



# St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2015 Term Four

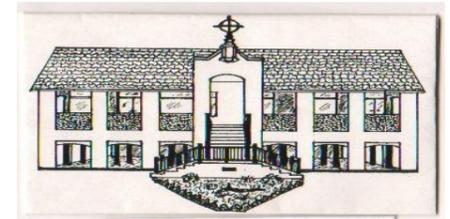
Week One

Newsletter Date

Wednesday  
07 Oct 2015



## Principal's Letter to Parents



## 'Tag a Friend on Facebook'

Hi Everyone

Like it or loathe it, social media is one of, if not the most commonly used forms of communication existing in society today. I will admit that I was sceptical when first joining Facebook and when I first arrived and heard that the school had a P and F Facebook page I had no hesitation in making movements to have it removed. However, with time I have come to sincerely appreciate its function, the respectful manner in which it is used and the support that it provides for our school community.

This week I would like to start an initiative in our school and wider community entitled 'Tag a Friend on Facebook'. The tag a friend movement focuses on encouraging our parent community to tag another parent, family member or member of the wider community on our St Joseph's P and F page. Simply type the person's name under the post which I have placed up today which will draw their attention to the page and provide them the opportunity to join the page and ensure that members of the community are up to speed with all things at St Joseph's. The next nine weeks are jam packed with a multitude of events and special celebrations. Our plan is to update the Facebook page regularly with information and pictures. It should be acknowledged however that it isn't our intention to do away with formal paper notices or existing forms of communication.

Don't have Facebook or don't know how to get the app on your phone? Not a problem. Each morning and afternoon Miss Mac and I will be around the school grounds ready and willing to help you help you join this easy to use and very effective means of communication. At present we have 76 members, however by the middle of next week my goal is to double that figure. Knowing the power of social media this is a very achievable goal and I wouldn't be at all surprised if we far exceed that number.

A big thank you to all the families who took time last term to complete the Vision Survey, we had a huge response and received some very valuable feedback. Thank you also to the parent helpers for swimming which starts tomorrow. If you haven't had the opportunity to put forward an offer of support please don't hesitate to join us tomorrow morning from 9am at the Gayndah Swimming Pool. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details.

Have a great week everyone and get tagging!

Ben



# From the APRE....



## Mental Health Week

This week from the 4-10th October is Mental Health Week. This week takes place in the week of World Mental Health Day, which is marked each year on October 10. This year, the theme in Queensland is "value mental health." 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.

Lifeline – 13111

Beyond Blue – 1300224636

Kids Help Line – 1800551800

<http://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

<http://www.kidshelp.com.au>



At St. Joseph's we may be able to 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.

The 2015 schools appeal has the theme 'I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink', will focus on the work of Sister Rose Rasoavololona in providing physical water and spiritual support to the children of Madagascar—a country where access to clean water and proper sanitation is scarce, and sadly results in thousands of children dying from preventable diseases like diarrhoea each and every year.

World Mission Day is Sunday 18th October and World Children's Mission Day is held on Wednesday 21st October.

We will hold our **Crazy Sock Day** to raise money for Catholic Mission on **Wednesday 21st October** and our **Mission Mosh Disco** on **Friday 16th October**.

## Gayndah Altar Servers Sign Up

Parents, if your child has made their 1st Holy Communion, and would like to become an Altar Server (a person who assists Fr. Jason at Mass), then we invite them to come along to a training session on **Thursday Oct 8th** at 3:30pm in St. Joseph's Church. Call Fr. Jason on 4161 1315 for more information.

## Congratulations!

A big congratulations to **Jacob Smith**, and **Lizzie Roth** who will celebrate their first Reconciliation this Saturday. They have made a big commitment to prepare for and undertake this Sacrament. By celebrating their First Reconciliation they are making the first steps to being fully initiated into our Catholic Church. We would love people from our community to join in the celebration held this **Saturday at 10am**.

