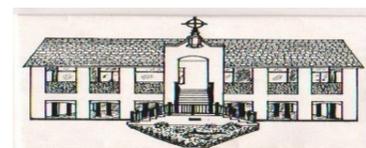




# St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2018 Term Two  
Week Three

Newsletter Date  
Wednesday  
2 May 2018



## Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents/Caregivers, students and staff,

### Welcome to Week 3.

Yesterday was the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker.



To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-joseph-the-worker/>

It seems fitting that we celebrate this feast in the lead up to Labour Day on Monday.



#### PRAYERS:

Prayers please for the following as they recover from injury and surgery Lance Baker (Hugo and Lawson's dad); Deb Barbeler (Jackson and Madison's mum); Casey McCosker and Cahal Pringle (Prep students).

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

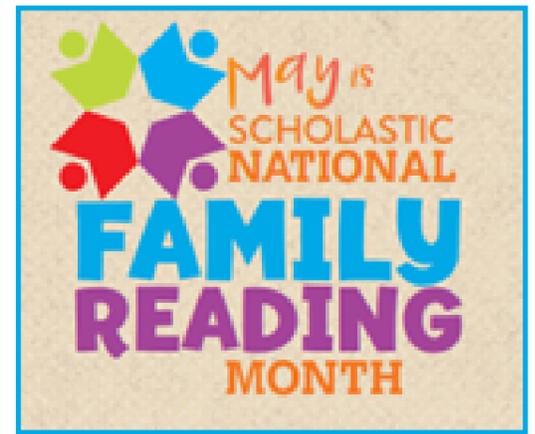
Congratulations to **Mrs. Lorna Doyle** who recently completed Certificate III in Education Support! Our School Officers do a fantastic job of supporting the teachers and our learners to ensure all progress and achieve.

Congratulations also to **Abby Driver** for winning her age group of the North Burnett Cross Country last Friday 27 April.



## NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH:

Every year Scholastic holds the Read More in May competition as it encourages families to read more together. To enter, click on the link (<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/competitions/nfrm18.asp>). The Koala Reading Log then needs to be completed as a record of reading. Winners receive \$100 of book vouchers. Laura and Philip Bunting (author and illustrator) are the ambassadors for National Family Reading Month and you can view their messages here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4ciwOkA\\_xo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4ciwOkA_xo)



On **Friday 25 May** we will hold our Family Reading morning from 8:30 - 9am. Please join your child/ren on the library verandah or under a tree to share a story or two. What is your favourite story to read together? The theme for this year is "Paws for Books" so come dressed as your favourite animal with paws!

## MONTH OF MARY:

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no. 1).



This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion. The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. A *partial indulgence* is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation. Excerpted from *Enchiridion of Indulgences*.

## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

This term some children in Year 3 and 4 are participating in the Parish Sacramental Program and will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on 23 June. Together with Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist comprise the sacraments of Christian initiation. These sacraments lay the foundations of each Christian's life.



In the sacrament of confirmation, Catholics are enriched with the strength of the Holy Spirit and are more closely bound to the Church. The symbolism of the strength of the Holy Spirit comes from the example of Easter Sunday and Pentecost when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began preaching and teaching the Good News. The signs of the sacrament of confirmation are the laying on of hands by the Bishop and the anointing with oil.

Please keep these children in your prayers - Angus Parr, Bella Roth, Ella Smith.

## MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE AND STALL:

Year 5/6 will begin their Mother's Day stall this **Friday 4 May**. The stall will be open from 8am - 8:30am and from 3:00 - 3:30pm.

Raffle tickets were sent home in Week 1. Please ensure you return your book and money by next Wednesday 9 May. See the Office if you need more books.

**Terese**



# From the APRE



*Welcome to Week 3!*

May marks the month of Mary and the Holy family. Interestingly the month starts by celebrating the holiness of St Joseph, Mary's husband. Not much is written about Joseph and it is fitting he is acknowledged at the start of May. He is the patron saint of fathers, workers and the Church. He is remembered for his obedience and trust in God; his humility and selflessness; his courage and the love he showed to Mary and Jesus.

Thanks to all families who supported our local march last Wednesday. The School was well represented across the region. At our school ceremony led by Yr 6, all staff and students paid their respects to the fallen and prayed for peace in various ways. The students participated in our observance with great reverence.



