

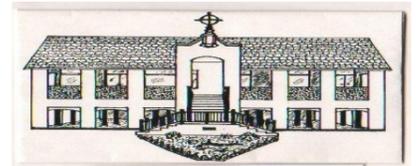


St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2018 Term One

Week Three

Newsletter Date
Wednesday
7th February 2018



Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 3 and all that it brings.

As you would know, we have been working on gratitude. Whilst we had to postpone our welcome BBQ last Friday night, I'm sure we were all grateful for the beautiful rain. We hope to see many of you at the Welcome BBQ 2.0, this Friday evening from 6pm. A reminder that parents are asked to provide either a salad or dessert, along with your own drinks.

Tomorrow, Thursday 8 Feb, our classes will hold a **Parent Information Session**. Times are listed below:

Prep – 2:30pm
Year 1/2 – 6:00pm
Year 3 – 6:00pm
Year 4 – 6:30pm
Year 5/6 – 6:30pm

If you have more than one child, you may only be able to attend one session but much of the information is whole school and will be repeated. Teachers will be making more use of the Parent Portal this year for class specific information. We will let you know when it is ready to go.

At our assembly last Friday, the Year Five students taught the school about 'growth mindset'. A person with a growth mindset believes that the brain is malleable and intelligence can grow with perseverance, effort and time. A growth mindset doesn't say, "I'm no good at maths." A growth mindset says, "I'm struggling with these problems, but I will keep trying different strategies or ask for help." A growth mindset accepts that failure is part of the learning process. A growth mindset understands that every person can learn and achieve, but not in the same way and not on the same day.



LENT:

Next week we begin the 40-day liturgical season of Lent with our Mass on Ash Wednesday.

Why 40 days?

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture. In Genesis, the flood that destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain. The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God. Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry. Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent and it is the Gospel reading for the first Sunday of Lent.

Caritas' Project Compassion appeal also begins and each week we will hear stories of some of the people around the globe that our donations assist.



BREAKFAST CLUB:

Thank you to all those who have donated items to our breakfast Club. I have witnessed the children enjoying their toast with jam, vegemite or eggs. We would like to add a bowl of fruit to the program, which could also be accessed by children who need a little extra at snack time.

If you are able to donate any fruit (preferable fruit that does *not* need to be cut up e.g. watermelon) we would be very grateful.

SPORT:

I'm sure the children are very excited about their sport lessons on Wednesday with Miss O'Connor. There is sun-screen available in the classroom. However, if your child is allergic to sunscreen, please ensure they have their own available in their bag to apply.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 9 FEB:

Our Year 6 leaders will have their commissioning ceremony at Friday's assembly. As this is a special time for them, we will not be doing birthdays or Student of the Week awards. These will be held over to next week's assembly.

P & F MEETING:

Our first P & F Meeting for the year will be held in the staff room on **Tuesday 13 February** from 7pm. Please come along!

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From the APRE



Easter seems only just around the corner, so the season of Lent begins in next week with Ash Wednesday on February 14. This begins the special time of preparation for Easter. We will be holding two events during next week, with the students, to prepare and begin our Lenten season. This is a time we also begin our collections for Project Compassion and more details will be sent out once our boxes and information have arrived from Caritas.

Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day

On Tuesday 13 February, we will begin preparing for our Lenten journey by celebrating Shrove Tuesday. This follows the tradition where people used up all of the fats in the house that they would go without until Easter. We will begin with a small prayer on Shrove Tuesday followed by the annual Pancake Tuesday race. This will begin at 2pm and all are welcome to attend. We are asking that before each student races, they give a GOLD coin which will begin our collection for Project Compassion.



Lent is a time for self-discipline. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is fast approaching and with it the very Catholic anxiety about what we are "giving up for Lent." Many of us focus so much on what we give up - a practice not made mandatory by the Church - that we neglect the three pillars of Lent; prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Throughout the 40 days of Lent, people are called to fast and pray, but just before Lent starts, has become a time of merrymaking, culminating on Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Tuesday, the day before Lent begins.



The name Shrove Tuesday comes from the custom of ringing the 'shriving bell' to summons the people to church to be 'shriven,' that are to confess their sins at the beginning of Lent. At that time, certain foods like eggs, milk, meat and rich buttery dishes were given up for the duration of Lent. One way that they used up the eggs, milk and fats in the house was to add flour to make special pancakes. In England, the popularity of pancakes

caused Shrove Tuesday to be called Pancake Day, a tradition we also follow here in Australia.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Our Ash Wednesday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, 14 February at 9am**. Families and friends are all most welcome to attend. Ash Wednesday begins our special time of Lent.

