



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term Four

Week Nine

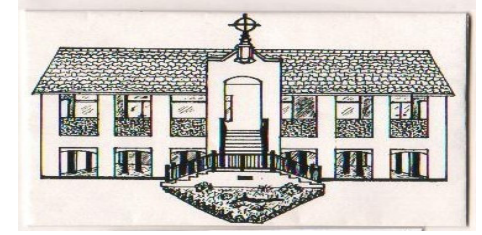
Newsletter Date

Wednesday

30 November 2016



Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

Well the journey of 2016 has just about come to an end. However, before it does, I would like to take the opportunity to share with you the staffing considerations for 2017. As many of you would be aware, St Joseph's Primary has given considerable thought to the classroom make up and established our current format (Prep, 1/2, 3, 4, and a 5/6 classroom). It is our intention to maintain this structure so long as it continues to support the needs of our students. It is important to note that current research, consideration for how other like schools operate, and feedback from parents all influenced the current organisational structure.

In 2017 the classroom staffing arrangements are as follows:

Prep Classroom Teacher – Miss Georgia Melville
Year 1/2 Classroom Teacher – Mr James Wren
Year 3 Classroom Teacher – Mrs Kate Colvin
Year 4 Classroom Teacher – Mrs Jennell Bernie and Mrs Suzanne McGregor
Year 5/6 Classroom Teacher – Mrs Inge Oppermann

Parish Priest – Fr Biju Thomas

Assistant Principal in Religious Education – Mrs Amy Glisson

Primary Learning Leader – Mrs Rebecca Holden

Administration Team – Finance Secretary – Mrs Helen Smith, Office Secretary – Mrs Jody Doyle

Learning Support Coordinator – Mrs Jennell Bernie

Teacher Librarian – Mrs Suzanne McGregor

Classroom School Officers - Mrs Lorna Doyle, Mrs Shirley Warwick, Mrs Jaimie Roth, Ms Leah Lancaster, Mrs Jayne Evans and Mrs Karen Madden

Overall I am very happy to know that in 2017 we will be maintaining the core of our teaching and support staff. With continuity we aim to work even closer together in building all that we offer here at St Joseph's and look forward to working with each of you in 2017.

I hope that you all enjoy a wonderful break together with family and friends and other loved ones. Thank you for an amazing year and God Bless.

Sincerely

Ben





From the Acting APRE

The final week is upon us! Thank you to everyone for their support of our Parish Fete last Friday evening. By all accounts, the evening was a great success and we are very appreciative of the many volunteers who gave of their time, money and talents to make the event what it was. Congratulations to our students on their fantastic dance performances, which they repeated on Tuesday for the Gunther Village residents. The effort and enthusiasm that went into these dances was nothing short of spectacular, and I hope you enjoyed seeing them perform as much as I did.

On Tuesday evening, we celebrated our Year 6 Graduation. The students, their parents and our staff shared mass in the Church, followed by a celebratory dinner at the Golden Orange. Congratulations to our graduating class of 2016:

*Kody Baker
Courtney Bryant
Isabella Bryant
Shardai Chapman-Sturgess
Tiffany Driver
Lexi Ecenarro
Lani Ezzy
Joseph Formica
Ainsley George
Tom Halt
Kiarni Murton
Jessica O'Brien
Zahra Roth
Georgia Slack*

We truly appreciate the way you have led by example this year, and have served our school through the various ministries. We wish you every success as you begin high school next year, and hope you always carry a piece of St Joseph's in your heart.

This Friday, we will conclude our year with a final liturgy at 11am in the Church. Students will be dismissed from here at 12noon. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us for this final farewell and reflection on our year.



We have now entered the season of Advent in the Church's liturgical year, which is a time of preparation and waiting for Christ's birth at Christmas time. This time is actually the beginning of a new year in the Church, and as such, it is an excellent opportunity to reflect on the year that was, and ways that we can better ourselves for the future. It is a great time to make the effort to get to Mass, especially when there are opportunities to see the Advent wreath and Nativity decorations in the Church.

School will recommence for 2017 on Tuesday 24 January. Until then, I hope everyone enjoys a restful and fun-filled break, and comes back renewed and refreshed in the new year. Best wishes to all those who will not be with us next year, especially Mrs Christine Prygoda, Mr Rohan Morris, Miss Michelle McClafferty and Father Jason Middleton. May God bless each of you on this next stage of your journey.

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful year. I have truly appreciated being part of such a friendly, vibrant school community, and am very excited to be back on board for 2017. Have a happy and holy Christmas, and a wonderful start to 2017.

God bless,
Amy.



