Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back from the break everyone. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and rested heading into the final term of the year. In the interest of keeping everyone informed of upcoming major events on our school calendar I have detailed below for each event a short explanation, dates, approx. times and locations. Please feel free to take this page off and pop it on your fridge.

Additional Parent Session on Mathematics

This Thursday morning at 8am we will be holding a follow up parent information session on our recently introduced mathematical strategies. This is an opportunity for any parents who weren’t able to attend our last session to be brought up to speed on the two key components of our whole school Mathematics Program.

School Swimming

Attached to this newsletter are the details of the school swimming lessons and carnival for 2014. It also contains information regarding parent volunteers. It is vital that we have parents nominate to support our swimming lessons due to the workplace health and safety legislation associated with children in pools. Please don’t feel that you need to nominate to help for whole sessions or for all of the days. If you are able to volunteer in some way we will contact you this week to confirm dates and times.

Working Bee

Next Saturday the 18th of October from 7 am we will be holding our second Working Bee. I must apologise if there has been any misunderstanding of this date (school website). It was determined that we wouldn’t hold it this weekend due to a clash with the Gayndah Races. I recognise that families may not be able to offer a full morning to help so any offers of support are greatly appreciated. Next week a flyer will come home in the newsletter regarding what volunteers can bring and the jobs to be completed.

Student Free Day

On Monday 20th of October students will be having a holiday from school to allow our staff members to participate in the process known as Consistency of Teacher Judgement Day (CTJ). This day enables the teachers within Brisbane Catholic Education from our region to come together to compare student work samples and ensure they are grading them to the same standards. If you would like more information, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Awards Night

This year will see the return of the Awards Night (November 25) taking place on school grounds. The evening will focus on celebrating the students who have excelled across numerous areas within their schooling. Alongside this celebration, ALL STUDENTS will be involved in performing a piece to celebrate the religious significance of this time of year.

Please be aware that prior to each of these events there will be further details made available to parents throughout newsletter, on our P and F Facebook page and on the school website.

Sincerely
Ben
O Holy God,      open unto me           light for my darkness,           courage for my fear,           hope for my despair.

O God of peace,      open unto me           peace for my turmoil,           joy for my sorrow,           strength for my weakness.

O loving God,      open unto me           wisdom for my confusion,           forgiveness for my sins,           love for my hate.

O generous God,      open my heart           to receive all your gifts.


~Howard Thurman

Mental Health Week
This week from the 8-12 October is Queensland Mental Health Week. Mental Health Week takes place in the week of World Mental Health Day, which is marked each year on October 10. This year in Australia, World Mental Health Day has three objectives:

* Encourage help seeking behaviour
* Reduce the stigma associated with mental illness
* Foster connectivity throughout communities

There are many agencies that are available to support families and children who may be living with a mental health condition or struggling with life at this time.


At St. Joseph’s we may be able support through a listening ear, prayer or through discussion with our guidance councillor Mr David Francis. David is at our school every Thursday. If you would like to talk to David or another staff member please make contact through the school office.

World Mission Month
World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God’s people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times.

Missionary activity is a response to the love with which God loves us. God's love is the spiritual energy that can make harmony; justice and communion grow among persons, races and peoples for which everyone is searching. It is God, who is Love, who leads the Church towards those farthest away and calls us to be renewed from the original source, Jesus Christ, from whose pierced heart flows the love of God.

World Mission Day is Sunday 19th October and World Children’s Mission Day is held on Wednesday 22nd October. We will hold our Crazy Sock Day to raise money for Catholic Mission on Wednesday 22nd October and our Mission Mosh Disco on Friday 25th October.

Prayers Please
As a school community may we please keep Chris Prygoda and her family in our prayers. Chris’ mother Fran Teefy passed away on Sunday after a long illness. Fran received last rites from Fr. John Khoai recently, and had the opportunity to say goodbye to all her loved ones before her passing. Eternal rest grant to her O Lord.

What’s On ……..
Friday 10th October—Leadership Handover Ceremony—9am—Hall
Wednesday 15th October—School Officer Day
THANKS SCHOOL OFFICERS YOU’RE THE BEST!
Thursday 16th October—Prep—Gunther Village
Thursday 16th October—Year 4/5 Class Mass
Friday 17th October—Catholic Mission Liturgy—9am—Hall

SAVE THE DATE
Grandparents Day
Friday 24th October
9am
**P & F NEWS:**

- Our next tuckshop day is **next Monday, 13 October**. Forms and payment are due back to the office by this Friday, 10 October.
- Uniform order forms are now available from the school office, or may be downloaded from our website. If you would like an order form sent home with your child please let the office know. Orders and payment are due in by **Friday, 31 October**.
- Our next meeting is **Tuesday, 14 October** in the school staff room. All welcome.
- Our working bee is **Saturday 18 October**.
- Copies of each month’s minutes are available at the office. If you wish to have them emailed to you, please let the office know.
- Don’t forget to check out our P & F Facebook page.

