



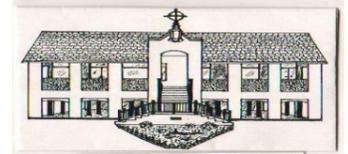
St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2017 Term Two

Week Ten

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
21 June 2017



Principal's Letter to Parents

Hi Everyone,

With the holidays just about to start, often parents will ask how they can keep their children's learning ticking over whilst still ensuring their children feel like they have enjoyed the break. Sometimes students returning to class 'cold' in July can create a loss of traction in their learning but the opportunity to build learning doesn't need to happen with the same structure of school.

The holidays are a chance for all the school-based learning to be applied to real life situations. Children will do this without realising that they are using the skills developed at school. So with a little guidance, parents can stimulate learning without their children being aware they are continuing to learn. The first thing to remember is that it is the holidays, in itself a chance for children to explore and learn for themselves. No greater learning happens than when children experience things first hand. If they are lucky, some children will leave their usual surroundings and be able to visit new areas of the country which can will create abundance of things to draw, write or simply share with someone else about.

Even if children remain at home, there is so much to discover in the back garden. Looking closely at flowers and drawing or painting them develops the skills of accurately recording and transferring information. Making tents and camps in the garden from old sheets gets the children to work out strategies to enable successful construction of their fortress! Children being imaginative and creating joy through interaction with others, or in their own play, is a pleasure to watch and can often entertain for hours. This creative thinking is such a valuable asset in school when children have to write creative, inspired stories. Remembering that *laughing kids learn* and play based activities not only build learning but provide a source of energy for children through the break.



A holiday diary not only promotes writing skills, but calls to mind a whole host of curriculum subjects. Maps can be drawn of the area they are visiting, plans of towns, beaches and other various locations can all be added to the diary. Drawings and paintings can also be added to the diary to bring it to life. Sending postcards also supports literacy development. Summarising the day's activities is a skill in itself developing a child's ability to write concise and succinct copy!

Working out what pocket money you have to spend also is an important feature of the holidays. I remember as a child wanting to buy something when we went on holidays only to be told I needed to save my money. The experience of doing jobs around the yard to earn money was invaluable. What a budgeting lesson I was taught! When shopping, why not get the children to estimate the shopping bill and whoever is closest wins a prize? In the car, instead of constantly being asked 'Are we nearly there yet?' ask the children to guess the kms travelled from beginning to end.



As we know ourselves, holidays are a good time to catch up on reading. If you are not members of a library, go and join one. Libraries often have many other things apart from books, magazines and CDs and provide a different environment for learning.

Let them have fun, enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

Ben

[#laughingkidslearn](#)





From the APRE



It is hard to believe that half of the year is nearly over! It's been a wonderful term and I'd like to thank our students, families and staff for their positivity and hard work right throughout this first half of the year.

The last few weeks of term have been busy here at school, but they are also a busy time in the Catholic Church. Last Sunday, the Church celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi, otherwise known as the Body and Blood of Christ. This celebration focuses attention on the Eucharist in Mass, where the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. The feast also refers to the Church as the Body of Christ on Earth, and calls Catholics to remember Jesus' sacrifice.



This Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which represents Jesus' love for humankind. The vision of Jesus with the burning heart originally appeared to Saint Margaret Mary in 1675, and this image has since become a very popular representation of Jesus within the Catholic Church.

This week is also National Refugee Week, which is a time to remember the many refugees around the world. Approximately 16.7 million people have been forced to flee their country due to events such as war, persecution and disaster. I have included a prayer for refugees below.

God of Hope,

We pray that refugees never lose hope of finding a more secure future.

We pray that refugees will encounter an outstretched hand of welcome.

We pray that refugees will experience fraternal solidarity and the warmth of friendship.

We pray for those devoting their lives to helping refugees, that they will find strength in your love.

We pray for ourselves, that we will recognise Jesus Christ in those whom seek refuge.

We pray for justice and an increasing commitment to peace, the indispensable condition for all authentic progress.

Amen

Last year, a group of students received the Sacrament of Confirmation and this year the invitation is open to them to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist, and begin some informal preparation for the Sacrament of Penance. Families of these students have been sent a letter this week with revised dates, as there were some clashes with weekend sport, and the invitation is also extended to any other students who are aged 9 years or older, and who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation previously to join us in the preparation for Eucharist. The preparations for this will begin next term, with an information session on Thursday 20 July at 5pm in the Church. If anyone would like further information, please contact either Father Biju or me.

We have lots of exciting events to kick off Term 3 in the first week back. School starts back on Tuesday 11 July, and our NAIDOC Week celebrations will take place on this day (as NAIDOC Week falls during the holidays). On **Wednesday 12 July**, we will have musician Andrew Chinn doing workshops with our students and then he will perform a concert for our families from 2pm. We will have our high jump competition on **Thursday 13 July** from 8:40am-10:40am and families are welcome to come to the school oval to watch their children in action. **Friday 14 July** will be our school Athletics Carnival for all students in Prep to Year 6.

Have a wonderful holiday break. I hope you get some time to relax and enjoy having your children home!

God bless,
Amy.

In The Classroom.....

