



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2017 Term Three

Week Three

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
26 July 2017



Principal's Letter to Parents

Hi Everyone

What a fantastic time we are having at Joeys this week. Between celebrating Catholic Education Week, Entertainment Night for our Year 5 and 6 students and just on the whole, the school is really getting into the groove as we move through week three. I thought I would share with you this week some of the wonderful things I have seen happening around the classes this week as I popped in and out.

Prep

What can't our preppies do? That is the question I find myself asking when I snuck into the classroom this week. The way they are building bigger, more complicated sentences just to tell me about their weekend was very cool. I didn't have to look far to see just what they had been learning about as it was all over the room with sight words and their story writing. I was lucky enough to experience grouped reading with the students as part of guided reading and the growth just in the past few weeks is wonderful to see. What could have been more exciting than to celebrate the first 100 days of school? They were making fruit loop necklaces, paper chains and all sorts of amazing items. One thing is for sure, if I ever need an energy boost I know exactly where to find it.



Year 1/2

When I had the opportunity to poke my head into Year 1/2 this week I was loving what I was seeing as part of their literacy development. I happened to strike it lucky and came into the classroom as they were completing a spelling task that saw them exploring the many sounds that the letter 'o' can make and in particular how it is paired up with other letters to make the same sound. "Spelling isn't always easy Mr Gray, but I try hard and get it close pretty often" was a comment made to me at one stage. Keep up the great work 1/2, you will be spelling even the most difficult of words in no time with that attitude!

Year 3

'Mrs Colvin, I don't think we have been doing much Maths lately'. How unaware that young student really was..... I had the pleasure of overhearing that conversation which went on to discuss just how much they really had done and he hadn't realised because put plainly, it was fun and surely maths can't be that much fun. Making shapes through angles, learning multiplication through growing patterns and of course developing a love for penguins through conversations of measurement. I often refer to the fact that laughing kids learn, in this case engaged kids learn and they don't even realise it.



Year 4

Mrs Bernie and Mrs McGregor always know just the right time for certain things to take place throughout the week and from time to time I love jumping into the classroom just to be a part of their open conversations. 'Humility' isn't a quality that comes easily for children or adults alike and for the students of Year 4 they worked hard to make sense of it and how they can strive to be more humble in their relationships with others. I was really impressed with how they linked the information provided with their own experiences and perspectives on the world. I can already see how they will make wonderful leaders of the future.



Year 5/6

Wow, we have some very talented students when it comes to drama, singing and performance. The students of Year 5/6 are putting the final touches on their Entertainment Night this week and I was very impressed with what I saw. The night is more than just the performance though, it creates an opportunity for students to shine in ways they may not have the chance ordinarily, it builds team work and comradery through grouped performances and above all else it celebrates the wonderful learning students have been doing throughout the year thus far.

Reminder: The Mathematics Game for this week is attached to the newsletter.

Have a great week everyone,

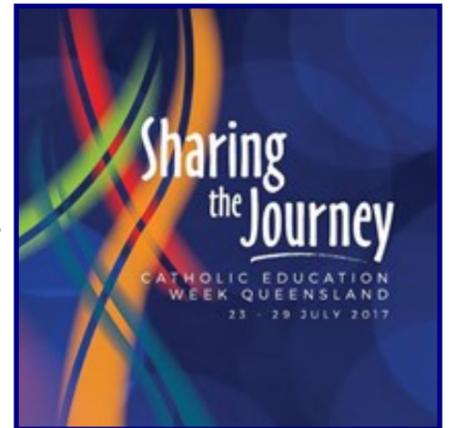
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From the APRE

This week is Catholic Education Week, which is a time where we celebrate the achievements of Catholic Education across Queensland. The theme for this year is 'Sharing the Journey'. The word 'journey' is a fitting way to describe the story of Catholic Education in Queensland, and the way it has grown and spread from humble beginnings. Here at St Joseph's, we invited the students from St Joseph's Childers to join us for our celebrations on Monday. We began the day with a special prayer liturgy that focused on the theme of journey, and Father Pat discussed the way that Jesus leads us through the journey of life. We then shared lunch together and cut our Catholic Education Week cake, much to the delight of the students! This was followed by rotational activities around the theme of 'journey'. Our students had the opportunity to participate in activities such as a scavenger hunt locating various religious icons and places around the school, drawing in chalk feet to show ways we can follow Jesus' teachings, writing prayers and assembling them into a 'prayer highway', making pictures using our hands and feet, and seeing a sneak preview of the Year 5/6 Entertainment Night. Thank you to our staff for leading these activities, and to our students for their wonderful hospitality and enthusiasm for our visitors from Childers. We are looking forward to doing it all again next year!



