Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Friends,

Creating Mathematical Minds
Parent Information Session
Monday September 15th
3:30pm and 5:00pm

In week ten of this term we will be continuing our series of parent information sessions regarding our focus on building consistency of learning and teaching throughout St Joseph’s Primary. This parent information session will focus on supporting parents and caregivers to better understand how Mathematics exists within our school. The goal of these two sessions (two different times to cater for work and family commitments) is to provide parents with a practical demonstration of the strategies and practices that exist from Prep through to year 7. In doing so, we will enable parents to have quality conversations with their children when the opportunity arises at home through homework or general discussion.

In the same way we have informed our community of how reading exists within our school, the intention for the upcoming session in week 10 isn’t to expect parents to be taking on the load of teaching mathematics from home. Rather we want to ensure that when your child comes home at the end of the day and wants to talk about, show or break open our mathematical practices they can do so knowing that you are informed and well versed to be able to contribute. In doing so we will be moving in the right direction to ensure we are living out our mission of becoming a community of learners.

If you are unable to make it to one of these sessions for any reason, please don’t hesitate to contact me through the office to arrange another time to talk. Thank you in advance for your enthusiasm in being a part of our consistency of school wide practice, your continued support is the foundation for the success we are seeing in our classroom.

Have a great week everyone.

Sincerely
Ben
A Prayer For Spring

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage  
‘It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.’  
Springtime is a season of optimism and hope  
and the Christian lives a faith centred on hope.  
Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone  
just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond.  
We live a resurrection life  
reflected in the new life springing up around us.  
Thank you, Lord for the hope that you bring  
the renewal that you bring  
both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

Amen

Read more at: http://www.faithandworship.com/Prayers_Spring.htm#ixzz3CCBWl300
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MND Challenge Completed

Over the past two weeks the whole Gayndah community have raised awareness and funds for Motor Neurone disease. It was the turn of our staff on Friday when 5 teachers were soaked for the cause. Extra ice was gathered (Thanks Mr Rowles!) and Mr. Parkinson was ready for his many buckets, due to the amazing donations from within our community. Our small school collected over $500 in donations adding to the community total which currently stands at about $4000. This was an opportunity for St. Joseph’s staff and students to join our local community to raise awareness and funds for a worthy cause. We have now challenged the St. Joseph’s Childers community to join us in the fight for a cure for Motor Neurone Disease. Mr. Hinton and St. Joseph’s, Childers have accepted our challenge.

St. Joseph’s Students compete for Equestrian Glory

Nine students from our school spent last Thursday and Friday at Maryborough show grounds taking part in the Fraser Coast Schools Equestrian Challenge. This is the first year for a number of years that our students have competed and we are proud to announce that we were awarded 2nd place out of 50 competing schools in the March Past Team event. Many individual students received awards also, and have had a wonderful time competing and having fun learning new skills. This annual event is an opportunity for those students who have a passion for riding to compete with other students in a friendly competition – activities included flags, teddy bear race, dressage, show jumping, and barrels. Students are already planning a return to next year’s event. Congratulations to all our riders and a huge thank you to all our parents for taking the children to this event and camping out.

What’s On…..

Tomorrow (Thursday 4th September) - Parent Think Tank for our School Song—8.30am—8.45am Lunch Table Area

Tomorrow (Thursday 4th September) - Lawrie Knott Singing Workshops and Concerts.
P-3 concert 11.45am – 12.40pm. The 4-7 concert 1.45pm – 2.45pm. In the Hall

Friday 5th September—Father’s Day Breakfast—8.15am

Friday 5th September—Father’s Day Prayer Assembly—Hall—9am

Thursday 11th September—Year 1/2 Class Mass—9am—Church

Thursday 11th September—Year 2/3 Gunther Village

Have a great day on Sunday!
SPORTS NEWS: Well done to Mitchell Baker, who has qualified to represent Wide Bay at the State Trials for discus.

