St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term One

Week Four

Newsletter Date
Wednesday
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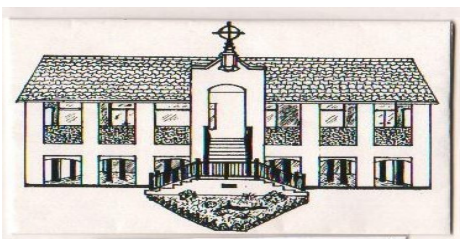

Principal's Letter to Parents

Hi Everyone

With the start of the new school year we are faced with somewhat of a conundrum surrounding new reading resources in the school. Whilst it is fabulous to have a multitude of new books purchased for the school library, we haven't the staffing available to call upon to have them covered so as to get them into circulation sooner rather than later. I am hoping the temptation of a delicious morning tea might be motivation enough to have a group of parents/caregivers join us after assembly for a tea/coffee and book covering morning. It would only be an hour of your time and we would gladly welcome any parents/caregivers who would like to take some books home to be covered. We have all of the resources needed (rest assured we aren't contacting books), it's just the helping hands that would be invaluable. The covering and morning tea will kick off from just after 9:30am.

In a continuation from last year, Catholic and Religious Institute schools across Queensland remain engaged in enterprise bargaining negotiations with staff. Numerous conditions have been negotiated, however wages and a few other considerations remain unresolved. As a result, many Catholic and Religious Institute school staff have chosen to take protected action work stoppages. Industrial action within Brisbane Catholic Education is being taken on a school by school basis and I will endeavour to keep all parents and caregivers informed of current negotiations and future considerations around the education of your child here at St Joseph's. It will always be our intention to have school continue as per normal, barring any extenuating circumstances.

Along with other Catholic school employers, I respect the right of employees to take appropriate industrial action. In our school specifically, most staff are members of the union and will be joining their fellow educators in strike action tomorrow. It is for this reason that I have begun requesting that, where possible, students remain at home given the limited supply staff available on the day. Throughout Thursday students will still be working in their classrooms and completing tasks underpinned by the curriculum aligned to our nominated school wide practices.

I can fully appreciate that the information regarding students remaining at home is short notice and not how we would like to typically keep parents informed. Subsequent to notification from the union of the proposed action, and advice from staff of their intentions to participate, we have endeavoured to engage supply staff to work for this day. However due to limited availability of relief staff in our region, we have been unable to do this. Therefore if it is convenient, it would be appreciated if students remain at home if there are child minding services readily available. If parents would be required to take leave from a workplace or have a prior commitment, I would ask that they send students as per normal to school.

I anticipate that the negotiations won't continue much further into the school year, but I would like to sincerely thank you in advance for your support and patience during this period. If you have any further questions or would like any further clarification, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Have a great week everyone and I hope to catch up with you over a cuppa on Friday.

Ben

From the Acting APRE

Last Friday, we officially welcomed the Year 6 students as the leaders of our school at our weekly assembly. The students were presented with their leadership shirts and badges to wear throughout the year, and their paver that will be placed in the Senior Walk. The students pledged to be leaders through service to the school and sang their leadership song for the first time, *All that We Were Meant to Be* (written by Mr Morris' mother, Helen Morris). We all look forward to watching our leaders rise to the challenge throughout the year.

Each Monday morning, we begin the week with a short prayer assembly. For the past few weeks, these have focused on one of our school values that are displayed at the front of the school. So far, we have explored what it means to show hospitality and compassion, and we will continue to explore our other core values throughout the year.

The theme of compassion is particularly relevant during Lent, as this is a special time for us to evaluate our choices and behaviours towards others, in order to be better people. One of the ways we can show compassion is by contributing to Caritas' annual Project Compassion Appeal.

Another element of compassion involves showing mercy. 2016 has been decreed the Jubilee of Mercy by Pope Francis, who, in his Bull of Indiction document *Misericordiae Vultus*, notes that Jesus embodies God's mercy for us and refers to mercy as 'the bridge that connects God and man'. It is by being merciful to one another that we receive God's mercy. Saint Thomas Aquinas argued that God's mercy is a symbol of his omnipotence.