Ash Wednesday begins the forty days of preparation for celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. The word 'Lent' actually comes from the old English word meaning "springtime". In Australia, in the Southern Hemisphere, Lent usually falls in the season of summer and autumn and the experience of what comes with springtime is therefore different. However, it is still a time with rich meaning and symbols. Lent is a time for strengthening our faith, a time to reflect on who we are and where we are going. It is a time of quietness and prayer, a time of penance and meditation, a time to become aware of our strengths and weaknesses.



During our Ash Wednesday Mass, ashes are placed on our foreheads, in one of the most counter-cultural acts of our faith.

It is done for two reasons: a personal act of remembrance and as a sign or a witness for others. We hope to see you all at our Ash Wednesday Mass.

During Lent, we try to make a conscious effort to prepare ourselves for Easter.

We can do this by increasing our prayer, helping others, fasting, giving up things we particularly like, and supporting Project Compassion. Lent urges us to identify and walk with Jesus as he travels towards Jerusalem and the place of his death and resurrection. In the spirit of renewal and conversion we observe Lent by reflecting on the central events of Jesus' life and welcoming the opportunity to grow through changing our lives.

The St Joey's Gratitude Project

In the last couple of weeks, the students have been taking a closer look at GRATITUDE and what that looks like at St Joseph's. To foster and to assist our students in learning about GRATITUDE, we have decided to create the St Joey's Gratitude Project. Anyone can place a thank you note in our bucket and our bucket is located at reception. A thank you can go a long way and can certainly brighten a person's day. These thank you notes will be read out at Friday assembly and given to the recipients.



Keep smiling

Bec O'Connor

What's happening.....

Year 1/2 Liturgy
(2pm: Thursday 8 February)
In Year 1/2 classroom

Yr 6 Leadership Induction Assembly
(9am: Friday 9 February)

Welcome BBQ
(6pm: Friday 9 February)

Pancake Tuesday - Pancake Race
(2pm: 13 February)

Ash Wednesday
(9am: 14 February)

The Gratitude Project

Who can participate?	Anyone (Families, Staff, Students, Visitors)
Who do we thank?	Anyone (Families, Staff, Students, Visitors)
What do we do?	<p>Write a thank you note</p> <p><i>Example One:</i> Thank you Mrs Smith for helping me out with that Maths problem. I can now solve similar problems by myself.</p> <p><i>Example Two:</i> Thanks Mum and Dad for the sandwiches...they were delicious. The treat was awesome too.</p> <p><i>Example Three:</i> Thank you Harry for playing with me at lunchtime. I was feeling a bit sad today. It was nice to have someone to play with.</p>
Where do we put our notes?	A box will be left outside the school office - drop your notes in. A sample of thank yous will be read out at assembly each week - the rest will be delivered to the recipient. You do not have to sign your name if you want to remain anonymous.

STUDENT of the WEEK!

Week 2
 Year 4 - Poppi Chambers
 Year 5 - Indianna Hitchcock,
 Year 6 - Lizzie Roth
 Year 3 - Mac Ahern
 Year 1/2 - Elyjah Terry
 & Darcy Ahern
 Prep - Scarlett Porter





FROM THE OFFICE:

- Don't forget to 'follow' our [St. Joseph's P & F Facebook](#) page!
- Spare 2018 calendars are available, please let the office know if you would like an extra for family members

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub is due **THIS Friday!** This year we are encouraging parents to order online using the **LOOP** system. Catalogues are sent home as normal, and then orders can be made and paid for online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP You will find more information on **LOOP** on the order form at the back of the catalogue.

If you prefer to pay by cash we can still accept orders at the office. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Our first **P & F Meeting FOR 2018** will be held in the staff room on **next Tuesday 13 Feb** at 7PM. A reminder that all parents are automatically members of the **P & F** when they enrol their children in a Catholic school and are invited to attend. Please come along and meet other parents and join the conversation. Many hands make light work!

VOLUNTEER STUDENT PROTECTION:

It is a mandatory requirement that all parents/grandparents and other personnel who work in **any capacity** in the school (not just in class, working bees, BBQs, fete), are required to complete the Brisbane Catholic Education Volunteer Student Protection online course prior to commencing. The course can be accessed on the right-hand side of the BCE Home page.