## Term 4 - Save the Dates

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Nudgee Band Concert**

The Gayndah community is invited to join with Gayndah State School and St. Joseph's Primary School on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at **9.30am** in the Gayndah Town Hall to enjoy a morning of live band music. St. Joseph's Nudgee College is embarking on a northern tour and will be stopping to share the talents of their Premier Show and Rock Bands along with their Rock Horn Section with us in concert.



**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**—Crazy Sock Day for World Mission Month. Get out those Crazy socks and bring a Gold Coin donation to support Catholic Mission and the provision for clean water for all.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**—Mission Mosh Disco. **6pm—8.00pm**—\$6.00 entry—which will include chips and a drink.

Children are to be dropped off and picked up from the hall. Please ensure that any jackets, jumpers and other items are named. There will be a supervised break out space for those children who find the disco noisy. Any Pre-Prep children are also invited to attend on Friday night.

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October—Grandparents Day Liturgy and Morning Tea**

At 9am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we will be holding our Grandparents Day celebration. This is our chance to thank our grandparents and the significant older people in our lives for all they do for us. On Grandparents Day we pray for and thank our loved ones, and after this they will have the opportunity to check out our classrooms and share a delicious morning tea.

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Parish Fete**

Come along and support our Parish on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at their annual fete. We will again have the opportunity to win a ham, take home some delicious fruit and vegetables, and see the sights and sounds of the rides and side show alley. This is a great way that we as a school community can support our Parish.

#### **Upcoming .....**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**—Leadership Handover Ceremony—9am—Hall

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**—Nudgee Concert Band Concert—9.30am—Town Hall—**ALL WELCOME.**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**—School Officer Day

**THANKS SCHOOL OFFICERS YOU'RE THE BEST!**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**—Catholic Mission Liturgy—9am—Hall

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**—Mission Mosh Disco—School Hall

# School Swimming

- School swimming starts tomorrow, Thursday 8th October.
- Your child will need a bag with togs, towel, thongs and sunscreen. If they have their own swimming cap they can bring that too, if not the school will provide one. All students must wear a swimming cap. Students are also welcome to bring goggles if they have them, but they are not essential.
- Students in 4,5 & 6 will be swimming first. The bus will collect them from the school at 8.40am. These students will need to wear their togs to school. All other classes will get changed into their swimmers at school.
- This week lessons are Thursday and Friday. Next week lessons will be Monday, Thursday and Friday.
- A Term calendar will be going home in the next few days. Please check this calendar carefully for swimming dates, as there will be some variation due to different events taking place.

**DETAILS UPDATE:** To ensure that we have your most up to date contact details, please notify the office of any changes of address, phone numbers, email addresses etc.

**BUS ARRANGEMENTS:** If your child's bus arrangements have changed for Term Four please let the office know.

**DANCE CREW:** Resumes this Thursday afternoon, 8 October.

**LOST PROPERTY:** If your child is missing any uniform items, please check in the lost property box located under the admin building.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Breakky club welcomes donations of bread, juice, milo, vegemite, promite and jam. Thanks to all of our wonderful helpers who serve our children Breakky club on a Monday and Wednesday morning.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL:** Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday, 30 October**. The whole school will participate. Children will travel to the carnival by bus. More details will be provided closer to the date.

## **P & F NEWS:**

- Our next tuckshop day is next **Thursday 15 October**. Order forms have been sent home today, please return by Monday 12 October.

**UNI OF NSW :** Congratulations to the following students who have all received certificates in the recent English exams: Hugo Baker, Amy Weston, Isabella Bryant, Levi Bryant and Tom Halt. Certificates will be presented this Friday at Assembly.

**WORLD EDUCATION GAMES:** We are taking part in the world's largest online competition. This incorporates World Maths Day, World Literacy Day and World Science Day. More details will be shared on Friday at assembly.

