



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term Two

Week One

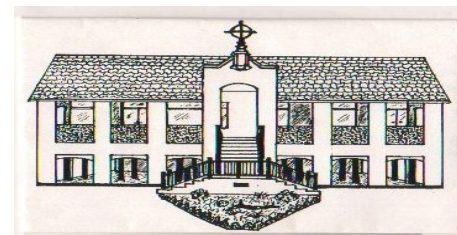
Newsletter Date

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Principal's Letter to Parents



go blue^{for} autism[®]

Hi Everyone

Welcome back everyone, I hope that over the past two weeks you were able to take a moment to relax and enjoy time with family. This Thursday we take an opportunity to raise awareness around Autism. Students are encouraged to wear blue clothing on the day (no monetary donation required). Whilst the term may be familiar, I felt it beneficial to share some current information regarding Autism to help improve understanding and awareness in our community.

What is Autism?

When someone has Autism Spectrum (ASD), it can be explained in a generalised way that their brains are wired differently to other people. The symptoms of ASD vary enormously from person to person and those diagnosed with ASD often find it difficult to interact socially and communicate with others. As they often have difficulty understanding what other people are feeling and what interests others, they might say the wrong thing but with no intention of hurting the feelings of another.

They might talk for a long time about a topic they really like, as they are unaware that the topic may be of little interest to the other person. They may not use gestures and body language, in the way that other people do. For example they may not use eye contact and may not smile. However, their ability to communicate can vary tremendously, with some people with Autism having no or limited speech, and others having extensive vocabularies.

Although people with ASD can find it difficult to talk to people and make friends, they still have the same emotions as anybody else and love to have friends, even if it's hard. People with ASD also like things to happen a particular way. They might take the same route to school or the shops, or line up their toys in a particular order. If something is out of place or if routines change without warning, they can get upset or worried. They may also be bothered by sudden loud sounds, bright lights or unexpected touch that do not bother others. They may become upset if someone hugs them or talks too quickly or loudly. They often have intense interests in particular topics and may be extremely knowledgeable about their special interest areas. They can also have an amazing memory for detail.

Every person with Autism is different to another and has their own way of seeing the world, which makes them interesting and unique. Autism Queensland supports this global initiative through its annual [Go Blue for Autism](#) campaign where they ask communities to help raise awareness and funds to support people living with ASD and their families. There are several people within the Gayndah community who are diagnosed with Autism and Thursday is our opportunity to support them and better understand what they and their families give consideration to each day.

In other news, cross country this Friday should be a fantastic day out. I would like to acknowledge and offer a big thank you to the team at the Gayndah Golf Course for the use of their facilities. We encourage all parents and extended family to join us on the day. Please refer to the timetable inside the newsletter for more details.

Have a wonderful week everyone and I hope to catch up with you at some stage on Friday.

Ben



From the Acting APRE

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all found some time to relax over the Easter period, and enjoy some time with your children.

Thank you to all of our students for their respectful and enthusiastic participation in our Holy Week presentations at the end of last term. I was very impressed with all of the students' efforts and enjoyed working with them to prepare and present these re-enactments.



On the last Wednesday of last term, we joined in the town's celebrations of Epilepsy Awareness Day, to show support for people living with epilepsy. Students and staff wore purple, and we even shared a purple cake! Many of the students also purchased purple merchandise to raise money for Epilepsy Queensland. Approximately 1-2% of the population are affected by epilepsy, and it is important to raise awareness about this condition in order to help support those living with it.

This term, we have already hit the ground running into what will be a very busy 11 weeks! On Thursday we will celebrate

Autism Awareness Day, and students are encouraged to wear blue to recognise those who are affected by autism. On Friday, we will have our school Cross Country event at the Gayndah Golf Course. Good luck to all our students!



Listed below are the details of class assemblies and masses this term. Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend these. All masses and assemblies begin at 9am, with the exception of the Year 5/6 ANZAC Day Assembly on Friday 22 April, which will begin at 2pm.

| Class | Mass date | Assembly date |
|----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Prep | 28 April (with Year 5/6) | 6 May |
| Year 1/2 | 12 May | 3 June |
| Year 3 | 14 April | 27 May |
| Year 4 | 26 May | 13 May |
| Year 5/6 | 28 April (with Prep) | 22 April, 20 May |

In addition, the Year 6 Leadership Badge Ceremony will be held on Friday 29 April at 9am.

