



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term One

Week One

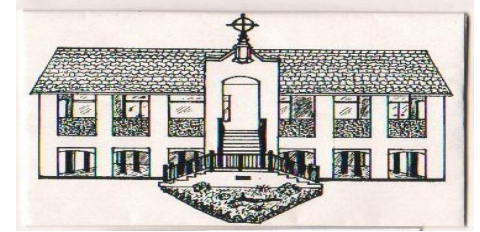
Newsletter Date

Wednesday

27 January 2016



Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back everyone for a new school year. I trust that over the break you were able to spend some time together with family and loved ones. A big welcome to all of our new families and if I haven't already had the pleasure of catching up with you since the break I look forward to seeing you soon in and around the grounds. Welcome also to our new staff members; Mr James Wren (1/2 Classroom Teacher) and Mrs Amy Glisson (Acting APRE). Both members have settled in well to both the school and wider community and I encourage you to introduce yourself when you have the opportunity.

The staff of St Joseph's Primary have been busy preparing for the start of the new year over the past two weeks both here at school and abroad. Part of that time was nominated professional development that saw us focus our attention on knowing ourselves and others through workshops based around the Enneagram and Coaching Philosophy's.

The Enneagram workshop opened our eyes to better understanding the many different personality types that exist within society (both children and adults). The outcome of the day wasn't to simply know what personality type we predominantly are, but to better appreciate the personalities of our peers. By doing so, we can better appreciate how one another work best and in what ways they can be supported to achieve the best possible outcome when working with students throughout the year.

The theory behind the 'Coaching' process is to enable someone to 'Coach' another to articulate the best way forward with any given issue or future consideration. Coaching doesn't rely on one person telling another what to do. Rather it requires the 'Coach' to ask the right questions that will enable the other staff member to arrive at a conclusion/plan of action that they are happy with. Research has shown that people are much more likely to follow through with a goal that they set, as opposed to one that is prescribed for them. The reason we invested time in understanding this process is to ensure that the professional goals that our staff set for themselves in 2016 are supported through regular peer coaching sessions. These termly sessions will focus attention on what, how and when the staff member can achieve their professional goals throughout the year.

Over the next fortnight the school will be publishing a school calendar. I am keen for the input of our parent community and would love for any parents to collect a draft version from the office. I am keen to ensure we avoid clashes with other community events and would welcome any contributions to be added to our calendar so as to keep everyone informed.

Have a great week everyone.

PS: Feel free to pop in and check out the new cover over our tennis court and plans for the landscaping works out the front.

Ben



From the APRE...

Welcome to a new school year, and a special welcome to those families joining the community for the first time. I am very excited to be a part of the St Joseph's School community this year and am looking forward to my new role of Acting APRE. I am an experienced classroom teacher and was working at a school on Brisbane's Northside until the end of 2015. I have already been amazed by the warmth and inclusivity of the St Joseph's School community and am looking forward to getting to know the families, staff and students better over the coming weeks.

As we begin a new year, it is important to have time to reflect. The school staff spent two days last week at RACV Noosa, which provided an excellent opportunity to do this. The Ancient Greek proverb carved at the Temple of Delphi translates to 'Know thyself', and our first day of Professional Development focused on this concept. We learnt about the Enneagram, which is a tool used to understand more about one's personality and dispositions. The staff enjoyed this opportunity to learn more about themselves, and each other. Our second day at Noosa focused on the technique of coaching a peer. We will be utilising this skill throughout the year to support and encourage each other in achieving our professional and personal goals. Our other professional development included revisiting key school documents and preparing ourselves for the year ahead.

This term will certainly be a busy one, with Lent beginning in two weeks time, and as Easter is earlier than normal this year, it is also a short term (9 weeks). We will begin our term by celebrating mass together this Friday 29 January at 9am in the Church. Parents are warmly invited to join us.