## Students of the Week



Back from left: Sophie Doyle (Y4), Joe Formica (5/6)  
Front from left: Sidney Telford (Prep), Indianna Hitchcock (2/3), Nathan Banks (1/2)



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**“In All Things  
 Glorify God”**

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM  
 DATES 2015**

<u>Term One</u>	<u>Term Two</u>
Wed 28 Jan— Thurs 2 April	Tues 21 April— Fri 26 June
<u>Term Three</u>	<u>Term Four</u>
Tues 14 July— Fri 18 Sept	Tues 6 Oct— Fri 4 Dec
Monday 20 April—Pupil Free Day Monday 8 June—Public Holiday Monday 13 July—Pupil Free Day Monday 5 Oct —Public Holiday Monday 19 Oct—Pupil Free Day	

[Diary of Coming Events](#)

<b>Thurs 8 Oct</b> Swimming lessons start	<b>Tues 13 Oct</b> Nudgee Concert
<b>Mon 19 Oct</b> Pupil Free Day	<b>Wed 21 Oct</b> Crazy Sock Day
<b>Thurs 22 Oct</b> 5/6 Entertainment Night	<b>Fri 23 Oct</b> Grandparents Day Liturgy

# Community Notices

**GAYNDAH LITTLE ATHLETICS:**

Every Friday night, 6pm at the Gayndah Sports Ground. Two week free trial. Run Jump Throw—Give Little Athletics a go! Enquiries to Helen Smith, 0429 964 454.

**TENNIS HOT SHOTS:**

Do you want to become a Tennis Hot Shot? Friday afternoons at the Gayndah Tennis complex, Barrow Street, is the place to be. Come and join the Tennis Australia's National program conducted by Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner and the Gayndah Tennis Association, with lots of fun & games to suit all levels. The program commences: Friday 9th October 2015. Times: 3.30pm-4.15pm (5-7 years); 4pm-5pm (7-10 years); 5-6.15pm (9-12 years); 6.00pm- 7.30pm (Advanced & High Schoolers). Registration is essential! Confirmation to join the program must be given, for old and new players, to guarantee your spot with Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753

**GAYNDAH JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE:** is having their Annual General Meeting.

Date: Tuesday 27th October 2015

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Gayndah Sports Ground - Yes it has been booked.

All positions will be vacant and need to be filled for the club to go ahead.

We do it for the kids. The more the merrier.

**GAYNDAH SWIMMING CLUB:**

First club night is this Thursday 6pm. New members welcome. Come and try for a few weeks before membership is due.

**2015 GAYNDAH DISTRICT TRIATHLON:**

*Sunday 18 October*, Duke and Duchess Fun Run/Walk—*Sat 17 October*. Where: Gayndah Pool Complex. Pool opens *Saturday 19 September!* Online registrations opening soon. Keep up to date with our facebook page: [www.facebook.com/GayndahDistrictTriathlon](http://www.facebook.com/GayndahDistrictTriathlon) For further information contact: Benita Darrow mob 0427 612 250, Jayne Evans mob 0402 088 026, Sam Rowles mob. 0428 735 022

**EXPRESSO COFFEE TRAINING:**

Makro and Associates Inc in Association with BBHT (RTO for Hospitality) are offering “Free” Accredited Training. There are no hidden costs to eligible clients. Training will be held at the Art Gallery in Gayndah, commencing late October 2015 for 10 days. Accredited Training units from the Certificate III in Hospitality include: Prepare and serve espresso coffee, provide service to customers, process financial transactions, use hygienic practices for food safety. Places will be limited. Flexible learning arrangements are an option for those already working in the industry. Please contact Robyn Phillips at Makro and Associates Inc on 0412 699 970 for more information.



*Laura's School of Dance*

SHOWCASE 2015

Date Claimer: 7th November

Mundubbera Town Hall

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Contact us: Ph 4161 4800 or 1300 492 492



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The IWC North Burnett Clinic is at the  
 cnr of Gordon & Pineapple Sts, Gayndah