It is incredibly important we don't underestimate the role our students have in the future of this great land. The daily news and social media can paint a gloomy picture but I believe adults often dwell on these more than our students and that students are quite discerning and hopeful. A picture of hope is the only one we can paint otherwise we are setting them up for failure. As a soldier or gun can be an image of pain and suffering, it must also remind them of the good and to see 'God' in all those who protect us. As Easter people, the cross must do the same. It cannot be an image of suffering and evil it must remind us that from hardship new life comes. Jesus' message of love and forgiveness are counter cultural and counter intuitive in this age of consumerism and revenge. As Christians we need to teach our students the same message so they become the agents of change we need them to be in this world.

Last Thursday, our Year 6 leaders spent the day with Mrs Shephard and I. The day involved lots of team building activities, discussion about what it means to be a leader in the eyes of the Church and ideas on how we can put these skills into practice at St Joseph's through the ministries. We were most impressed with our students and know they will serve our school community well and with pride in 2018.

We look forward to celebrating Liturgy of the Word with our Year 1/2 students on **Thursday at 2:15pm** in their classroom. All are welcome to attend...we hope to see you there!

Keep smiling

Bec

**TODAY'S LESSON:**

**KEEPING NAPLAN IN PERSPECTIVE**

- 1) **NAPLAN is about making sure your child is on track in the important areas of literacy and numeracy.**  
Good literacy and numeracy levels are fundamental to a child's learning and development. If children are not going as well as they should in these areas, then parents and teachers need to be aware of this as soon as possible.
- 2) **NAPLAN helps you see your child's growth and achievements**  
Not only does NAPLAN provide data on your child's achievements in literacy and numeracy, but if they continue with NAPLAN at each opportunity, you can see their growth across a seven-year schooling period.
- 3) **NAPLAN isn't high stakes testing and it amounts to less than 16 hours over 7 years of schooling.**  
Parents and teachers should place NAPLAN into context and reassure children about its purpose – to identify, as early as possible, a child's strengths and areas for development to make sure they are progressing in literacy and numeracy.

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# Curriculum Corner

As you are probably well aware, in the next couple of weeks, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in **NAPLAN** testing across the nation. These tests provide us with important data about student progress and the results form part of an overall picture about the work we are doing to improve student outcomes in literacy and numeracy. It is important, however, that parents and students keep the **NAPLAN** tests in perspective. They only provide one piece of a much larger puzzle as we seek to ensure they are progressing appropriately in literacy and numeracy.

Lastly, every three years since 2009, the Australian Government has undertaken a census of all children in their first year of full-time schooling...this would mean our Prep students. This information is used to identify communities where families and children may require extra support and to help shape the future and wellbeing of Australian children.

Each census year, teachers use an Early Development Instrument, which is a series of specific questions, using their knowledge and observations of the children in their class. Children do not lose any class time and parents are not required to provide any additional information to the school.

For the AEDC (Australian Early Development Census), your child's data will be combined with data about the other children living within Gayndah and surrounding towns. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool. This means that an individual child report is not produced. The value of the AEDC is that it provides information for schools, communities and governments to pinpoint the services, resources and support for children and families to help shape the future and wellbeing of Australian children.

More information will be made available in the coming weeks to our Prep parents, but if you have any further queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me or Marti Lazaro...we are happy to answer any questions.



# What's happening.....

**Year 1/2 Liturgy**  
Thursday 4 April, 2:15pm

**Labour Day**  
Monday 7 May

**Mother's Day High Tea & Assembly**  
Friday 11 May, from 1:30pm

## Student of the Week

### Week 2

Year 1/2  
Hunter Roberts

Year 3  
Archie Webster

Prep  
Casey McCosker



## IN THE YEAR 5/6 CLASSROOM

This term the Year 5/6 have decided to bring drama into their literacy classes. We read *My Mother's Eyes* (The story of an Australian Boy Soldier) then broke this book down into 4 main parts. Groups worked together to create freeze frames with only a couple of descriptive words spoken to explain the scene. We then came together and created 4 paragraphs, in our own words, about the scenes of the story. Our next activity was to pick 1 sentence to best describe what happened in that particular scene to create a poem.

This class was met with great enthusiasm and fantastic class participation. A very good way to increase our vocabulary and use of emotive language.

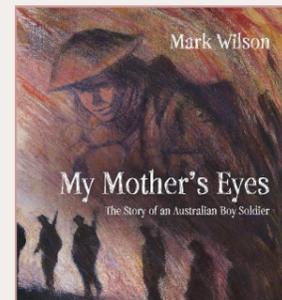
What we produced was a very moving poem.

### Through the Eyes of a War Family

The friendly birds with their beautiful chirp and the fresh afternoon breeze  
it was perfect.

Training was harsh and difficult but that was nothing compared to what was coming.  
We are having to hide in dirty, wet trenches and people are dying from diseases and critical wounds.

