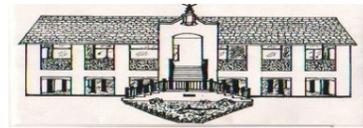




St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2019 Term Two
Week One

Newsletter Date
Friday
26 April 2019



Principal's Letter to Parents

Dear families, students and staff,

Welcome to Week 1 of Term 2 and all that it offers. We keep in our prayers Lisa Brunjes, Karen Madden, Sheela Campollo, Mrs Oppy's sister, Hilde, Vicki Kirk's mother and all those who are in need at this time.

You might like to light a candle as you pray. You can do so online at:
<http://lightaprayercandle.bne.catholic.edu.au/LightaPrayerCandle/>



Volunteer Student Protection:

Thank you to those parents who responded last term by completing the online Student Protection training. A further reminder that all who volunteer, for example, the upcoming athletics carnivals, must complete this training annually. Could I urge you to make this a priority if you have not already done so.

Easter Season:

One of the best things about Easter is looking forward to it; we live in hope of its arrival and the release it gives to us from the daily routine that had set in since Christmas. One of the main themes of the Easter period is that of hope. In the pre-Easter period we saw how Christ, in all His final pain and misery, somehow kept alive in His heart the hope that all His sufferings would eventually be turned into victory and joy.



In the post-Easter period, we are encouraged to wait with optimism for the coming of the Spirit. The reason for optimism is based on the extraordinary transformation effected on the apostles at the first Pentecost. They became the "New Christs". Canadian theologian Ron Rolheiser brings a new lens of understanding to this transformative effect.

Through his crucifixion Jesus took in hatred, held it inside himself, transformed it, and gave back love. He took in bitterness, held it, transformed it, and gave back graciousness. He took in curses, held them, transformed them, and gave back blessing. He took in paranoia, held it, transformed it, and gave back big-heartedness. He took in murder, held it, transformed it, and gave back forgiveness. And he took in enmity, bitter division, held it, transformed it, and through that revealed to us the deep secret for forming community, namely, we need to take away the hatred that divides us by absorbing and holding it within ourselves and thereby transforming it. His article concluded with his observation that We live in bitterly divisive times, paralyzed in terms of meeting amicably on virtually every sensitive issue of politics, economics, morality, and religion. That stalemate will remain until one by one, we each transform rather than enflame and retransmit the hatred that divides us.

Orange Festival:

The town is abuzz with the Orange Festival happening next weekend. Mrs Oppy and helpers have done an amazing job with our window display at the Central and North Burnett Times.

On Monday we begin practising with the whole school our line dance for behind the school float entry. Thank you to the Hetherington family for loaning their ute as the vehicle. The decoration is a simple 'barn dance' and, as we have no queen entrant, no one will be on the float.

Students and staff will be line dancing behind the float. A letter will be sent home on Monday with further details and permission form.



Term 2:

It is a busy term ahead with:

- Orange Festival
- Athletics and tennis lessons (begin next week)
- Mothers' Day (high tea & assembly Wed 8 May)
- Book Fair - 7 - 15 May
- NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5 (14, 15, 16 May)
- Athletics carnivals - School (24 May) & District (31 May)
- Under 8s Day for Prep - Yr 3 (Wed 22 May)
- Jed Cahill Film-making with Yr 4-6 (Wed 22 May)
- Wellness Week (3-7 June)
- Centenary Paint & Sip (Saturday 22 June)
- And much more!!!!

Last chance to get your recipe in to our Centenary Cookbook! Email your favourite recipe to the school at pgayndah@bne.catholic.edu.au or drop it into the school office.

From the APRE



Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and that our students feel refreshed and re-energised for the 10 week term ahead. It will certainly be a busy one, with lots of important events occurring. With such a busy term ahead, I encourage you to keep an eye on our newsletters, Parent Portal and our school Facebook page for information about what is happening.

The ANZAC Spirit Lives On

At the centre of this week, our students and staff paused to commemorate ANZAC Day. I am so proud to see so many of our students and staff represented around the Gayndah district in various Anzac Day services. Thank you to those that represented St Joey's with pride at these services...the ANZAC spirit certainly lives on. In our Catholic tradition, we have just celebrated Easter and in our church calendar we are still in the midst of the Easter season. Easter means many things, but above all it is about fullness of life and about changing our hearts so that we can see things differently. ANZAC Day can also be a reminder and an invitation for us to do and see things differently. My hope is that ANZAC Day challenges us all to work towards building a culture of peace. As we respectfully remember those who died in war, I hope that we each choose acts of peace and kindness in our own relationships with one another, as a tribute to those who have died in war.



Opportunities to choose acts of peace and kindness present themselves every day. One act of kindness can make a tremendous impact on another person's day, and even on their life. However, as parents and carers of the young people in our lives, we know that kindness, compassion and empathy are not skills that necessarily come naturally... they are life skills that we need to teach our children. As we take the opportunity to commemorate ANZAC day this week, perhaps our challenge is to reflect on what we teach our children about what it means to be a good human being. We could ask ourselves, what conversations do we have with our children about being kind? How do we show them what it means to show compassion, to forgive others and to love unconditionally? In a world that is increasingly divided, perhaps our hope for a future of peace, begins with the conversations we have closer to home.



