



# St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term Two

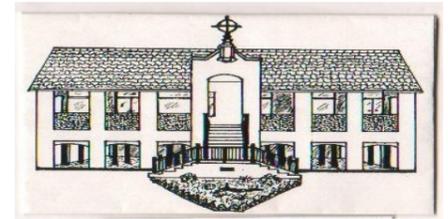
Week Six

Newsletter Date

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18 May 2016



## Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

Have you ever found yourself wondering, how can I engage my child's learning more at home? Or thought to yourself, if only they could use that iPad more to learn and not just play games? Or even held off on buying an electronic device for your child due to fear of negative influence or distraction.

Well this coming Monday we have a special opportunity for our parent body to learn more about how technology can assist children's growth and development. Mrs Peta Ruwoldt, a specialist in learning with technology, will be hosting a session for parents from 6pm in the GACC Conference Room on how devices such as iPads can be used as effective learning tools outside of the classroom.

The session is intended to provide a hands on approach that is suitable for all skill levels. Peta aims to tailor her sessions to suit the requests of the group whom she is working with and strives to give practical tips that parents can take away and apply in the home setting. Peta has worked with many of our staff already this year in helping to introduce technology into the classroom effectively and will continue to work with both our staff and parent body to support the needs and requests of our school community. There is no need to RSVP, however I would love to see the session well attended so as to ensure we continue to provide further parent sessions in the future.



Last week at our P and F meeting I raised a point of discussion around head lice. The reason being that there has been a number of cases of head lice in the school recently and I feel that it's essential that as a school community we are working together to remove their presence effectively. Head lice are a common occurrence in children and while they aren't dangerous, they can be incredibly irritating for children when they have them, and frustrating for parents who are trying to get rid of them.

Included in the newsletter today are the processes associated with treating head lice here at St Joseph's Primary. In consultation with local specialists I have detailed below some great hints and tips associated with effective head lice prevention.

- *Treat head lice with a solution from the chemist and a fine toothed 'nit' comb. Ensure all the eggs and live lice are removed from the child's head and disposed of. While this takes a while to do, it only takes one egg to be left behind before the cycle starts all over again.*
- *Also treat everything your child's head comes into contact with – pillows, clothing, hats, hair brushes and ties, helmets etc. Wash combs and hair brushes in hot water for 30 seconds after each use. Pillow cases should be washed daily on hot cycle or put in the clothes dryer for 15 minutes. Again, if any eggs are missed it is very easy for lice to get out of control again. While lice don't live on these objects, if there are eggs left behind, they can hatch once coming in contact with your child's head again.*
- *Keep long hair tied back and avoid head to head contact with other people.*
- *Don't share hats, brushes, combs etc.*
- *Treat all children in a family at the same time, even if only one child currently has head lice.*

Have a great week everyone and I hope to see you at Jaycee's Park on Friday morning for Walk Safely to School Day.

Cheers  
Ben



# From the Acting APRE



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in all the other languages.

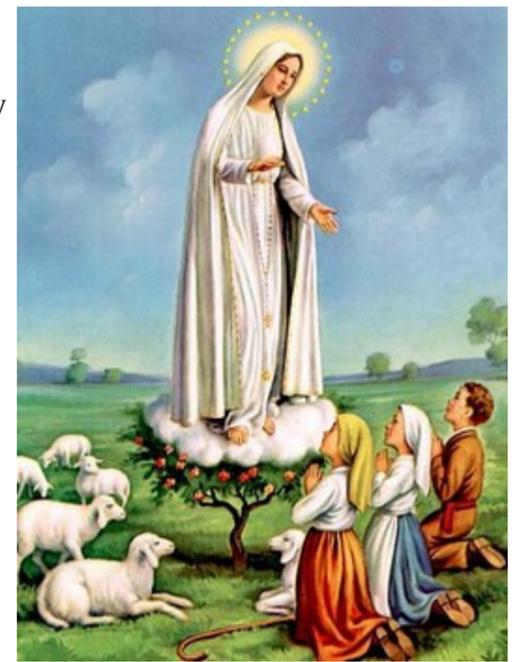
Acts 2:4

On Sunday, the Catholic Church celebrated Pentecost. The name derives from the Greek word meaning fifty, as Pentecost always falls fifty days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost celebrates the day that Jesus' disciples gathered together, feeling alone and scared about the mission ahead of them, and they received the Holy Spirit. This enabled them to speak in many different languages and to have the confidence to talk about God in a way they had never been able to before. It is essentially the Church's birthday, as this was the point in which the mission of the Catholic Church really began.

