



# St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2014 Term 3

Week 9

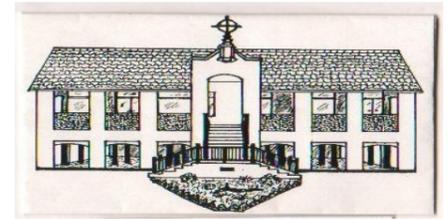
Newsletter Date

Wednesday

31 September 2014



## Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Friends,

### *Celebration of Learning*

Next Wednesday we will be holding our second *Celebration of Learning* opportunity for 2014. To provide an opportunity for parents who were unable to attend our previous session, we will hold the display of learning in the morning before school from 8:15am through until 9:00am. Given the early start to the day, a BBQ breakfast will be available from 8:00am for parents and students upon arrival. If you are unable to attend the morning session, classrooms will remain open in the afternoon prior to our Parent Information Session on Mathematics.

This year we have adopted the phrase “we are a community of learners” in order to create a culture within our school community that celebrates the learning journey that each of us are on. Heading into next week it will be important to keep in mind that the intention for your visit is to provide your children with the opportunity to teach you. Teach you how we do mathematics, teach you how we interact with modelled, guided and shared reading sessions and most of all teach you just how much your talented children have managed to cover over the past two terms.

Author of ‘Visible Learning’ and world renowned academic, John Hattie recognises reciprocal teaching as one of the greatest influences on student learning and development. Reciprocal teaching is the practice of a person taking what they know about a particular area and teaching it to someone else. When you think about it, many of you would have trouble remembering how to do something if someone simply told you what to do without example. However, if you are shown how to do the particular task practically, you may have a higher rate of retaining understanding and an even greater chance of recall if you are given the opportunity to demonstrate the nominated task. Knowing this, it makes sense to recognise that the strongest of all imbedded learning practices is that of taking the time to apply your own knowledge and understanding into a teaching context.

So let them play the role of teacher and you the student, so as to empower them to embed exactly what they have been learning. Understandably, you may not be able to do this in the time frame provided for every subject but please remember to take the time in at least one area of their learning to stop and become the pupil to your pint sized expert. As a colleague of mine once said “All you have to do is give them a chance to surprise you!”

Have a great week everyone and I hope to see you on Thursday at P and F.

Sincerely

Ben



# From the APRE....



Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.  
**H. Jackson Brown, Jr.**

A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside.  
**Denis Waitley**

Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.  
**Margaret Mead**

## Father's Day

What a fantastic way to celebrate our dads and the father figures in our lives with our Father's Day assembly last Friday. A big thank you to Ben Gray, the band members of Bon Jovi, Cold Chisel, ACDC, The Beatles and John Denver, and those who shared their messages of love for their dads. I hope all our dads, granddads and father figures had a great day on Sunday.



## Who we are at St. Joseph's— Our History.

As we prepare our school song and school prayer, we are taking the time to discover more about our school story. Today I would like to share with you a little of the history of St. Joseph's Parish and school.

The school and parish of St. Joseph's, Gayndah have a long history. As Gayndah is one of the oldest towns in Queensland, it is no surprise to discover that the history of Catholic education in the area is also very long. On September 13th, 1919, Archbishop James Duhig and Mother Mary Marcella (Sisters of the Good Samaritan Mother General) arrived in Gayndah for the opening and blessing of the new convent. By this stage, the parish was in its third church (having lost the first two to natural disasters) and the local parishioners had worked together to build the school and convent. St. Joseph's School was not intended to be opened until January, 1920, but on his visit, Archbishop Duhig announced that the opening of the school would be on October 6th, 1919.



Pupils in 1939

The school opened with 56 pupils and before the end of that first year the student numbers had increased to 70. The school was run by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and the pupils taught by Sister M Adrien, Sister Angela and Mother Mary Marcella. In 1969, the school's Golden Jubilee Year, there was still an enrolment of around seventy pupils. Many families have continued to send their third and fourth generation children to St. Joseph's School. In 1990, the Good Samaritan Sisters entrusted the leadership of the school to its first lay Principal, Mr Lindsay Dean. The Good Samaritan Sisters continued to take an active part in school activities until 2005 with Sister Eunice Osborne being the last sister in residence.



1920 Boarders

## In all things glorify God

Our School Motto as well as the Motto of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

### What's On.....

Thursday 11th September—Year 2/3 Gunther Village  
Friday 12th September—Prep—Prayer Assembly—Hall—9am

***P & F Meeting Change of Date:***

***The P & F will meet tomorrow night, Thursday 11 Sept, in the school staffroom.  
7pm.***

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION:** A reminder that the “Creating Mathematic Minds” parent information session will be held ***next Monday, 15 September*** at 3.30pm, and 5pm.

**THANKS BROOKE!** This Friday morning after assembly, the P & F are holding a thank you morning tea for our tuckshop coordinator Mrs Brooke Gray. Brooke will take leave from the tuckshop next term as she awaits the arrival of Baby Gray. Please bring a plate to share.

**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.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL:** Friday, 31st October. More details to follow.

