



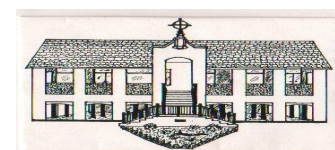
St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2017 Term Three

Week Eight

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
30 August 2017



Principal's Letter to Parents

Hi everyone

As we reach the conclusion of our celebration of reading and 'Book Week', I thought I would share the final couple of elements from the information presented last week. This week I have provided a couple of easy to use strategies that can be used at home with children of all ages. These strategies are not hierarchical. They all offer layers of support to give the reader access to the book of his/her choice. Remember, the reader always holds the book.

Echo reading

Echo reading is simply, parent reads a sentence, paragraph or page (depending on the text) and the child repeats it back. Before starting, negotiate with the child to read a sentence, paragraph or page. The parent reads first. The child re-reads (echoes) the sentence, paragraph or page. Continue in this way to complete the book.

Shared reading

With shared reading, the parent reads, the child reads. They take turns to read. The parent negotiates with the child to read a sentence, paragraph or page depending on the book. When the parent reads, any loss of meaning, misunderstandings or mispronunciations that have been made by the child are rectified without drawing attention to the child's miscues.

Paired reading

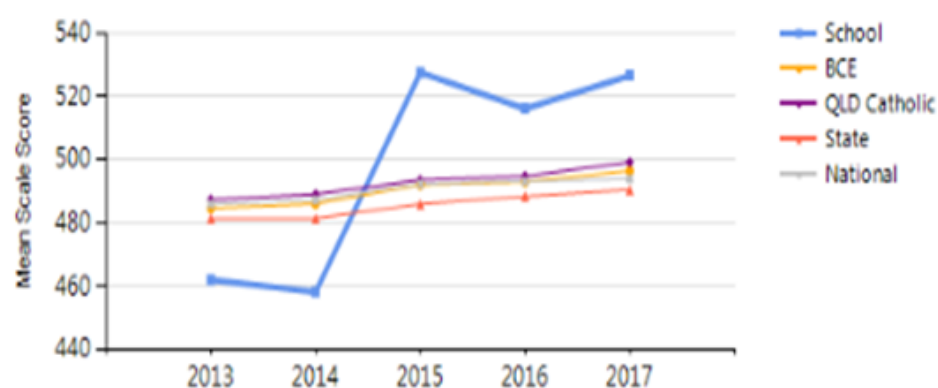
Paired reading is an effective support for readers who ignore punctuation, read in a monotone, and/or extremely quickly or slowly. Paired reading is simply reading together at the same pace and in the same place. The parent reads in a normal reading voice. It usually takes a couple of sentences for both readers to fall into sync.

As always, ensure that the reading time you invest in together is fun, relaxed and if tensions arise when reading levelled school books, go back to the ones they love and revisit the school book tomorrow, it's a journey not a race.

NAPLAN

Recently the NAPLAN results for years 3 and 5 were released for 2017. Some fantastic results again for the students of St Joseph's Primary. Across both year levels at least 60% of student exceeded the national average with 70% of students in Year 5 reaching these levels. In numeracy, the year 5 students achieved the highest results on average for that year level across our North Cluster. Within Year 3, the students were only marginally short of achieving their highest results in reading and the senior students achieved consistent growth from the past three years in every aspect of the assessment. Overall a wonderful step forward as a school for this year and heading into the future.

Year 5 Test - NAPLAN Trend - Numeracy



Congratulations

A big congratulations to the Mrs Roth, Mrs Rowles and Team Purple who raised another \$500 on the weekend for being the best dressed team to compete in the Bridge to Brisbane. A notable achievement also to our equestrian team who all came home with ribbons on the three day event last week. The celebrations continue to roll on with James and Deb being selected in the North Burnett Cricket Team and a number of St Joseph's students coming away with medals and trophies following the conclusion of the netball season. Well done everyone.

Have a great week

Ben





From the APRE

I recently came across a wonderful article that spoke about finding God in the everyday moments in life. The writer, Brother Damien Price, likens spirituality to spending time in a bar where there are several sections, including the fancy private bar and the public beer garden. I'd like to share an excerpt of this article, as not only did I find the analogy of a 'beer garden God' fascinating, I think it speaks to the religious experiences of many people in these busy times.

"We can use this analogy to look at how we approach spirituality. I am saddened when people look for God in only the heightened moments or the overtly religious occasions. When they don't find God there, they walk away from faith."

So often we look for God in the exclusive "private bar" times and places. Too often we look for the thunder clap God or the God of incense, thuribles and choir-boy singing.

Our God can be found and celebrated there too but for most of us our God will be found in the 'ordinary' – in the everyday. As Fr Richard Rohr OFM says: "God comes to us disguised as our lives!"