There are countless examples of God's mercy documented in the Bible (Jesus feeding the masses being but just one). Mercy indicates God's action towards us, especially as shown in the logo chosen to represent the Year of Mercy (shown right). As such, this year is a call to all of us to show compassion and love to everyone around us.

The following link is to Archbishop Mark Coleridge's introduction to the Year of Mercy and what it means for the Brisbane Archdiocese. http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/mercy/

Ben and I are currently completing strategic planning for 2016 and listening to key messages from Brisbane Catholic Education. We look forward to being back with the students later in the week.

God bless,

Amy Glisson

Acting APRE

School Photos—Tuesday 1st March 2016

- **School photos will be held next Tuesday, 1st March.**
- **Formal uniform is to be worn.**
- **Sibling photos are not automatically taken. If you would like a sibling photo please collect a separate envelope from the office.**
- **Orders must be in by Monday, 29th February.**
- **Photos will start at 8.40am.**
- **Please note the instructions on the envelopes for ordering photos.**
- **Girls with long hair are to have it up as per our normal school dress code.**

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 previously sent home.

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 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.

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.

GET STARTED VOUCHERS: 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

Students of the Week

From left: Darcy Ahern (prep), Mac Ahern (Y1/2), Abby Driver (Y4), Layla Roth (Y3), Tiffany Driver (Y5/6)

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"In All Things Glorify God"

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

Diary of Coming Events

Tues 1 March School Photos	**Thurs 3 March** NB Touch & Basketball Trials
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Tues 8 March P & F Meeting	**Fri 11 March** Fish and Chips

Community Notices

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:
We are still looking for a Coach for the Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10.
Please we need someone to step up for the kids.
Training is currently at Gayndah at 4.30pm.

Under 14's are currently doing fitness training with Mr Evans with the 1st Official training on 1st March.

Under 14's and Under 16's Carnival is on ***Saturday 5th March.*** Helpers are required. Please see Mary regarding canteen.
Under 16's Coach - Rob Linsket -0429611096
Don't forget to register your child to play for Central Burnett Brumbies through www.playnrl/register
If there are any problems please contact me and let me help you.

ACTING WORKSHOPS: Next week - ***Wednesday 2nd March*** 4.30pm to 6pm
Gayndah Arts Centre Upstairs Conference Room
OPEN TO GRADES 4, 5, 6 & 7
Cost: $15 per student
BOOKINGS TO RACHEL: 0427 551 973

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.

GAYNDAH SHOW SOCIETY: It is Gayndah Showgirl competition time again. We are seeking entrants for Gayndah Miss Showgirl 2016 (18-28yrs—18yrs by 1st Aug 2016) and Gayndah Miss Junior Showgirl 2016 (10-13yrs and 14-17yrs—inclusive of that age for 2016). Please contact Stacey Duncan 0407 030 143 for entry details. Presentations are ***Saturday 12th March.***

GAYNDAH CORPORATE BOWLS: Every Friday night from 26th February to 18th March 2016. To register please contact Alex Colvin 0429 898 282. Bistro opens at 5.30pm and bowls start at 6.30pm. Open to all business and social groups.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY: ***Sunday, 6th March 2016*** at Lions Park starting at 7am. Free BBQ following. Enquiries to Dael on 4161 1904.

YENDA BUS MEETING: ***Wednesday 2nd March***, 5.30pm. 365 Smith's Road, Ideraway. Stacey Smith's house. Ph 0417 079 904.

SHRED PT:
Personal training sessions available with Brienna. 45mins-1hr Personal or Group (Up to 3 people). Sessions now open.
For more information and bookings call or message Shred PT. Some afternoon sessions still available also, call and enquire now. Kirsty: 0429 628 432

MON:	**TUES:**	**WED:**	**FRI-DAY:**
7:30am 8:30am 9:30am 10:30am	7:30am 8:30am (AQUA FITNESS) 10:00am	7:30am 10:00am (AQUA FITNESS)	7:15am

SHRED PERSONAL TRAINING