Soon, several of our students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and be sealed with the Holy Spirit. This coming Sunday, these children will complete the Rite of Enrolment into this sacrament at 9am mass, and will officially begin their journey towards Confirmation. We wish Sharda Chapman-Sturgess, James

Parr, Jacob Smith, Shelby Rowles, Lizzie Roth, Zoe Baker and Jackson Barbeler all the best during this special time.

Last Friday, we celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima with beautiful assembly led by Year 4, who reminded us of the story of the three children who witnessed the vision of Our Lady, and the miracle of the dancing sun. This Friday, Year 5/6 will lead us in acknowledging the month of Mary, which is held annually in May as a special time to remember Jesus' mother. With 2016 being the Year of Mercy Jubilee, it is a fitting time to recall Mary's important role as the mother of Jesus, the face of mercy. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to join us for Friday assembly each week, held at 9am in the Hall. **After assembly this Friday, we would love to have some volunteers join us in the staffroom for a book covering morning tea!** This was very successful last term and if we have a group of helpers, it should only take about half an hour of your time. Morning tea will be provided and no experience is necessary!



This Friday is also Walk Safely to School Day. We look forward to seeing our students at Jaycee's Park at 8:15am to walk to school.

In Music lessons each week, the students and I have been setting aside some time to discuss resilience and how we can show this in our daily lives. Research has identified that people who are resilient often have a positive attitude, are able to regulate their emotions and see failure as a form of helpful feedback. You may have heard the term 'growth mindset' being used in education recently, and this is inextricably linked to being resilient. Someone with a growth mindset realises that mistakes can be useful in helping us learn, and knows that failure gives us information about what doesn't work, so that we can try an alternative way. To sum this up, Thomas Edison once said when trying to invent the light bulb, "I have not failed. I've just found 10 000 ways that won't work."

Resilience:  
The Art of  
Bouncing Back

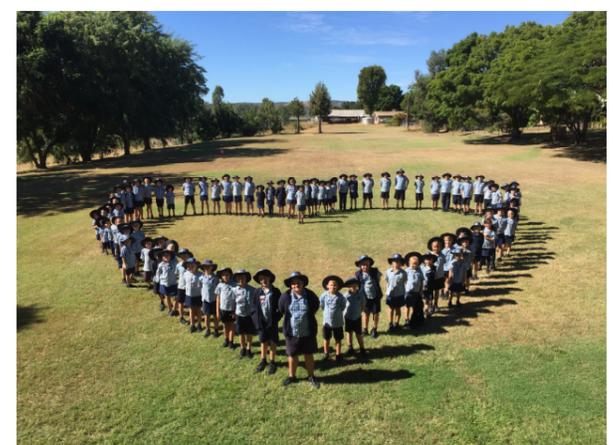
We want our students to be able to show resilience when things get tough, so that they are prepared for the challenges of life and are able to navigate these successfully. During their lessons with me, the students are learning about how to do this in various ways, including games that are designed to test their ability to stay calm and find ways to solve a problem. Some ways that parents can help to encourage resilience at home are:

- Help children to manage their emotions
- When something goes wrong, don't ask why it happened but ask how they are going to fix it
- Teach children to problem solve by not giving them all the answers all the time, and letting them learn from mistakes

All the best for a wonderful week!

God bless,

Amy Glisson, Acting APRE



### P & F NEWS:

- \* Our next Tuckshop day is *Thursday May 19th*. Thank you to this week's helpers: Shelley Weston, Leanne Bryant, Amanda Imhoff, Hannah Sturgess, Jacqui Kirk.
- \* With cooler weather round the corner (maybe) now is the time to order your winter woollies. Uniform order forms are available from the St Joseph's Gayndah website or the school office. Orders due by 27th May please. Depending on stock availability, delivery will be within 1-4 weeks.