Mine is a Beer Garden God; the God of the story, the God of the ordinary, the God of the little moments, the painful moments, the joy-filled moments, the speechless, awestruck moments, the boring moments – any moment that is love in its thousand faces and equally as many disguises!

My God comes to the round tables of life and takes off his sandals, takes a towel and washes the dirty, dusty feet of the ordinary in the ordinary moments of life.

And then what does this Beer Garden God do? He shares story and invites story.

So at the tables of life, our God whispers to our hearts: "Your story is sacred!"

At the tables of life, our God whispers to our heart: "I love you – just as you are."

And our God smiles at those gathered around round tables and laughs with the stories shared and cries with the broken one and sits in silence in the moments of awe or pain.

Don't go looking for a big God or an angry God.

No – become small, become silent – become aware – and then with eyes wide open and hearts truly open – be surprised at your Beer Garden God in the small and ordinary moments of your sacred life!"

The full article can be found at: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/spending-time-beer-garden-god/>

Year 5/6 and Prep will attend mass this Thursday. I encourage you to join us, and also to have a look at the next video in Archbishop Mark's 'The Mass' series, which explores the readings. It can be found [here](#).

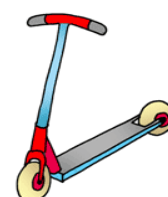
This Friday, we will celebrate and acknowledge the fathers and father figures in our lives, starting with a Father's Day Breakfast at 8:15am, hosted by Year 4. They will then lead us in prayer for a special Father's Day assembly. All are warmly invited to join us.

God our Father, in your wisdom and love You made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This year, all Brisbane Catholic Education Schools are working in partnership to raise funds for Rosies. Rosies is a volunteer-based organisation that provides outreach services to the homeless and are best known for their street vans in major cities around Australia that provide food and companionship. In order to raise some money for this wonderful organisation, we are hosting a **'Wheels for Rosies' day next Monday 4 September**. Students are invited to bring their bikes, scooters or skates to school next Monday, along with a gold coin donation, and they can ride them around in the Sports Centre at lunchtime. **Students must have a helmet if they wish to participate**. I encourage all students to get involved in this worthy cause and help support those in need.

Best wishes to all the fathers and father figures for a wonderful day on Sunday.

God bless,
Amy.





FATHER'S DAY STALL

MONDAY 28TH AUGUST –
FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER
8AM–8:45AM
& AFTER SCHOOL
ON THE 5/6 DECK

FUNDRAISING TOY CATALOGUES

Payment and orders are due to the school office by **Friday 6th October** (1st week back after the holidays). Our school receives 20% from any orders placed. Stock up for Christmas! Please contact the office if you would like extra catalogues for friends or family.



TUCKSHOP Thank you to this week's Tuckshop volunteers: Kym Baker, Giuseppe Catalano, Nicole Slattery, Lisa Baker, Jacqui Kirk, Sarah Webster.



Students of the Week!

Week 7

Year 4 - Indianna Hitchcock
Year 1/2 - Monique Hitchcock
Year 5 - Jackson Kreis
Prep - Mia Holden
Year 6 - Ebonee Kreis



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**“In All Things
Glorify God”**

Community Notices



**FRESH BASIL, BOK CHOY, SHALLOTS
AND PARSLEY** - Available from the Year
5/6 Community Ministry garden. See the
school office, Mrs Oppy or Mrs Evans!



GARAGE SALE TRAIL – Save the Date! Sat 21 and Sun 22 October 2017

The growth rate of waste we churn out has grown six times faster than the population. Eek! But you don't have to stop buying nice things and you can do something about it. The simple act of hosting or shopping at a garage sale on one day does a lot more than making a few bucks or discovering a bargain. Garage



Sale Trail is about creating a national movement to encourage us all to consider what we use, what we can reuse and the impact we all make on the planet. For further information refer to the Garage Sale Trail website garagesaletrail.com.au or call Council's Environmental Health staff on **1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC)**.

FREE ACTING WORKSHOP - GAYNDAH FRI 1 SEPT - 6-8PM

Gayndah Arts Centre (downstairs room)

Bookings: 0427 551 973

Ages 8-21 welcome. - No experience necessary.

Seraya Young (dip method acting) has appeared on television in Medivac, Fire, series on SBS & ABC, in film, commercials and on stage. Join her for a hands-on masterclass in Lecoq Theatre Mask Acting. Learn character development using Lecoq (Basel) masks in a fun interactive workshop, and practice interaction between character types and their dynamics.



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM 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>

5/6 Cake stall - Sat 26th Aug
Book Week Dress up Day - Wed 30th Aug
Year 6 Camp 5-8 September
P & F Meeting - 12th September
Town Christmas Tree lighting - Thur 16 November

SAVE THE DATE

\$25 per player
(lunch included)

Nominations 10.30am
Tee off 11am

3 Ball Golf Ambrose
SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

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