A school calendar will be sent home in the next few weeks, outlining all the key dates for the year. In the interim, I have included a list of upcoming date claimers below:

Friday 5 February	Welcome BBQ
Tuesday 9 February	Shrove Tuesday Race for the Golden Pancake 2pm
Wednesday 10 February	Ash Wednesday Mass 9am
Thursday 11 February	Parent Information Night
Saturday 13 February	Working Bee
Friday 19 February	Leadership Assembly 9am (distribution of leadership shirts and badges)

In the coming weeks, you will receive a flyer about preparing children to receive sacraments. Now is an excellent time to begin those conversations with your child, especially discussing what it means to receive a sacrament and how that impacts their participation in the Church. Further information about the Sacramental Program at St Joseph's will be made available throughout the year.

I hope you all enjoy the first week back at school.

Peace to you and your families,

Amy Glisson
Acting APRE

BUS ARRANGEMENTS FORM: Attached to today's newsletter is a bus arrangements form. If your child will be travelling on the bus this year, please complete the form and return to the office.

NEWSLETTERS: Newsletters are issued each Wednesday, and are available by email, hard copy or via our website. You may also choose to have the newsletter emailed and also receive a hard copy. If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please send an email to pgayndah@bne.catholic.edu.au and we will ensure a copy is emailed to you each week.

SCHOOL WEBSITE: Along with our weekly newsletter, we also use our school website and Facebook page to keep parents up to date. Our website address is www.stjosephsgayndah.qld.edu.au

SCHOOL FEES: School fees are issued each term, and can be mailed or emailed. If you would like to have your school fee account emailed to you, please send an email to pgayndah@bne.catholic.edu.au School fees can be paid by either cash or cheque, or we have EFTPOS facilities available in the office. You can also pay fees by either direct credit or direct debit. If you would like either our bank account details for direct credit or a direct debit form sent home, please contact the office.

UNIFORMS: Our uniform shop will be open this Friday morning from 8.30 until 10am. Formal uniform is worn Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; sports uniform is Wednesday and Friday.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Breakkie Club is held Mondays and Wednesdays, and will resume next week. It runs from 8.15am—8.30am. Donations are always welcome, items include: bread, milk, margarine, juice concentrate, promite, vegemite, jam and eggs.

We welcome...

Name: Amy Glisson
Role: APRE
Hometown: Brisbane
Hobbies: Exercising
Favourite food: Ice-cream
Dream holiday: Europe



Jeadin
O'Rourke,
Grade 3.

Name: James Wren
Role: 1/2 Teacher
Hometown: Yeppoon
Hobbies: Fishing
Favourite food: Any kind of roast
Dream holiday: Skiing
in the Austrian Alps



Miss Melville and our
2016 Prep students.





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 Glorify God"**

<i>ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016</i>	
<u><i>Term One</i></u> Wed 27 Jan— Thurs 24 March	<u><i>Term Two</i></u> Mon 11 April— Fri 24 June
<u><i>Term Three</i></u> Mon 11 July— Fri 16 Sept	<u><i>Term Four</i></u> Tues 4 Oct— Fri 2 Dec
<i>Pupil free days to be advised.</i>	

[Diary of Coming Events](#)

Friday 29 Jan Whole school Mass 9am	Friday 5 Feb Welcome BBQ
Tues 9 Feb Pancake Races	Wed 10 Feb Ash Wednesday Mass 9am

Community Notices

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:

SIGN ON DAY
 Thursday 9th February
 Gayndah Sports Ground
 4.30pm - more details to come.

Meeting on Thursday 28th January 5pm Gayndah Sports Ground.

Expressions of Interest
 Coaches, FAO, Leaguesafe for all teams.

GAYNDAH GIRL GUIDES:

Girl Guides of Australia are girls and young women from all cultures, faiths and traditions aged from 5 to 17 years. It is a global movement with more than ten million members in 145 countries. Girls see Guiding as fun, friendship and adventure. Guides develop confidence and skills in leadership, teamwork and everyday life skills. In some countries, it is a school subject, used as a self development program.

When guides learn new skills, they are rewarded with badges and achievement awards which recognise their skills. Long term benefits are significant. Guides go on to do great things in their Local communities and future careers. There is also the chance to travel to worldwide Girl Guide Jamborees and Rallies.

Let's keep the movement in Gayndah, we need new members to start as soon as possible. Girls aged from 6.5yrs to 14yrs.

Guides are starting again this year, at the Guide Hut on the hill in Fielding St. For further information contact Irene on 0409 227 355.