P & F NEWS: Our next P & F meeting is next Tuesday, 9th September, 7pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.

TOY CATALOGUES: Toy catalogue orders are due back Friday, 10th October. Please remember that Educational Experience orders need to be made online, direct to the company.

FATHERS DAY STALL: Our 6/7 students are running a Fathers Day stall before and after school this week.

PUMPKINS FOR SALE: Our senior students still have plenty of pumpkins for sale before and after school.

PARISH RAFFLE: Please note all tickets (sold or unsold) are due back to the office by this Friday, 5 September.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST & ASSEMBLY: This Friday, 5th September, 8.15am, followed by our Fathers day assembly.

THANK YOU FROM GRAHAM & SAM ROWLES: After BUCKETS full of support from our Gayndah & Mundubbera communities, we have now donated over $4500 to Motor Neurone Disease QLD. Our school community raised $525.70 from the "Ice Bucket Challenge". This was vital to help raise awareness & much needed funds for people suffering this insidious disease! A BIG thank you to Ben Gray, our fantastic teachers and all the wonderful families of St Joseph’s! Your generosity has amazed us and helped to contributed to the $3158.50 that the Gayndah Community alone contributed to the final total. GO GAYNDAH – a small town filled with so many people with BIG hearts! Graham & Sam.

LIBRARY NEWS: READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Ideas From Jackie French: Parents Share Stories With Their Kids.

- Every night: read a story at bedtime
- Every dinner time: ask your kids what they’re reading, and why they like it, or suggest ways they might find a book they like more. (Jackie’s new book I Spy a Great Reader (Angus & Robertson) will help with this.)
- Once a week: share a household chore like unpacking the dishwasher or tidying the bedroom: one person works while someone reads to them.
- Once a week: visit the library together and hunt for books you might like to read. (You don’t have to read them all!)
- Every weekend: share what you’re reading with your kids. Share an item in a newspaper or magazine, or a text from a friend, or an online article.
- Every weekend: find a new way to share a book or a poem or a story. Get Grandma to skype reading a story. Blu Tack up a poem in the loo. Read the dog a bedtime story. Tell your kids a funny story about your childhood, or their grandparents.
- Every week: lend a friend a book you love.
- Every month: give a book (a second hand one you no longer want, or a new one) to a charity or school or library.

Taken From: Connect to Reading: Children’s Book Week 2014 (Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network)

Please find attached the favourite reads of the Staff and the students of St Joseph’s.

So, get bitten by the Book Bug and travel to any place in the world for FREE! Read! Enjoy!

Kind Regards Suze
ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014

**Term One**

Wed 29 Jan—Fri 4 April

**Term Two**

Wed 23 April—Fri 27 June

**Term Three**

Tues 15 July—Fri 19 Sept

**Term Four**

Tues 7 Oct—Fri 5 Dec

Monday 20 Oct—Pupil Free Day

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**Diary of Coming Events**

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**GAYNDAH LITTLE ATHLETICS:** Friday nights at the Gayndah Sports Grounds at 6pm. Two week free trial. Ages 5—17. Run Jump Throw - Give Little Athletics A Go!
Enquiries to Helen Smith 0429 964 454

**GAYNDAH SOCCER:** Final game of the season **this Saturday 6 September** Gayndah Sports grounds 9am kick off. Training Thursday 4-5pm Enquiries 0428 931 151

**BIGGENDEN FISHING CLUB:** Enjoy Fishing? Then join the Biggenden Fishing Club at Paradise Dam on **21 September 2014** from 9am, for “Take A Kid Fishing”. Bring the whole family along. Sausage sizzle lunch supplied. Bring your own fishing gear and bait. For catering purposes register with John or Ruth on 0429 689 821 by 15 September.

**ZUMBA:** 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!!
Adults: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.30pm at St Joseph’s Hall, Fielding St, Gayndah. Cost: $10
Children: Thursdays 4.30pm—5.15pm Cost: $8
Instructor—TJ Viney, phone 0401 465 066.