Parish Announcement

It is with sadness that our St Joseph's Catholic Church will no longer have a resident priest. For our parish, weekday Masses no longer exist and weekend Masses will only occur twice a month. For many within the parish, this is a difficult time and this change brings about some anxiety, uncertainty and disappointment. Understandably, we think of what will change and how this will effect not only our parish but our school. Among other things, celebrations of the Eucharist (Mass) as a whole school community will be led by staff in a liturgy format, and preparation for the sacraments and celebrations of the sacraments will also change. We are not the first parish to experience this reality, but it is a first for us as a parish and school community. Whilst this is not a disaster, it is an opportunity to grow and adapt and create ways to nurture our faith as a Catholic community. We thank Fr Adrian Farrelly - Episcopal Vicar of the North Country Deanery who has given our Catholic church in Gayndah a voice. He will continue to administer the parish from Gympie and work in consultation with Terese and I to ensure the Catholic tradition and ethos of St Joseph's flourishes and continues to be nurtured.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the Australian curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine day on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

NAPLAN assesses our Yr 3 and 5 students in literacy and numeracy skills that they are already learning through the Australian curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher.

ACARA does not recommend the use of commercial products, such as booklets and practice tests, to help your child prepare for NAPLAN tests. None of the commercial products currently on the market are endorsed by ACARA.

If you are concerned about your child sitting NAPLAN for any reason, please contact Mrs Shephard (Principal), Miss O'Connor (APRE) or Jennell Bernie (Support Teacher Inclusive Education) to discuss how we can best support your child.

SPORTS NEWS

This term, we have been very fortunate to have Stacey Duncan and Kevin Banner for weekly athletics and tennis sessions. This will be a great lead in to our Athletics Carnival in Week 5. Stacey and Kevin both come with coaching accreditation, years of experience and a wealth of knowledge in their chosen sporting fields. Athletics lessons will begin this Monday (29/4) and tennis lessons will commence on Friday. We encourage our students to wear their sports uniform on these days.

DATE CLAIMERS

On a final note, there is much happening this term. Due to carnivals and other events, some assemblies have been moved to different days. Below, I have listed a number of date claimers for carnivals, assemblies, liturgies and more...

Mother's Day High Tea and Assembly: Wednesday 8 May, 1pm (led by Yr 4/5)

Naplan (Yr 3 and 5): Tuesday 14 May - Thursday 16 May

Walk to School Safely: Friday 17 May (meeting at Lions Park)

Sorry Day Liturgy: Wednesday 22 May, 2:30pm (led by Yr 2/3)

Athletics Day: Friday 24 May at school grounds

District Athletics Day: Friday 31 May at local sport's grounds

Yr 6 Assembly: Friday 7 June

Prep/Yr 1 Assembly: Friday 21 June

End of Term Liturgy: Friday 28 June

Keep smiling
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OFFICE NEWS

Please let the office know as soon as possible if there are any changes to your students' bus arrangements. This form can also be found on the Parent Portal.

SPORTS NEWS

- Well done to all of our students for their participation and behaviour during the district **Cross Country** on Friday 5th April. Congratulations to those students selected for **North Burnett** on **Wednesday May 1st** in Biggenden! Reminder to ensure all permission & medical forms plus the \$5 levy has been returned to school by Monday 29 April.
- Well done also to our students competing in **Wide Bay Touch** in Gympie this week—we are very proud!



We are looking for parent helpers on Wednesdays to help with book labelling. Any time you can spare would be wonderful.

Please contact Mrs Carlaw or the school office if you can help.

Thank You!



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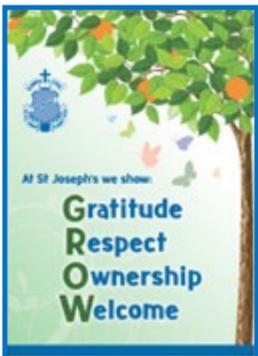
**ST JOSEPH'S
SCHOOL TERM
DATES 2019**

**Term 1: Wednesday 30
January to Friday 5 April**

**Term 2: Tuesday 23rd
April to Friday 28 June**

**Term 3: Tuesday 16 July
to Friday 20 September**

**Term 4: Wednesday 9 Oc-
tober to Friday 6 Decem-
ber**



**"In All Things
Glorify God"**



Notices

ICECREAM FUNDRAISER:

Next *Wednesday, 1st May*, our Year Six students will be holding an ice-cream stall at lunchtime. Ice-creams are \$2 each and profits will go to the homeless in Australia.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL:

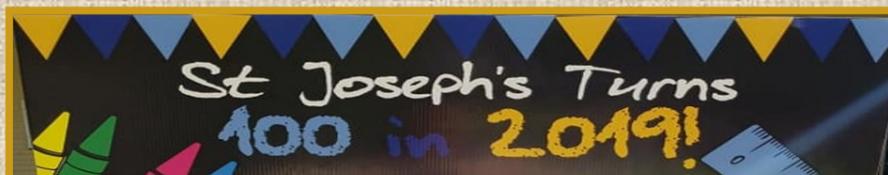
Year Six Mother's Day stall, *Tuesday 7th May—Friday 10th May*, outside the Year six classroom. 8.15am—8.40am and 3pm—3.30 pm.

BOOKFAIR:

Tuesday 7th – Wednesday 15th May in the library. Open from 8.20am—8.40am and 3pm to 3.30 pm.

MOTHER'S DAY DRAWING COMPETITION:

Gayndah Guardian Pharmacy is holding a Mothers Day Competition. Entries will be sent home with students and are also available instore. Please return to GAYNDAH GUARDIAN PHARMACY before *Wednesday 8th May*. Each entry will receive a FREE GIFT for MUM & Most Creative entry will WIN a Equilibrium Necklace for MUM.



Date Claimer: 14 & 15 Sept 2019

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