<http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/student-protection/Pages/Code-of-Conduct-Training.aspx>

After completion, please print off the completion certificate and bring to the Office. If you are experiencing difficulty with this, David Francis, Guidance Officer is happy to work through this with you on Thursdays. Please contact the Office to arrange an appointment.

The online course must be completed by **Friday February 23**. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter. Student Protection is everyone's business.

TUCKSHOP:

Our first Tuckshop for 2018 is **next Thursday**. Please ensure orders and payment are returned by Monday 12th February. If you can spare a couple of hours even once a term, please return the tuckshop note sent home last week or let the office know. Thank you.

CANBERRA FUNDRAISING - ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

Year 5/6 are hosting the first of their fundraising ventures for Canberra. \$2 Icecream Sandwiches available again tomorrow Thursday 8th February. Available at 1st break!



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Classes are still available in a variety of instruments for both new and existing musical students. Please contact the office for more details or another information sheet/permission form.

Sports News

PE with Miss O'Connor is on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure students are in sports uniform and have a hat and water bottle for PE lessons.

South Burnett trials are just around the corner. Any girls and boys from Yr 4-6 are welcome to attend a softball training session with Miss O'Connor in preparation for this. Sessions will on:

Wednesday Mornings: 7.45 - 8.30am

If there is interest for more training, I will gladly organise more time.

Thursday 8 February, the NRL will be making a visit to St Joseph's and will be bringing two current NRL stars to meet and greet our students.

As well as this, the RL Game Development together with 2 current NRL players will be running a meet & greet event at the Gayndah Sportsground on Wednesday 7th February (4.30-6pm) & a FREE NRL Clinic at Archer Park (Mundubbera) on Thursday 8th February (4.30-6pm) which will be followed by an education session for all Central Burnett coaches. Come along and meet these current NRL superstars. Please register to the clinic via the link below

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=49770&programID=40149>

Around the school.....





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**“In All Things
Glorify God”**

Community Notices

GAYNDAH ART GALLERY PRESENTS:

MOUNT PERRY FINE ARTS GROUP COLLECTION

'A new exhibition of fabulous art and craft!'

16th January - 24th February 10am-2pm (closed Mondays)



GAYNDAH HOSPITAL AUXILIARY - CENT SALE

Where: Bowls Club

When: Saturday 24th February

Time: Doors Open 12:30pm, start 1:30pm

Lucky Door Prize: Basket of fruit

Raffle: \$1 a ticket

Raffle Prizes: Coffee Maker, Coffee set and Meat Tray

Entry: \$5.00, includes afternoon tea

Enquiries: Phone 0438612453, 0429875363, 0419671206

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES

NEWS

Sign On is **Tuesday 13th Feb** at Gayndah SportsGround 4-4.30 finishing at 5.30 with a sausage sizzle.

Cost for the season is \$110 per player including registration, insurance, affiliation fees, shorts and socks. For families (3 or more players) cost is 270.00

Coaches, Leaguesafe and First Aid Officers are required. If parents are interested please contact Melanie Bice **0488654042**

COWBOYS **STORM 20 YEARS**

**ROAD TO THE REGIONS
NRL CLINIC/EDUCATION SESSION**

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY - GAYNDAH SPORTSGROUND
THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY - ARCHER PARK - MUNDUBBERA

**HOLIDAY
CLINICS**

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[Gayndah Meet/Greet \(Tuesday 7th\):](#)

All ages
4:30pm - 6pm

[Mundubbera Clinic \(Thursday 8th\):](#)

Age: 6-16 years - Male & Female
Clinic time: 4:30pm - 6pm
Education session: 6:15pm-7:15pm



PLAYNRL.COM Further Details Contact - Mitch Sargent M: 0417466759

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM
DATES 2018**

Term 1: Tuesday 23 January to Thursday 29 March (10 weeks)	Term 2: Tues- day 17 April to Friday 29 June (11 weeks)
Term 3: Tuesday 17 July to Friday 21 September (10 weeks)	Term 4: Tues- day 9 October to Friday 7 De- cember (9 weeks)

GIRL GUIDES – GAYNDAH - A GIRL GUIDE FUN AFTERNOON

Wednesday, 14th February, At Lion Park from 4pm to 5pm .

Theme: - How girls can help to make our community a better place.

For all Gayndah girls, 6 to 14 years old and Families who like to challenge themselves to do fun Activities in the outdoors. Come and Join us.

Any Questions phone Irene on **0409227355**

