



# St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term Two

Week Nine

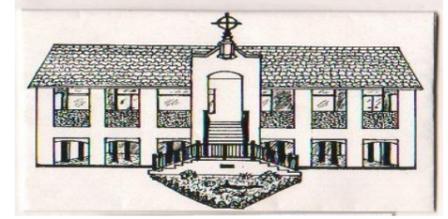
Newsletter Date

Wednesday

8th June 2016



## Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

It is with a tinge of sadness that I begin this week's newsletter by informing you that Mrs Sue Baker will be retiring at the end of this semester. Sue has been on leave for much of this year due to personal and family reasons, and it is with our full support that she enters into retirement with the goal to spend more time travelling with Ian and enjoying time with her mum. Sue has been a member of our school community since 2002, and we can't thank her enough for all that she has brought to our community. We will find time early next semester to thank and wish her all the very best. Sue will continue to assist with supply work within the school, but I can safely say the kind-hearted, sincere and personable manner in which she worked with your children will be sorely missed. For the remainder of 2016, we are fortunate to have Mrs Suze McGregor step into the teaching role in Year 4 two days per week.

### Uniform Changes

Earlier this year, our P and F committee began discussions around potential changes to our sport uniform heading into 2017. The need for discussion exists on the grounds that our current supplier is no longer able to produce the sport shirt, as the particular fabric currently being used is now obsolete. Over the past two meetings, it was passed that we would begin sourcing samples and determine costing associated with replacing the sport uniform.

Our monthly meeting that will take place next week is a vital opportunity for our parent community to come together and share their thoughts on the decisions being made about colour, fabric and design details. Those present will have the opportunity to explore a range of samples, be given a chance to share design ideas and will be offered the chance to contribute feedback on the our plan in moving forward with the uniform change.

The P and F committee and all those in attendance will help to form a foundation from which the school and its board members will be able to make decisions that are in the best interest of the whole school community. I understand that joining us next Tuesday night may not be possible for all parents in our community, but I implore each of our families to give some thought to this topic and make time to either catch myself, Amy or any of the P and F Committee to share your thoughts and considerations. It will be through each of your contributions that we can make calculated decisions about cost, period of implementation and other important aspects leading into the change.

### Athletics Carnival

On the last Thursday of this term we will be holding our annual St Joseph's Athletics Carnival for 2016. Please be aware that we will be holding the high jump competition for all students 9-12 yrs on the school oval during sport lessons the day prior on Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are lucky enough this year that the C and K Kindergarten will be joining us for the day. Next Wednesday we hope to share with the school community our timetable for the day along with other details such as tuckshop items, carnival layout and event program. To make the day possible, it would invaluable if we were to have some parent assistance.



This year that support can come in two different forms, firstly by offering to help in the canteen or alternatively nominating to help guide your child's age group around from one event to the next. Given that our athletics carnivals are focused on being a community event, we are always mindful of ensuring parents are able to view their children in events throughout the day. Please don't feel that by nominating to help you will be stuck in that role all day, nor will you be asked to take on significant organisational tasks. Many hands will make light work and the more the merrier, when it comes to days like this one.

Have a great week everyone and don't forget to ask your child about Ngutana-Lui!

Ben



## *From the Acting APRE*

Last Friday, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This day always falls 19 days after Pentecost and is a time for Catholics to remember Jesus' love for all humankind. This is represented through the image of the Sacred Heart, often shown as a fiery heart protruding from Jesus' chest. By devoting ourselves to Jesus' Sacred Heart, we show our faith in His mercy.

*Loving God,  
we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son.  
We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people.  
Open our own hearts to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly  
from the Heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen.*



This week we are acknowledging NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week, as the official celebration falls during our school holidays. NAIDOC Week originated in the 1920s, when various Aboriginal groups began to campaign for more awareness about the treatment of Indigenous Australians. It has evolved to become a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements, and to recognise their contributions to our country and society. At St. Joseph's, we had visitors from the Ngutana Lui centre in Brisbane to mark this important event. Marlon, Brian, Robert and Corey spent Tuesday engaged in a variety of activities with our students, including learning about traditional song and dance, boomerang throwing, Indigenous Art, hunting and weapons, Torres Strait Islander culture and bush food and medicine. We also learnt some traditional greetings and heard the didgeridoo played. The students had great fun and learnt a lot!



A few weeks ago, St. Joseph's hosted an information night for parents about ipads. Many interesting and useful apps were discussed at this session, and those who attended found it very valuable. We are aware that many other parents wanted to attend but couldn't make it, so please find attached to this newsletter a list of apps that were shared. Many of these apps have also been loaded onto our school ipads for use in the classrooms.

