



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2017 Term One

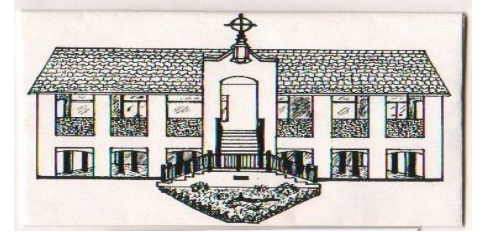
Week Three

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
8 February 2017



Principal's Letter to Parents



What's New in 2017?

Hi everyone

With the start of the New Year there are often new aspects that are introduced into the school to support the educational experience of your children, the functionality of the school and communication with parents. Detailed below are some of the initiatives joining St Joseph's Primary in 2017.

My Chinese Teacher

To support the large percentage of students who move to Burnett State College at the end of their time at St Joseph's, we have employed an online Chinese Language Teacher to assist Mrs Oppermann with the language delivery. It is expected that the interactive lessons with a teacher in China will serve to boost understanding and support classroom based exercises and assessment. The online lessons take place each week and align closely with the Australian Curriculum. At present the lessons will take place in Years 5 and 6 with the view for expanding the program in years to come.

1 to 1 Laptop and Ipad Systems

You may have heard over the Christmas break that NAPLAN is looking to move online. This would mean that students complete all aspects of the testing on a nominated laptop over the internet. This expectation isn't due to take effect for another two years yet but as a school community we want to stay ahead of expected adjustments and provide the best learning opportunities for our students. To do so, St Joseph's has committed to providing each student in Years 3-6 with their own laptop that will progress with them through their time at St Joseph's (a new device will be provided to students as they begin year 3 and it will remain with them as they move each year). The device is purely for school and is intended alongside the ICLT benefits to support personal accountability and responsible use of technology. The students will be taken through an Electronic Device Bootcamp in the weeks to come that will unpack essential practices (saving, word processing etc.) with Mrs Glisson in preparation for the year ahead. At present there are enough iPads to support every student in Prep -2 which is where their foremost usage occurs. As required, replacement devices will be purchased.

New Digital Sign

One key piece of feedback that I receive from new and existing parents is just how appreciative they are of quality communication. One small aspect of this is our school sign. In the next month our current sign will be replaced with a new digital sign as part of funding from Brisbane Catholic Education to support maintenance within schools. A new sign may not seem to fit the maintenance bill but in fact the existing set up is very dated and no longer meets WHS and requirements for Catholic Schools. The new double sided sign will allow us to advertise key events, promote school sponsors and even share image highlights from around the grounds.

REMINDER

Parent Information Evening This Thursday Night (check inside for nominated times for each class)

Cheers

Ben





From the APRE

This week with the newsletter, you have been provided with a printout of the information we currently have on file for you and your children. The beginning of the year is a great time to check if these details are up to date, particularly phone numbers. Also, sometimes new medical conditions arise and we need to have a record of this, especially if medication is to be administered. We would greatly appreciate it if you would review the information, make any necessary changes, and return it to the office by Friday 17 February.

Some of the dates for our class masses have changed. Below is the updated list of dates for these celebrations, which all begin at 9am on their respective days. We would love to see you there.

Class	Mass date
Prep	30 March (with Year 5/6)
Year 1/2	23 March
Year 3	16 February
Year 4	9 March
Year 5/6	30 March (with Prep)

Our first assembly for the year was led by our Year 6 students last Friday, and they presented some wonderful videos they made about our school rules. It was a great reminder for all of how to follow these four key rules:

- Speak to Please*
- Right Place, Right Time, Right Task*
- Attack the Problem, Not the Person*
- Respect Yourself and Others*

Our students do a great job of following these school rules, and we are going to be looking out for those who do an exceptional job of this.

This week's assembly will be led by Year 5, and will focus on the apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes. Saturday 11 February marks the anniversary of Mary's appearance to Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes in France. Bernadette witnessed a series of apparitions, and many people still flock to Lourdes in the hope of healing and renewal of their faith.



We hope to see you all at the Parent Information Night this Thursday evening. Teachers will be presenting important information about the year ahead, and each presentation will last no longer than half an hour. Times are as follows:

- Prep and Year 3 : 5pm
- Year 4: 5:30pm
- Year 1/2: 6pm
- Year 5/6: 6:30pm

Curriculum News

Each week this year, I will feature a different part of the school and give an outline of what is currently happening in this area. This week's featured place is the library, which has been given a makeover throughout the Christmas break. A huge thank you must go to Mrs McGregor and Mrs Madden, who have given a lot of their own time and resources to complete this task. Thanks to their hard work, we now have new book boxes, a feature section for new books and the library has been rearranged. This was no small task, as the shelves needed to be completely emptied and a stocktake performed, before moving all the furniture around and loading the books back in! If you haven't had a look, make sure you pop down and check it out. Library lessons begin on Wednesday so the students will be able to take advantage of their new- look library!



God Bless,
Amy

HERE'S THE NEWS

- **Fee statements** will be sent out *this* week. Payment options include EFTPOS, direct deposit, cash or Direct Debit. Please contact the office for direct deposit forms or other details.
- **Bus** - Please return any bus travel arrangement forms so our records can be updated.

- **School Photo Day is Tuesday 28th February.** Details and payment envelopes were sent home last week. Please contact the office if you require a sibling envelope.
- **Tuckshop** - If you are able to help with tuckshop please contact the office or Sarah Webster. Ways to help include: baking sweet treats, donating small items or volunteering your time—even one session a term is great!

SPORTS NEWS: Gayndah and District Sport Gala Trial Day for 10-12 year olds is *tomorrow*. Participating students to wear sports uniform. Please see Mr Gray's note for more detail.

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!

Included with today's newsletter:

- Student validation forms
- Sports Gala day info

Welcome BBQ 2017





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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—ANZAC Day 25 April</i>	
<i>Public Holiday—Labour Day 1st May</i>	

Community Notices

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.

CENTRAL BURNETT RUGBY LEAGUE EDUCATION WEEKEND: at Gayndah State School

Level 1 Club Coaching Course/Level 1 Referee Course

Saturday 4th March 9:30—3:30pm

For further details contact: Mitch Sargent 0417 466 759 or msargent@nrl.com.au

EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOL OLD

Interschool aims to promote equitation, education and equestrian sport in school programs within Queensland and to encourage the development of discipline, character, sportsmanship, teamwork and a sense of achievement in Interschool riders in Queensland.

<http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/interschool>

Any families interested in starting a school equestrian team for Interschool please contact Megan MacDonald 0428 146 740.

LIFELINE FAMILY FRIENDLY PARENTING WORKSHOP

A FREE workshop helping to recognise the key elements of understanding and communicating with your children, giving practical tips & skills on engaging, responding and offering support.

Date: Thursday 16th February

Times: 9.00am-1:00pm

Venue: To be confirmed (light refreshments provided)

RSVP: To register, email rcounselling@ucommunity.org.au or call 07 3624 2428



WE ARE SEEKING ENTRANTS FOR ...

Gayndah Miss Showgirl 2017
18-28 yrs (must be 18yrs by 1 August)

Gayndah Miss Junior Showgirl 2017
10-13 yrs & 14-17 yrs (inclusive of that age for 2017)

AND FOR 2017 ...

RURAL AMBASSADOR

JUDGING & PRESENTATIONS TO BE HELD
ON SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2017

For more information contact 0407 030 143