
Congratulations everyone on making it to the last week of Term 2. This term has certainly been a busy and productive term for all classes and I trust that all families are looking forward to a well-earned rest.

End of Term Mass
To celebrate the end of our term we will be gathering as a school community, with Fr Jason and members of the parish, on **Friday at 9:00am** in the church for mass. Some students will be participating in the mass by reading prayers of the faithful and presenting the gifts of bread and wine to Fr Jason. We welcome all families to attend this mass and celebrate with us.

Thanks
Thank you to all the parents who came to see me offering their sewing skills. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and will help enrich your child's Religious experiences at school.

News from Miss McClafferty
Miss McClafferty sent us these beautiful photos of her adorable niece, Ellen Thelma Fallon.

Blessings on your holidays
As our semester draws to a close, I wish each and every family the blessings of a peaceful holiday. I hope you have the chance to rejuvenate and spend time together. Travel safely, if you are doing so.

Shannon Cattell

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RIDE FOR JOEY’S: A reminder that tomorrow is Ride for Joey’s Day, a fundraiser for our 6/7 class camp. Permission forms need to be returned if your child wishes to participate. What to bring: Bike or scooter, helmet and a gold coin donation.

**P & F NEWS:**
- Thank you to everyone who made our Family Fun Day on Sunday such an enjoyable day.
- We would also like to say a big thank you to Brooke Gray and all of her wonderful tuckshop helpers for their efforts with tuckshop this term. The students love having tuckshop!
- Our next P & F Meeting will be **Tuesday 15 July**, 7pm in the School staffroom.

**OFFICE NEWS:** A Statement of account for Term Two outstanding School Fees and Levies was posted yesterday. Settlement by this Friday would be appreciated.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** Don’t forget to check out our new look website, [www.stjosephsgayndah.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjosephsgayndah.qld.edu.au)

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**St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival**

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Left to right: Clancy Bambling, Tiffany Driver, Ainsley Bayntun, Sophie Young, Warwick Pearse, Kody Baker.
Community Notices

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

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: TENNIS HOLIDAY CLINIC: Thursday & Friday July 10 & 11 at Gayndah Tennis Assoc. Inc. Complex, Barrow St, Gayndah in conjunction with Dept. Of Sport & Rec and Bundaberg Tennis Academy professional coach Kevin Banner. 8.30am—10am for new and existing beginners. Cost $6. 8.30am-11.30am for advanced beginner & intermediate. 1pm - 4pm for High school and advanced players. Cost $12. Registrations are essential with Greg Baker 0428 745 969 or Kevin Banner 0409 520 753.


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 today, 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.


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.

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.