After the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Church begins the period of Easter, which is a time for Catholics to live their faith with joy and hope, remembering Jesus' sacrifice with thanks. It is also a time to continue examining what mercy looks like in our everyday lives, given that we are now well into the Church's Year of Mercy. While we may think that to show mercy to others requires acts of grandeur, it can be in the simple things, as outlined in the reflection below:

In a given day, I do ordinary things, and I traverse a fairly unexciting landscape. My mercy will not show up in grand gestures, and most of the time mercy reveals itself in fleeting moments ... mercy gives you his seat on the bus, acting as if he was about to get up anyway rather than making you feel that he is doing you a favour. Mercy does not let out that sigh – you know the one – the wordless disapproval toward the person in the check-out line ahead of you whose card didn't swipe, or who can't find her coupons, or whose toddler is having a meltdown. Mercy offers quiet sympathy and does not convey with her body language that this hold-up is ruining her day. Sometimes mercy chooses not to send back the food that isn't just right, simply because the waitress looks overwhelmed.

When mercy has been wronged, the offended one does not make it difficult for the offender to apologise or ask forgiveness. In fact, mercy does not wait for the other's action but forgives so quickly that the person needing forgiveness is freer to ask for it. Likewise, at work, at home or in the classroom, mercy creates an atmosphere in which a person feels safe enough to admit his mistake or ask a question. And if mercy must correct someone, it pains her to do it, and she does so gently, without vindictive relish. Mercy makes a habit of giving others the benefit of the doubt. Mercy is not in the habit of sending deadly glares at people who are annoying. Mercy gives charitably, knowing that eventually someone will take advantage of his generosity. Mercy welcomes you, fully aware that this act may disrupt her own plans. Mercy relinquishes control when doing so allows another person to grow and learn. Mercy makes it his business to help others succeed. Mercy clears the way for others, so that they can walk on an even path, no matter how halting their steps or injured their souls.

(Source: Vinita Hampton Wright: *National Catholic Reporter*, August 26, 2014)



I encourage everyone to reflect on the simple ways they can show mercy to others. One action, however minor, can help to make our world a better place.

All the best for a wonderful term!
Amy Glisson

Cross Country

Our District Cross Country will be held *this Friday, 15 April*. It will be held at the Gayndah Golf Club. Students will arrive at school as normal, and travel to and from the course by bus. They will need to wear sports uniform, and bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle and their lunch and snack as normal.

All times on the program are approximate.

Presentations will be on the completion of events.

| | | <u>PROGRAM OF EVENTS</u> | |
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| 9:15 | | - | Welcome and course orientation |
| 9:30 | Event 1 | - | Year 3 Students born 2008 (8 years) 1000m |
| 9:40 | Event 2a | - | Boys born 2007 (9 yrs) 2000m |
| | Event 2b | - | Girls born 2007 (9 yrs) 2000m |
| 9:50 | Event 3a | - | Boys born 2006 (10 yrs) 2000m |
| | Event 3b | - | Girls born 2006 (10 yrs) 2000m |
| 10:00 | Event 4a | - | Boys born 2005 (11 yrs) 3000m |
| | Event 4b | - | Girls born 2005 (11 yrs) 3000m |
| 10:15 | All Prep to Year 2 students will arrive by bus | | |
| 10:20 | Event 5a | - | Boys born 2004 (12 yrs) 3000m |
| | Event 5b | - | Girls born 2004 (12yrs) 3000m |
| 10:40 | Event 6 | - | Prep Students 200m |
| 10:50 | Event 7 | - | Year 1 Students 400m |
| 11:00 | Event 8 | - | Year 2 Students 600m |

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Last year the Archdiocese released its revised policy for celebrating the sacraments with children (which you received before the holidays). The new policy framework affects the timing and age eligibility for the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance. The policy was adjusted to allow children to have more time to grow and learn between each sacrament, rather than completing several sacraments within a short window of time.

Children now complete their **Confirmation** from the year they turn **8**, and their **1st Eucharist** from the year they turn **9**. An abbreviated preparation and celebration of **Penance** is begun while children are preparing to receive the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Penance is taught & celebrated in its fullness from the year a child turns **10**.

A casual **Q&A** session will be held in the school staff room on **Tuesday 26 April**, for anyone who has questions about whether their child is ready & eligible for the sacraments, and what commitment is required to complete the program. Formal preparation will begin with an **ORIENTATION SESSION** on **Thursday 5 May**, leading to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday 24 July**.

If you would like to enquire about the program, or would like to register your child for the sacrament of Confirmation this year please **email: gayndah@bne.catholic.net.au or call: 4161 1315**.

Blessings, Fr. Jason

P & F NEWS: Our next tuckshop is next **Thursday, 21 April**. Order forms were sent home yesterday, and are due back at school by Monday 18 April.

SPORTS NEWS:

- Congratulations to Tom Halt who has made the Wide Bay Team for softball, and will compete at State Trials. Well done Tom!
- Please remember all Gayndah shirts used at North Burnett Trials need to be returned to the office, washed and placed in a plastic bag with the student's name on it. Thanks.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Instrumental Music photo order forms were sent home yesterday. If you would like to place an order please follow the instructions on the order form. If your child was in the Music photo but has not received an order form, please let the office know.