Awards Night 2016

Good Samaritan Award

Prep: Mackenzie Ung
Y1: Monique Hitchcock
Y2: Ella Smith
Y3: Tate Kirk
Y4: Trader Ahern & Elijah Roberts
Y5: Lachlan Maxwell
Y6: Joseph Formica

North Burnett Regional Council All Rounder Award Jessica O'Brien

The Heather Barbeler Memorial Encouragement Award Tiffany Driver

The Mick Lutvey Bursary Courtney Bryant

St Joseph's Staff Academic Award Kody Baker

The Gayndah M & S Club Award Georgia Slack

The Gayndah Guardian Pharmacy Sporting Excellence Award Elizabeth Roth

JB Notes Music Encouragement Award Angus Parr

Peter Dunn Sporting Encouragement Award

Prep: Imogen Coulson
Y1/2: Noah Coulson
Y3: Erica Wenck
Y4: Elizabeth Roth
Y5/6: Jayda Maddern

Dougherty Arts Encouragement Award

Prep: Darcy Ahern
Y1/2: Kendra MacDonald
Y3: Oliver Waldock
Y4: Jacob Smith
Y5/6: Bridie Worland

The St Joseph's P & F Passion for Reading Award

Prep: James Baker
Y1/2: Angus Parr
Y3: Indianna Hitchcock
Y4: Shelby Rowles
Yr 5/6: James Parr



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**“In All Things
Glorify God”**

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
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DATES 2017**

<u>Term One</u>	<u>Term Two</u>
<i>Tues 24 Jan— Fri 31 March</i>	<i>Wed 19 April— Fri 23 June</i>
<u>Term Three</u>	<u>Term Four</u>
<i>Tues 11 July— Fri 15 Sept</i>	<i>Tues 3 Oct— Fri 1 Dec</i>
<i>Public Holiday - Aust Day 26 Jan</i> <i>Public Holiday—ANZAC Day 25 April</i> <i>Public Holiday—Labour Day 1st May</i>	



Community Notices

ANGLICAN CHRISTMAS FETE: This Friday, 2nd December. Cnr of Capper and Meyer Sts. 5.30pm BBQ, ham wheel, cake/lolly/plant stalls, trash & treasure stall, cent auction, lucky dip, fairy floss, children's activities, jumping castle. The Fun of the Fair!

GAYNDAH ART GALLERY:

Gayndah Art Gallery invites children to make Christmas Decorations for our Christmas tree in Gallery (supplied by Rachel Koster).

Drop them in when completed.

Decorations will be donated to Gunther Retirement Village when we close for the Christmas break 17th December.

GAYNDAH GOLF CLUB: Trivia Night, fundraiser for the Clubhouse kitchen. **Friday 9th December**, at the Gayndah Golf Club. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. \$5 per person, 6 people per team. Lucky door & multi draw raffle prizes, prizes for best dressed, supper and bar available.

TOUCH FOOTBALL: Play touch 2017 Training camps coming.

Kingaroy - Sat 7th Jan

Gayndah - Sun 8th Jan

Childers -Tues 10th Jan

Hervey Bay -Wed 11th Jan

Games, Skills and Drills at your local club.

It's free - to register now, go to www.sunshinecoasttouch.com

EZCOVERS: School book covers. Browse & buy at www.ezcovers.com

Choose your school from the drop down list and use the code EZ15 to increase the donation from 5cents to 15 cents for every cover purchased.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FETE - WHAT A NIGHT!!

Wow! How great was the Fete this year?! And God smiled upon us with beautiful weather too. Thanks JC! A big thank-you to all our amazing and dedicated volunteers, financial donors, sponsors and supporters, and anyone who helped in so many ways to make the Parish Fete such a wonderful gathering and a joyful success. Special and heartfelt thanks go to the marvellous organising team we had working behind the scenes this year! Our deep gratitude goes to Rebecca Holden, Brooke Gray, Helen Smith, Kellie Euler and Amy Glisson. They have been the beating heart of this year's fete, and as a team have not only invested so much time and energy into this event, but have also brought a new vitality to our celebration. Of course, nothing this size is ever possible without the generosity, hard work and commitment of so many people. Thank-you to the school community - P & F, parents, staff and students, for your generosity and assistance in helping make the Fete possible this year. Alongside the church community, our integrated efforts & mutual support bore much fruit. It is truly wonderful to see us all working together so well and celebrating the gift that our St. Joseph's parish community is. We are abundantly blessed by the many helpers who lent a hand on the night, and all who attended. Congratulations to all & thanks!! You've all done very well!

Signing off, **Fr. Jason**