**LIBRARY NEWS: READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

We have been very busy completing works of poetry in Library lessons. The students have been doing some great work. Some examples will be included in next week's Newsletter.

This week I have enclosed two articles: One called “I'm Bored” and the other titled, “Getting Kids Active”. I thought this was timely as holidays will soon be upon us. I hope you find them interesting. Please remember to continue to read to your children over the holidays, and if they can be persuaded, get them to read to you and thus practise what they have been learning at school. Make it a fun experience for all!

Kind Regards, Suze McGregor

**PARISH FETE:** The date for our Parish Fete this year is ***Friday, 28th November***. Planning has begun and there are lots of different ways to help. If you'd like to be on the Fete Committee, or have some great ideas for this year's fete, please contact either Helen or Dennis Smith, on 0429 964 454 or 0428 611 641.

# Students of the Week

**Congratulations to:**

**Sophie Doyle, Jackson Barbeler, Taylor Nelson, Daelen Maddern,  
Tom McGregor, Drew Messer.**



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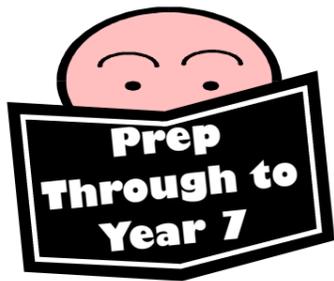
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**"In All Things  
Glorify God"**

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

### Diary of Coming Events

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>11 Sept</b><br>P & F Meeting<br>7pm   | <b>16 Sept</b><br>School Board<br>Meeting |
| <b>19 Sept</b><br>Last day Term<br>Three | <b>7 Oct</b><br>First Day Term<br>Four    |
| <b>20 Oct</b><br>Pupil Free Day          | <b>31st Oct</b><br>Swimming<br>Carnival   |

## Community Notices

**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

**TENNIS:** Register now for ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Learning program for Beginners through to High School and Advanced children for Term 4 with Bundaberg Tennis Academy Tennis Coach, Kevin Banner. Times: Beginners: 3.45 - 4.30/5pm; Intermediate: 5-6.30pm; Advanced/High School: 6.30 - 8pm

**ADULT CARDIO TENNIS:** Class available Friday nights - check it out and loose those unwanted calories, have fun. Time: 8.15pm - 9.15pm commences Friday 10th October - 21st November 2014

**GAYNDAH SOCCER:** Soccer break up *this Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September* 4-5pm Gayndah Sports ground.

Sausage sizzle, presentations and a fun game to finish off the season. All family members welcome. Ph 0428931 151

**PARENTING SEMINAR:** *Monday, 15 September* 10am. Gayndah Hospital Conference room. For more information contact Angela Slack, Child Health Nurse. 4161 3571.

**GAYNDAH JUNIOR NETBALL:** Junior break up will be on *Tuesday, 16th September*, 5.30 at the Gayndah Sports Ground. Bring a plate to share.

**GAYNDAH JUNIOR CRICKET:** Sign On/training – *Tuesday 16 Sept*, 4pm. Gayndah Sportsground. Primary and High-school ages all welcome. Further enquiries to Arthur Bambling 41612104. Regular Training will commence Term 4.

**ST MATTHEW'S SPRING FAIR:** St Matthew's Anglican Church Gayndah. *Friday 19th September*. Hall entries/bonus prizes, BBQ 5.30pm, wheel, auction, variety of stalls, cent sale, children's entertainment.

### **KIDS HOLIDAY BUSH WALKING BIGGENDEN:**

Open to children aged 8 years and up. Adults who attend walk for free. Children must be physically active and able to hike for 4 to 6 hours.

**Day 1 Monday 22nd September** 8am - 4pm

Mt Woowoonga and Beyond 600 metres, 5 hour hike

Steep rainforest hike to the summit and on to a secret location.

Creek exploration and bbq at end of day. \$30.00 per person

**Day 2 Tuesday 23rd September** 9am - 3pm

The Striped Dingo Boulder

Relaxing day to enjoy nature. Suitable for younger children.

Three hour hike, exploration, bush craft and art work.

Afternoon tea included. \$30.00 per person

**Day 3 Wednesday 24th September** 8am - 4pm

The Three Pinnacles

Volcanic plugs 600 metres, 6 hour hike. A day of steep rock

scrambling, over ancient volcanic plugs, watching eagles fly, and, at day's end,

a swim in a deep mountain rock pool. Afternoon tea

provided. \$30.00 per person

**SAFE \* CHALLENGING \* FUN**

*The bush walks are provided by Moira Thompson of Experience Altitude, qualified Bush Walking Guide for Biggenden district's National Parks, Mt Woowoonga and Mt Walsh. All hikes are covered by insurance and national parks permits. Adults assisting have bush walking experience. Emergency Services are notified in advance of details.*

**Enquiries Moira Thompson 0458 365 051**

**For logistics, Pre-walk Application and Registration**

**email: [experience.altitude@gmail.com](mailto:experience.altitude@gmail.com)**

**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.

**GAYNDAH ART GALLERY:** Opening of next exhibition – Kym Connell & Alice McLaughlan from Childers

Plus our Art Attack Launch

Will be held on *Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October*, 2014