**DANCE CREW:** Dance Crew resumes this Thursday afternoon. Please remember if your child is scheduled to go on the bus on a Thursday afternoon, but they are attending Dance Crew, please notify the office so that they can be taken off the bus roll.

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

**SWIMMING:** Swimming notes are attached to today’s newsletter. Our Interhouse swimming carnival will be **Friday, 31st October**. If you are able to assist at the carnival, please let the office know.

**BUS ARRANGEMENTS TERM FOUR:** Attached to today’s newsletter is a bus arrangement form for Term Four. Even if there are no changes to be made to your child’s bus arrangements, we ask that you complete the form and return to the school.

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE SEVEN:** Attached to today’s newsletter is Issue Seven of book club. Forms and payment are due back to the office by **Thursday 23 October 2014**. Please make cheques payable to St Joseph’s School.

**ANGLICAN SPRING FAIR COMPETITION WINNERS:** Congratulations to the following students who received prizes at the Anglican Spring Fair for their art entries: Elle Colvin, Mitchell Baker and Kaiden Ratcliff.

**WEBSITE:** Don’t forget to check out our website. Our newsletters are published on the site, as well as information on events happening around the school.

**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. Whether it be manning a stall, setting up, or donating baking or craft, all help is appreciated. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please contact the Fete coordinators, Dennis and Helen Smith, on 0429 964 454 for more information.

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**DATECLAIMERS:**

- **Wednesday 22 October** - Crazy Sock Day
- **Friday 24 October** - Grandparents Liturgy and morning tea
- **Friday 24 October** –Mission Mosh Disco
- **Friday 31 October** - Interhouse Swimming Carnival
- **Friday 7 November** –District Swimming Carnival
- **Friday 21 November** - North Burnett Swimming Carnival
- **Tuesday 25 November** - Awards Night
- **Friday 28 November** - Parish Fete
- **Wednesday 3 December** - Graduation Mass & Dinner
- **Friday 5 December** - Last Day Term Four
\textbf{GAYNDAH SWIMMING CLUB}
First swim-\textit{This Thursday 9th October} 6pm at the Gayndah Swimming Pool.
All children welcome to come & join our club.
For more information contact - Benita: mob \textbf{0427 612 250},
Sam :mob \textbf{0428 734 022} or Lorinda: Ph \textbf{4161 1808}

Have you registered for this year’s Gayndah Swimming Club District Triathlon & Duke and Duchess Fun Run 2014?
Start with a Fun run up Gayndah’s iconic Duke & Duchess on \textbf{Saturday 18th October} from 4.30pm with a BBQ and live music to follow at the pool. Then get your competitive face on for the Triathlon kicking off bright and early Sunday morning 6am the \textbf{19th October}.
Online registration is now open:https://regonline.activeglobal.com/gayndahdistricttriathlon2014

\textbf{Triathlon Merchandise available- Don’t stop Tri-ing shirts and singlets} available now $20 each.
Bootcamp fitness is available 6am Thursday & 7am Saturdays mornings at the Gayndah sportsgrounds. All welcome.
Bootcamp Membership Fee’s to be paid at the North Burnett Regional Council office.

Get a team together or try our event as an individual.
\textbf{For more information contact} - Sam : Mob \textbf{0428 734 022} or Kirsty: Mob \textbf{0429 628 432}

\textbf{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 \textbf{0429 964 454}

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

\textbf{GAYNDAH ART GALLERY}: Opening of next exhibition – Kym Connell & Alice McLaughlan from Childers
Plus our Art Attack Launch
Will be held on \textbf{Friday 17th October}, 2014

\textbf{EIDSVOLD STATE SCHOOL 125th CENTENARY}: Trivia Night—\textit{This Friday, 10 October}, 2014 at 7.30pm. Table bookings can be made by contacting the school office on \textbf{4165 7333}.
125th Celebration Markets—\textit{This Saturday, 11 October}, 2014 from 8am—12 noon.
Market stalls, jumping castle, fairy floss, memorabilia. Official ceremony 10am.