



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term One

Week Two

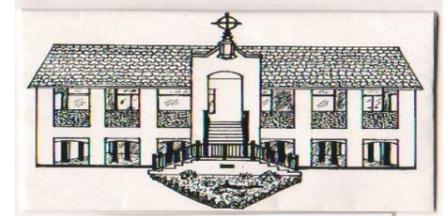
Newsletter Date

Wednesday

3 February 2016



Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents and Friends

At the beginning of the year I spoke with the staff about our Annual Goals for 2016. The metaphor that I used to describe our action and direction was that of 'Time to trim the hedges'. This philosophy follows on from the theme in 2014 of 'Building up the hedge', where we focused on building upon the quality practice that already existed in the school and working together to address areas requiring development. In 2015 'Community at the core' was our focus and emphasised the importance of maintaining that vital sense of community and practically actioning our ability to become a 'Community of Learners'.

The notion of trimming the hedges refers to the fact that for just over two years now we have been implementing a range of practices across the school and it's now time to step back, analyse and reflect. Whilst we have always strived to refine what we are doing and take on feedback throughout their implementation from all key stakeholders, it would be wrong to simply assume that what we have started doesn't have further room for refinement and improvement.

This notion of reflecting and refining is not limited to our learning and teaching processes but that of elements such as Bully Bulldozer, the 'In The Pit' language of learning and extracurricular activities such as Dance Crew and St Joey's Got Talent. Schools are often susceptible to picking different initiatives up and just as quickly putting them down again, so it is vital that when we do review our practice we are mindful of building and not replacing.

So what does this look like for you as parents? In 2014 and 2015 we offered a number of parent information sessions to bring parents up to speed on all things learning and teaching. In 2016 our attention will move to creating a digital resource (online videos and DVD) that will further inform you in all of the school wide practices that exist within St Joseph's Primary. In addition we are reshaping the idea of Celebration of Learning events to focus more on your child unpacking the practical learning experiences they have shared in an interactive and parent centred fashion. All of these adjustments have been designed to keep parents informed and aware of what is taking place each day in our school.

The very first opportunity to be informed for the year ahead is to join us for the Parent Information Sessions next Thursday evening, February 11. Please find below a list of times for each class. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be provided for any parents who may have a break between presentations. If for any reason you can't make it please see the classroom teacher following the presentation as they will be happy to take you through all of the points shared.

Year 3 – 5pm

Years 4/5/6 – 5:30pm

Prep – 6 pm

Year 1/2 – 6:30pm

Have a great week and I look forward to catching up with you on Friday night.

Ben



From the APRE...

Welcome to our first full week of the school year! The students have settled well into their classes, and the teachers have been working hard to get to know each student, both as a person and as a learner.

Last Friday, we celebrated our first Mass for 2016 as a school community. The students participated very well and it was a very enjoyable way to officially come together to start the year.

Our other official welcome to the school year is the Welcome BBQ, which takes place this Friday 5 February at 6pm. All families are invited to join us. I look forward to seeing many people there, and meeting those of you I have not had the chance to speak with yet.

Next Tuesday 9 February is Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Tuesday. It is the last day before the season of Lent begins in the Church. As Lent is traditionally a time of fasting and avoiding excessive indulgences, Shrove Tuesday represents the last opportunity for people to have a feast before Lent. In the past, many families would make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday to use up ingredients like eggs and dairy, which were forbidden during Lent.



We will make pancakes at school next Tuesday and participate in the 'Race for the Golden Pancake' from 2pm, and families are most welcome to join us for this exciting event. We will then celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am next Wednesday, to mark the beginning of Lent.

Year 5/6 are quite busy this week, being the first class to visit Gunther Village for the year on Thursday, and also the first class to lead us in assembly on Friday morning. Other classes will be involved in these events throughout the term.



I leave you this week with the prayer below, which asks for Jesus' support in this new year.



Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen

All the best for a wonderful week!

God bless,

Amy Glisson
Acting APRE

BUS ARRANGEMENTS FORM: A reminder that if your child will be travelling to or from school on the bus this year, please complete and return the bus arrangements form that was sent home last week.

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: The uniform shop will be open again *next Wednesday 10th February*, from 8.30am to 9.30am. Formal uniform is worn Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; sports uniform is Wednesday and Friday.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Breakkie Club has resumed. It runs from 8.15am—8.30am on Mondays and Wednesdays. Donations are always welcome, items include: bread, milk, margarine, juice concentrate, promite, vegemite, jam and eggs.

TUCKSHOP:

- Our first tuckshop for the year will be *next Thursday 11th February*. Order forms were sent home yesterday and need to be returned by Monday, February 8. If your child is participating in the North Burnett Sports Gala Day, their tuckshop will be delivered to them.
- Tuckshop Information Sheets were also sent home yesterday. If you are able to assist in any way with tuckshop this year, please complete and return the form to the office.

GET STARTED VOUCHERS: Attached to today's newsletter is information on Round 7 of the Get Started Vouchers which is currently open. Get Started Vouchers are part of the Qld government "Get in the Game" initiative to support sport and active recreation at the grassroots level. A maximum of \$150 per voucher is available to eligible children and young people to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees. For further information about the vouchers, please contact the office, or visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports

BOOKCLUB: Our First issue of Book Club for the year is attached to today's newsletter. If you would like to place an order, please return the form and payment to the school office by *Wednesday 17th February*. If paying by cheque please make it payable to St Joseph's School.



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**"In All Things
 Glorify God"**

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

Diary of Coming Events

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| Friday 5 Feb Welcome BBQ | Tues 9 Feb Pancake Races |
| Wed 10 Feb Ash Wednesday Mass 9am | Thurs 11 Feb Parent information night |
| Sat 13 Feb Working Bee | Tues 1 March School Photos |

Community Notices

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:

Yes the season has started.....

Sign On with sausage sizzle on **Tuesday 9th February** 4.30pm.

If you are unable to attend just let me know.

If you are Under 14 and 16 please get in touch with the Coaches as the Under 14 and 16 Carnival is on **Saturday 5th March**.

Under 14 - Warren Kenny on 41611279 or 0427611279 (if you are unable to contact Warren leave a message on either phone)

Under 16 - Rob Linsket 0429611096

Registration is \$90.00 per player and for 3 or more \$220.

This includes shorts and socks.

Under 16's have a training session in Gayndah on **Thursday 4th February**...at this stage.

The Under 14 & 16 Carnival is on **Saturday 5th March** at Gayndah. We will be missing a number of our wonderful regular helpers - so please can we have assistance in the canteen, setting up the fields and cleaning up. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year. It is also used as a selection for representative teams.

Gayndah is also going to be hosting the 47th Battalion on the Anzac weekend. This is also where we will need assistance for the weekend with a number of jobs. So please keep some of that weekend free for the assisting at the football. Major event for the Football club and the Gayndah community.

There will be courses coming up to updates for coaches, FAO, Leaguesafe. As this information comes to me I will try and get it to you.

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.

GAYNDAH AND DISTRICT NETBALL: Gayndah and District Netball Association
 Notice of AGM **8 March 2016** 7pm YMCA.

An invitation is extended to all Senior players AND parents of Junior players to attend the AGM of the Gayndah and District Netball Association. It is essential that we have representatives from our Junior parents for the continuing functioning and existence of our Netball Club.