OFFICE NEWS

Term Two School Fee accounts will be sent home next week. Due to the rising cost of postage, our preferred method of sending out fees is via email. We are therefore asking families to fill out the form below and return to the office, to ensure that we have the correct email address on file. If emailing accounts is not suitable to you, please complete the form below and we will continue to mail them out to your postal address.

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Family name _____

Please circle an option:

- **We prefer to have our school fee account posted to our mailing address.**
- **We would like our school fee account emailed to the following email address:**

Signed: _____



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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> Tues 12 April— Fri 24 June |
| <u>Term Three</u> Mon 11 July— Fri 16 Sept | <u>Term Four</u> Tues 4 Oct— Fri 2 Dec |
| Pupil free days to be advised. | |

Diary of Coming Events

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| Thurs 14 April Go Blue for Autism | Friday 15 April Cross Country |
| Friday 22 April ANZAC Day Assembly | Monday 25 April ANZAC Day |
| Friday 29 April Leadership badge day | Monday 2nd May Labour Day Public Holiday. |

Community Notices

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN: Saint Mary's Catholic College will be holding an Equestrian Competition for schools on **Thursday 28 April 2016**. The competition will feature events related to stock work, and will therefore be called a Cowhorse Competition, with events such as team penning, working cow horse, Western bending, barrel race, whip cracking and lead and ridden stock horse. Information packs are available at the office.

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:

Central Burnett Brumbies play at Gayndah against Kingaroy times are as follows:-

Under 6s & 8s play at 10.00am

Under 10s play at 11.00am

Under 12s play at 12.00pm

Under 14s play at 1.00pm (14s play against Murgon at Gayndah)

Under 16s play at 2.00pm

Help will be required to set up, canteen, grounds control and pack up. Please be at games an hour before you play. Enquires to Sandra Kenny 41612116 (night time only)

TENNIS HOT SHOTS

Do you want to become a Tennis Hot Shot? Friday afternoon at the Gayndah Tennis complex, Barrow Street, is the place to be. Come and join Tennis Australia's National program conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner at Gayndah Tennis Association, Barrow Street, with lots of fun & games to suit all levels. The program commences **this Friday 15th April, 2016**. Times: 3.30pm-4.00pm (5-7 years); 4pm-4.45pm (7-10 years); 4.30-5.30pm (9-12 years); 5.15pm- 6.45pm (Advanced & High School). **Registration is essential - confirmation to join the program must be given, for old and new players** - to guarantee your spot, phone Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753

GAYNDAH SOCCER:

Soccer Soccer Soccer in Gayndah, starting after Easter school holidays.

Training Thursday 4-5pm Gayndah sports ground

For all junior players 5yrs old up to high school students.

Only \$25 for the season

Also seeking parents interested in helping with coaching

For more information phone Laine Collins 0428 931 151

MICAH'S CAR DETAILING:

Coming back to Gayndah by popular demand! Special discounted rate for Gayndah residents on **Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 April:**

\$30 for interior or exterior clean

\$50 for interior and exterior wash and clean

Any size car! *\$10 surcharge for extra dirty cars.

Other services available—call to discuss a price.

Location: Meson St car park outside St Joseph's Phone 0415315678 to book in. Check out micahscardetailing.webs.com for more information.

GAYNDAH GOLF CLUB: Invites you to the 2nd of 10 FREE coaching clinics conducted by professional Craig Swift from Bundaberg. **This Sunday 17th April** commencing at 9.30am. Available to men, women & students. Loan clubs available. Bring water and hat any maybe a snack. For more information contact Di Baker 4161 1436

GAYNDAH SWIMMING CLUB: AGM will be held at Alex and Jayne Evans' home (11 Spencer St) **tomorrow, Thursday 14th April** at 7pm. This is our club. Turn up, talk up and never give up.

GAYNDAH NETBALL: Netball day camp run by Chris Duncan. **This Sunday 17th April** at St Joseph's school. 9.30am—2pm. Please bring lunch, water and snacks. There will be a lunch break from 11.30—12pm. This day camp is open to players 7-10 years registered with Gayndah Netball Association. Players will be doing drills, skills and games. There is no cost to the players. For more information please contact Lisa Baker: 0428 745 969, Leanne Bryant 0400 611 072 or Jayne Evans 0402 088 026.

ANGLICARE: Getting back to basics. Interested in getting back to the basics? After doing the school drop why not drop in and enjoy a coffee and chat with other like-minded people. **Wednesday 20 April** and every week until 22nd June. 61 Capper St (opposite the Post Office) 10am—12pm. To register your interest or enquire for more information, please contact us on 1300 114 397.

GAYNDAH HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: Cent sale, **Saturday 14th May**, at Gayndah Bowls Club. Doors open 1pm for a 2pm start. \$5 entry. This includes lucky door prize and afternoon tea. Raffle \$1 a ticket. (Prize \$50 meat voucher).