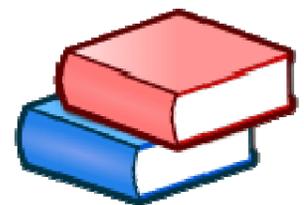
### SPORTS NEWS:

- Tuesday 31st May Wide Bay Cross Country at Maryborough.
- Friday 17th June NB Girls Rugby League.
- Thursday 23rd June St Joseph's Interhouse Athletics Carnival.

**BOOKCLUB:** Attached to today's newsletter is Issue 4 of Bookclub. If you would like to place an order please return the order form and payment to the school office by Thursday, 2nd June.

**UNDER 8S DAY 2016:** *Tuesday 24th May*, 9.30—12pm. Gayndah State School Oval. Story telling, coloured spaghetti fun, 000 services, games, disco, craft, water play, music, fruit kebabs, Old McDonald's farm animals, jumping castle. All under eight year olds in the community are invited. Non-school age children to be accompanied by parent/guardian. Biggest morning tea gold coin donation. A combined Gayndah Schools, Kindergarten, Childcare and Community effort.

## Book Covering Morning



- **This Friday morning, 20 May after assembly.**
- **In the school staff room**
- **No experience required!**
- **St Joseph's very own Barista Mr Gray will be on call to provide coffee!**



## Students of the Week



### Week 5

Prep: Madison Barbeler

1/2: Hillary Waldock

Y3: THE WHOLE CLASS!!!!

Y4: Trader Ahern

Y5/6: Kody Baker



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**“In All Things  
 Glorify God”**

<b>ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016</b>	
<b><u>Term One</u></b> Wed 27 Jan— Thurs 24 March	<b><u>Term Two</u></b> Tues 12 April— Fri 24 June
<b><u>Term Three</u></b> Mon 11 July— Fri 16 Sept	<b><u>Term Four</u></b> Tues 4 Oct— Fri 2 Dec
<b><i>Pupil free days to be advised.</i></b>	

**Diary of Coming Events**

<b>20 May</b> Walk safely to School Day	<b>24 May</b> Under 8s Day
<b>31 May</b> ICAS Science	<b>1 June</b> Musicom—The Three Musketeers
<b>14 June</b> ICAS Writing	<b>15 June</b> ICAS Spelling

# Community Notices

**GAYNDAH LITTLE ATHLETICS:**

Break-up & AGM.

**This Sunday 22 May** 4pm at the Gayndah Sportsground

Please bring a plate to share.

Presentations and AGM.

**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

**GAYNDAH STATE SCHOOL VINTAGE FAIR: Friday 27 May. 5-9pm.**

Kids entertainment- Super slide, Gladiator suits, jumping castle, bungee run and bucking bull, novelty games, face painting. Wrist bands available now at GSS , \$25 for unlimited rides.

Assorted Stalls- Art Craft, Produce, Baked goods, Local creations and vintage wares.

Licensed Bar, BBQ, High Tea, Meat & Seafood wheels. And much more!!

**C & K GAYNDAH COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN:**

C&K Gayndah Community Kindergarten is currently seeking an Early Childhood

Professional to join the centre as a Director Teacher on contract, and an Administration

Professional to join the centre as a permanent Clerical.

More information on the positions can be found on our C&K website under 'Current Opportunities – Current Permanent Vacancies'

[www.candk.asn.au/careers](http://www.candk.asn.au/careers)

Alternatively, please contact the C&K Recruitment Team on 07 3513 2513

**ROYAL COMMISSION:**

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will close new applications for private sessions on 30 September 2016. If you know of people who would like to apply for a private session, it is important that they come forward now. People who have already registered for a private session will not be affected. They will have been notified of this and are guaranteed to receive a private session if they still wish to attend. Please contact the Royal Commission with any questions or for support by calling 1800 099 340 or by emailing [contact@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au](mailto:contact@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au).

More information about private sessions can be found at <http://childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/share-your-story/private-sessions>.

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