Following their class mass, Year 4 have been learning more about Jesus' new commandment to 'Love one another as I have loved you'. They have completed some beautiful paper weaving using love hearts as a reminder of this message, and Father Biju even popped by to see what they had been up to!

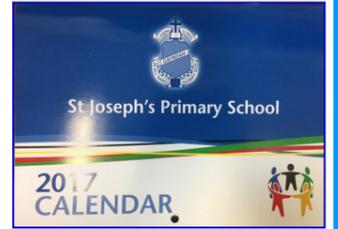


HERE'S THE NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP Stock up for winter! Most sizes of winter uniform are currently in stock. Please contact the office on **41611889** or **Kym Baker on 0409 961 490**. Payment can be made via cash, EFTPOS direct deposit or cheque.

OFFICE NEWS: Keep up to date with school events with our school calendar. If you didn't

receive one at the start of the year or would like one for a family member, please contact the office!

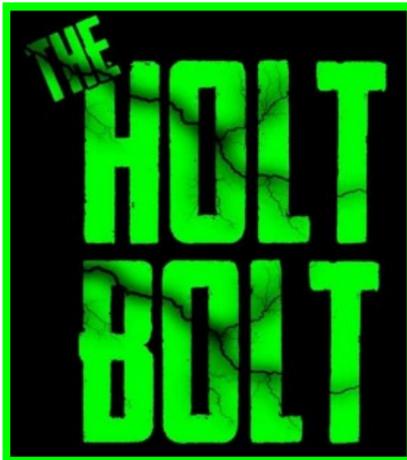


LOST: Childrens reading glasses with orange and grey Nike frames, please contact the office if found.

With today's newsletter:

- Heartland Festival info
- Bundy Bowl & Leisure info

INCIDENT REPORT On Friday the 9th of June there was an incident that resulted in a parked car being left with some major damage to one side. It is believed that this might have been a result of an incoming or exiting vehicle on the Fielding St side of the school. Unfortunately no one has come forward to explain the accident. If you know of any details relating to this incident could you please see Mr Gray or Mrs Glisson at your soonest convenience.



Student of the Week



Week 9

- . Year 5 - Shelby Rowles
- Year 4 - Jackson Barbeler
- Year 6 - Declan Roth
- Year 3 - Tori Bayntun
- Year 5 - Eli Roberts
- Year 3 - Daelen Maddern
- Year 5 - Cadence Webster





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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

ICAS Writing - Monday 12 June
P & F Meeting - Tuesday 13
June

ICAS Spelling - Wednesday 14
June

Community Notices

TASTES OF COULSTOUN LAKES: - Sunday 2nd July

A five course food tour of the picturesque agricultural community of Coulstoun Lakes showcasing local produce and local stories! - **Tickets on sale now!**

Limited tickets available - \$90 per person

Purchase online at heartlandfestival.com.au. For more info visit @Coulstounlakesdevelopmentgroupinc on Facebook or contact Sarah on 0408 131 353



TENNIS HOT SHOTS:

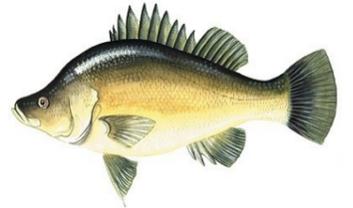
Vacancies exist each Friday afternoon for Term 3, 2017 at the Gayndah Tennis complex, Barrow Street, for players to come and join Tennis Australia's National program, conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner, with lots of fun & games to suit all levels. Registration is essential. To guarantee your spot, **phone Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753**

“CATCH A CATTY” FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION:

Mingo Crossing (camping available bookings 41616200)

- 5am - 5pm **Saturday 26th August** & 5am - 10:30am **Sunday 27th August.**
- Cash & Prizes to value of \$10000
- Nominations \$25 Senior, \$5 junior (15 yrs & under), Family \$50 (2 adults & 2 juniors)

For more info contact **Beppie 41563185** or Ruth **41277252**



School Holiday Ideas!

HOLIDAY SCRAPBOOKING CLASSES

Call Stacey Duncan **0407 030 143** to book your spot in some creative fun with photos

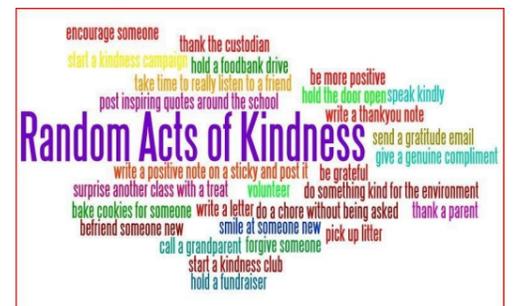
Every Tuesday and Thursday of the school holidays
From 10am to 12pm - 39 Capper Street

**KIDS KINDNESS CRAFT WORKSHOP -
Gayndah Arts & Cultural Centre (art room)**

Saturday 24th June at 12:30pm - 2:30pm

\$6 per child, Grades 1-6 (only 40 spots available)

Bookings to **Rachel 0427551973**



ST MATTHEW'S ANNUAL TEDDY BEARS PICNIC - ALL AGES

Thurs 29th June 9:30am - 11am

- Games and Fun activities
- Under the trees behind the hall\
- Morning Tea supplied

Please bring your favourite Teddy Bear!



**TEDDY
BEAR
PICNIC**