The devastating news had hit their hearts like a mortar shell to a muddy trench.



# School News

## FROM THE OFFICE:

- Don't forget to 'follow' our **St. Joseph's P & F Facebook** page!
- If you would like a Direct Debit form for 2018 school fees, please let the office know.



## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Tickets books went out to each family last week. Please return any sold tickets and money to the office. Funds raised will support our year 5/6 Canberra Camp fundraising effort. Extra ticket books can be collected from the school office!



## TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop order forms for next Thursday are due back together with payment by **Monday 7th May** to allow time for collating and stock orders.

## BSC BYO LAPTOP

BSC is running community information sessions for future students, parents and carers.

**When:** 2-3 PM (first session) and 6-7 PM (repeat session) on Thursday 3/5 (Week 3)

**Where:** Burnett State College common room (in admin building)

**What:** Information on the Bring Your Own Laptop scheme (first half hour) and changes to Y11 and 12 assessment (second half hour)

**Who:** All families of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are welcome

# BOOK FAIR

COMING SOON!

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Bookfair** is coming! Wishlists are going home tomorrow and Bookfair will be open next week starting from Tuesday 8th May. Opening times are:

- **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th May** 8am - 4pm
- **Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May** - before and after school
- **Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th May**

## MOTHERS DAY GIFT STALL

Year 5/6 will be running their popular Mothers Day gift stall starting from **Friday the 4th May**. The stall will be on the Year 5/6 veranda in the morning before school and after school. Items will be priced from approximately \$3 - \$6.





# Around the school!





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**St Joseph's Primary  
 Gayndah P & F**

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

**Term 1: Tuesday 23 January to Thursday 29 March (10 weeks)**

**Term 2: Tuesday 17 April to Friday 29 June (11 weeks)**

**Term 3: Tuesday 17 July to Friday 21 September (10 weeks)**

**Term 4: Tuesday 9 October to Friday 7 December (9 weeks)**

**"In All Things  
 Glorify God"**



# Community Notices

## SOCCKER-SOCCKER-SOCCKER

Gayndah Junior Soccer 2018 social season kicks off **Thursday 10th May!**

All school age children welcome - Primary and High School!

Training every Thursday 4-5pm at Gayndah Sports Fields. Season fees only \$25 (due after 2 weeks) Contact **Laine Collins 0428 931 151**



## TENNIS HOT SHOTS:

Vacancies exist each Friday afternoon for Term 2, 2018 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. Cardio Tennis from 6:20pm - 7:30pm also available!

**Registration is essential. Phone Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753**

## GAYNDAH GIRL GUIDES

Girls Guides of Australia, is community based and meets outside school hours.

The program encourages a girl to develop herself in areas of Physical development, practical skills and relationships with people through the Guide Promise and Law, outdoors, service, Guiding Traditions and leadership. Come and try out Guides for a couple of weeks free. Guides meet on Wed from 3.45 to 5.15pm at guide Hut on the hill in Fielding St. For further information contact **Irene 0409227355**.



## SUNCORP NET SET GO NETBALL



Suncorp NetSetGO is a fun, safe, social and active program for **girls and boys aged 5 to 10**. It gives kids of all abilities a positive introduction to netball and teaches them the basic skills of the sport. Suncorp NetSetGO is divided into three tiers; **Net, Set** and **GO**, meaning that your child will learn at a pace that's right for their age and ability.

Each week your child will take part in **skill based activities, minor games, music, dance** and **modified matches** that will help them develop fundamental movement skills, as well as important social skills like team work. Each session will be lead by an accredited coach, using modified equipment.

What tier is right for my child?

Suncorp NetSetGO is divided into three tiers; **Net, Set** and **GO\***.

- **Net** is for **5 to 6 year olds** and teaches fundamental motor skills through dance, music and games

- **Set** is for **7 to 8 year olds** and focuses on refining fundamental motor skills and introducing modified netball matches

**GO** is for **9 to 10 year olds** and focuses on developing netball specific skills through modified netball matches

Boys and Girls aged between **5 and 10 years old** are invited to come along and join the Gayndah Netball's NetSetGo program.

**This is held on Mondays from 3.30pm to 5 pm and will now also be held on Thursdays starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 3.30pm to 5pm.**

Enquiries to Chris Duncan 0419 518 423



## MOTHER'S DAY COMPETITION- Gayndah Guardian Pharmacy

Tell us in 15 words or less why your mum's a star. The most creative entry will win a Equilibrium bracelet for their mum! Every entry receives a FREE GIFT for mum! Entries should be dropped in store by **Wednesday 9th May**. Winner contacted by phone.