



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2017 Term One

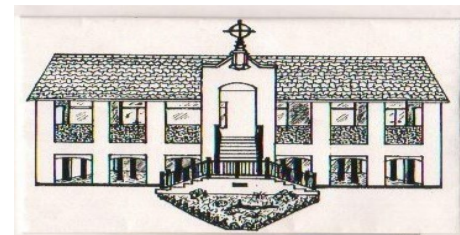
Week Two

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
1 February 2017



Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

This week I am very excited to share with you details relating to the upcoming Orange Festival and how you can play a role in supporting this wonderful event.

Our Orange Queen Entrant



Anna Ulcoq will be our Orange Queen Entrant for 2017. Anna is a former student of St Joseph's and is very excited to represent our school community to the very best of her ability. Anna is currently completing her Primary School Teaching Degree and will be volunteering her time in the school each week to support students in Year 3. Anna is involved in a number of different groups within our community and has been extremely proactive in setting up fundraising events. Please join me in welcoming and offering encouragement when you see her over the coming weeks.

Fundraising Events

The Golden Draw is a fun little fundraiser that offers the opportunity to participants to win their money back each week before drawing three major money prizes prior to the festival.

A Progressive Dinner is also being offered as part of our fundraising efforts. The evening will begin with canapes in the GACC Gallery before moving on to a main meal and dessert in two subsequent locations. Transport (bus) will be made available for participants and drinks are BYO or available for purchase on the night at each of the venues. The group is limited to 26 participants and will be distributed once payment has been received. The 3 course meal will cost \$60.00 and includes transport.

Float Design

The float design is a closely guarded secret (unless you ask me in person then I will tell you all about it). Any support in constructing the float would be greatly appreciated. Two dates have been nominated for construction of the float Saturday the 25th of February and the 4th of March from 7am. Any building, painting or design talents would be greatly appreciated.

Students will be involved in a range of activities leading up to the festival. If you would like to support with fundraising in any way please don't hesitate to see Mrs Glisson or myself as we are currently looking to lock down one final fundraising event.

Have a great week everyone.

Cheers

Ben



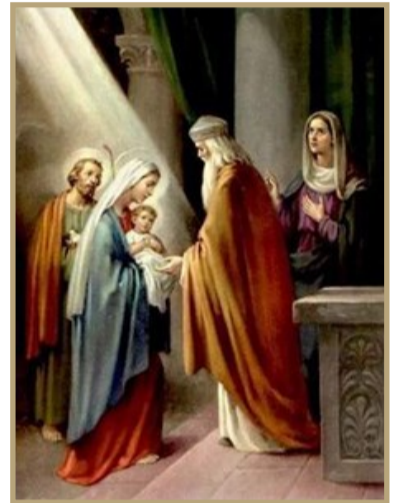


From the APRE

Welcome to our first full week of school for the year. Our students have settled in beautifully to their new classes, and it has been great to see them working hard to begin their learning journey for the year.

Thank you to all those who attended our Opening Mass last Friday. It was a lovely celebration and it was great to have so many parents and family members attend. The students were lucky to have a visit from Father Biju following the mass, where he showed them the mustard seeds the Gospel story referred to, and also talked to the students about his home country of India. Father Biju is keen to share more about his experiences with the students, so we are looking forward to having him speak to us at a Friday assembly in the coming weeks.

On Thursday, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast day always falls 40 days after the birth of Jesus and celebrates the day that Jesus was first taken to the temple by his parents, Mary and Joseph.



Our first assembly for 2017 will occur on Friday at 9am. Year 6 will lead us, and will be presenting some entertaining information about our school rules and how to follow these. We look forward to seeing what they have prepared for us!



This Friday, we have our annual Welcome BBQ, which is a highlight of our Term 1 calendar. We will kick this off from 6pm, and if you are able to bring a dessert on a disposable plate, that would be much appreciated. There will be sausages for the children and steaks for the parents, with a selection of salads available as well. BYO drinks. Look forward to seeing your family there on Friday!

Next week, we will begin our rotations on Wednesday. The format of these has changed slightly this year, with the students having 40 minutes each of Sports, The Arts and Library. Mrs McGregor and Mrs Madden will work with the students for library borrowing. I will be taking Sport this year, and am looking forward to spending some time outside with the children! The Arts will be taught by Mrs Claire Carlaw, who has returned to our school after working in other schools in South-East Queensland for the past 12 years. Mrs Carlaw will teach music, drama, visual art and some dance to our students throughout the year. Don't forget to wear sports uniforms on Wednesday in readiness for rotations.