Don't forget to check out our Catholic Education Week window display at the drop in centre downtown. Thank you to Mrs Oppy and our staff for their hard work in putting this together.



On Sunday at Mass, we acknowledged several students in our community who are beginning the journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. The Sacrament of Eucharist is when a person receives the bread and wine for the first time, which Catholics believe are transformed into Jesus' body and blood during the mass. Zoe Baker, Jackson Barbeler, Raymond Loakes, James Parr, Elizabeth Roth, Shelby Rowles and Jacob Smith will prepare to receive these gifts at mass for the first time on Sunday 20 August. Please keep them in your prayers at this time.

I often have families comment that they are keen to learn more about the traditions of the Catholic Church, and our Archbishop Mark Coleridge is presently presenting a series of videos about the Catholic mass. The first of these can be found by clicking this link, or on our school P&F Facebook page. <https://portal.office.com/OLS/MySoftware.aspx> It's only a short video but it gives an explanation of the two distinct parts of the mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and it also shares the origins of the word 'mass'. It's a great one to watch if you are after further information. I'll continue to share these videos as they become available.



God bless,
Amy.



DID YOU KNOW?

One of the great opportunities we can offer our students is free access from home to Microsoft's latest product suite, Microsoft Office 2016. This is the suite of programs we use here at school, including things like Microsoft Word, Microsoft Powerpoint and Microsoft Excel. This software is installed on all our student laptops here at school, but families are able to also install it on their home PC, Mac, ipad or iphone for free. It can be downloaded at:

<https://portal.office.com/OLS/MySoftware.aspx> and you will need your child's school email address and password to do this. Students from Years 3-6 know what their credentials are, but if your child is in Prep to Year 2, please contact me and I can give you instructions on how to download the software. This service saves families \$120 per year, so please take advantage of it if you can! The software remains free while your child is a student within a Brisbane Catholic Education school.

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!

BOOKCLUB: Orders are due this week. Please return any orders and payment before this **Friday!**



Catholic Education Week





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**“In All Things
Glorify God”**

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

Term One

**Tues 24 Jan—
Fri 31 March**

Term Two

**Wed 19 April—
Fri 23 June**

Term Three

**Tues 11 July—
Fri 15 Sept**

Term Four

**Tues 3 Oct—
Fri 1 Dec**

**Catholic Education Week - 24-
28th July**

**Leadership Badge Ceremony -
28th July**

**ICAS English - Tuesday 1st
August**

Community Notices



PARISH FETE TUPPERWARE PARTY

Friday 4th August 9.30am at the lunch tables near the playground.

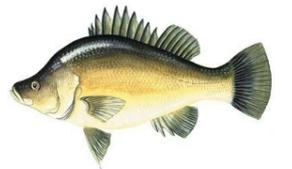
Come along for a cuppa, some morning tea and have a look at the new Tupperware range. All proceeds will be used to buy prizes for the multi draw stall at this year's fete.

“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) available from the school office or

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



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**

GAYNDAH ART GALLERY WINE & CHEESE:

You are invited to the opening for **Suzanne M Robinson's** new exhibition at the Gayndah Art Gallery 34 Meson St. This exhibition will be open 10am - 2pm Tuesday-Sunday until 25th August.

Wine & Cheese evening: 6:30pm Friday 11th August, \$10 entry - all welcome!

Pastel Workshops will also be available on **12th & 13th August.** \$35 per day.

Attend one or both days! Contact 41408057 for further details.

FOUND: Keys have been found at the Art Gallery. If you think these may be yours, please contact 4140 8057

The bella GIRL team is coming to Gayndah
SATURDAY 29TH JULY

DISCOVER YOUR **Value + Beauty + Purpose**

Fabulous Friendships Event
FOR JUNIOR GIRLS (9YRS - 12YRS)
1:30PM - 4:30PM • AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

Real Relationships Event
FOR SENIOR GIRLS (13YRS - 18YRS)
6:30PM - 9:30PM • SUPPER PROVIDED

Where: THE BLUE BUILDING, 4 CAPPER STREET, GAYNDAH

RSVP: IF POSSIBLE, BUT NOT NECESSARY. TEXT TO 0437 612 764

THESE ARE FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS
OPEN TO RESIDENTS FROM ALL
NORTH BURNETT TOWNS