Parent teacher interviews will begin next week. Teachers have begun to send home forms for you to book a time, so please ensure you do so as soon as possible. These interviews will be a time for parents to discuss their child's progress and achievement in Semester 1, consider goals for next semester, and are a valuable opportunity to connect with your child's teacher.

Next Sunday 19 June is our annual Family Fun Day, which will commence with mass in the Church at 9am. During this mass, our confirmation candidates will receive the Nicene Creed, as part of their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in July. This will be followed by a day of fun and activities, and we hope to see many members of our community there. Thank you to all the families who have already offered to assist with the various events throughout the day.

Finally, congratulations must go to the members of our community who were part of the Musicom production of *The Three Musketeers*. The cast and crew did a wonderful job and it was great to see our own Mrs Oppy, Mrs McGregor and Mrs Prygoda in their various roles throughout the performance. Huzzah!

God bless,

Amy Glisson  
Acting APRE

## Donuts for Sale!

This Friday, at assembly Year 5/6 will be selling donuts to raise money to purchase a swag, which will be donated to a homeless person in need. The donuts will be sold in packs of 8 for \$3 a packet and there will be gluten free donuts available. If you would like to pre-order donuts please give the office a call.



### P & F NEWS:

- Our next P & F meeting is **Tuesday 14th June**, 7pm in the school staff room. Everyone welcome!
- Our next tuckshop day is **Thursday 16 June**. Order forms are due back to school by Monday 13th June.
- Family fun day is **Sunday 19th June**.
- Order forms for the canteen at our sports carnival will be going home in the next couple of days.

### SPORTS NEWS:

- Friday **17th June** NB Girls Rugby League.
- Thursday **23rd June** St Joseph's Interhouse Athletics Carnival.

**SOUTH BURNETT EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION:** 9am **Thursday 4 August**, Kingaroy showgrounds. Open to all students of South Burnett Schools. **Nominations close Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016** (but nominations by end of June much appreciated)

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Brekkie Club runs each week on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Thanks to our wonderful helpers who serve our students breakfast with a smile! Any donations of jam, honey, margarine, eggs and juice are always welcome.



## Students of the Week

Week 8

Prep: Phoebe Ross

Y1/2: Angus Parr

Y3: Amy Weston

Y4: Mark McCosker

Y5/6: Georgia Slack

# Fatima Vs Lourdes

## St Joseph's Interhouse Sports Carnival 23 June 2016

Our annual sports carnival is almost here, and we are looking for assistance with set up, marshalling, tuckshop and packing up. If you are able to help please complete and return the form below:

Name & Contact no.: .....

I can help with the following (please circle):

Set Up

Long jump steward

Canteen

Time Keeping

Discus steward

Pack up

High jump steward

Shot put steward



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 Glorify God”**

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

Diary of Coming Events

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| <b>14 June</b><br>ICAS Writing   | <b>14—17 June</b><br>Parent Teacher Interviews |
| <b>15 June</b><br>ICAS Spelling  | <b>17 June</b><br>NB Girls Rugby League        |
| <b>19 June</b><br>Family fun day | <b>23 June</b><br>Interhouse Sports Carnival   |

# Community Notices

**GAYNDAH GOLF:** Free golf coaching clinic—Gayndah Golf Club. For men, women and students, **Sunday 19th June**, 9.30am.  
 For more information contact Di Baker 4161 1436 or lindi@activ8.net.au

**GAYNDAH SOCCER:** Training Thursdays 4-5pm at the 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.

**TRICKY TOPICS:** An evening of conversation around the tricky topics we face as parents— puberty, boyfriends/girlfriends, alcohol and drugs.  
 How do you bring these things up?  
 What do you say?  
 What if they ask more questions?  
 Where to get help?  
 Aimed at **parents** of students in grade 5/6...but all parents welcome.  
 Bring a friend...bring your questions...have a laugh...and get some easy to understand information. **Thursday 16th June**—Gayndah Arts & Cultural centre 6.30pm. Enquires to Laine Collins—School Based Youth Health Nurse.  
 Gayndah Community Health—4161 3571.

**LOST & FOUND:** A pearl earring was found in the Gayndah Town Hall after the Musicom on the weekend. If you think it may be yours please contact Judith Woodman Huth.

**GAYNDAH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE:** Did you know that the Function Room of the Gayndah Arts & Cultural Centre is available to hire for meetings, conferences or private functions? The room has seating for up to 80, full kitchen facilities and audio visual equipment. Very reasonable rates. Contact St Joseph's School on 4161 1889 for more information.