Next Thursday, all students aged 10-12 will attend a Gala Day at Gayndah State School, to trial for various sporting events that will occur throughout the year. Don't forget to return the nomination form that was sent home last week. If your child does not wish to nominate for any sports, they will be able to participate in some fun sporting activities instead. Next Thursday evening is also our annual Parent Information Night, so please keep this date clear.

Blessings to you,

Amy.

Class	Mass date	Assembly date
Prep	16 March (with Year 5/6)	10 March
Year 1/2	23 February	17 March
Year 3	16 February	3 March
Year 4	2 February	17 February
Year 5/6	16 March (with Prep)	Year 6 – 3 February Year 5 – 10 February



- **Fee statements** will be sent out next week. Payment options include EFTPOS, direct deposit, cash or Direct Debit. Please contact the office for direct deposit forms or other details.
- **Bookclub** - Please return orders and payment to the office no later than **Wednesday February 8th**
- **Bus** - If your current bus travel arrangements have changed or you are a new family, please inform the office of any changes so our bus roll can be updated. Forms were sent home yesterday.
- **School Photo Day is Tuesday 28th February.** Details and payment envelopes are included with today's newsletter.
- **Tuckshop** - Our first Tuckshop Day for 2017 will be next Thursday 9th February. Please return orders and payment by Monday 6th February.

LIBRARY: Borrowing day is **Wednesday** and will start **Week 3!**

P & F NEWS: Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month and usually run for approximately 1 hour. Our first meeting for the 2017 year will be held Tuesday March 7th 7.00pm. New faces are always welcome!

UNIFORMS: Sports uniform is worn on **Wednesday** and **Friday**, checked (formal) uniform on **Monday, Tuesday** and **Thursday**. The new sports uniform will be sent home with students as soon as they arrive. A big Thank You to Mrs Kym Baker for her help with processing the new uniforms!

SPORTS NEWS: Gayndah and District Sport Gala Trial Day for 10-12 year olds is **Thursday 9th February**. Please see the office if you do not have a form and wish to nominate on the day. Students wishing to nominate for swimming please contact the office for qualifying times.

Included with today's newsletter:

- School Photos envelopes and information for parents
- Tuckshop order forms
- Orange Festival Fundraising event information

Breakfast Club





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**“In All Things
Glorify God”**

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
TERM
DATES 2017**

<u>Term One</u>	<u>Term Two</u>
Tues 24 Jan— Fri 31 March	Wed 19 April— Fri 23 June
<u>Term Three</u>	<u>Term Four</u>
Tues 11 July— Fri 15 Sept	Tues 3 Oct— Fri 1 Dec

**Public Holiday - Aust Day 26
Jan**
**Public Holiday—ANZAC Day
25 April**
**Public Holiday—Labour Day
1st May**

Community Notices

SWIMMING CLUB: Gayndah Swimming Club is back!

Thursday 2nd Feb 2017 Gayndah Swimming pool, 6pm start. Dinner available.
Hope everyone had a great holiday. Now it's time to get swimming!

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS RAISING YOUNG ADULTS

Mrs Ballin in conjunction with Melinda Tankard Reist will be holding an information session that focuses on supporting parents who currently are raising young adults/teenagers. The session will focus on the increasing concerns around the adult content that our youth are exposed to on a regular basis and the impact it can have on their development. Flyers for the evening are available from the school office.

Thursday the 2nd of February

6:30pm The Blue Building
4 Capper Street Gayndah
Coffee and Supper Provide

JUNIOR NRL SIGN ON: SIGN ON DAY is *Tuesday 7th March* at 4.30pm at the Gayndah Sports Ground.

Mitchell Sargent - NRL Development Officer for this region is coming and will be running "Come n Try" sessions for everyone to have fun and learn some new games.

Registrations are online through the website "playnrl.com.au"

All players, coaches, FAO and Leaguesafe persons need to register prior to Sign On Day due to insurance.

FREE GOLF COACHING CLINIC: Saturday 4th February

Juniors 8-9am

Adults 9-11am

followed by an Open Day. This will be an 18 hole 2 ball Ambrose event suitable for both experienced and not so experienced players. Hope to see you there! Contact Di Baker on 0409629361 for details.

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE !

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It's fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you'd like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828.

