



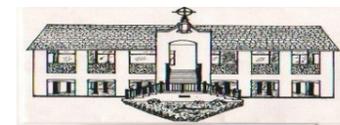
St Joseph's Primary School

2018 Term Three
Week Two

Newsletter Date
Wednesday
25 July 2018



Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear parents, staff and students,

Please keep in your prayers this week Mrs. Holden and family. They have a week of joy and sorrow with the sudden death of Mrs. Holden's nana on Monday and the birth of her brother's little girl, Madeline. Mrs. Lancaster attended the funeral of a family friend on Tuesday. We pray for all our families and friends who are unwell and/or experiencing grief or hardship at this time.

District Athletics:

Congratulations to all our students for the participation and sportsmanship shown last Friday at the District Athletics Carnival. Mr. Goldie made special mention of Ollie Waldock's sportsmanship - well done! Special congratulations to our Age Champions Fletcher, Abby and Lawson!

Sincere gratitude to all the parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who supported the day in any capacity - helping in the canteen, assisting with pack up, cheering on the students. Your presence and support ensures that the day runs efficiently and joyfully for the students.



Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 29 July - 4 August this year.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebrations is: Discovering New Horizons. The theme has been aligned with the official Year of Youth theme for 2018 and is derived from a speech given by Pope Francis at World Youth Day 2016 where he called young people and the Church to 'open new horizons for spreading joy'.

As learners, we are always discovering new horizons. Sometimes that horizon seems too far away or out of reach. We find ourselves in the pit, struggling to understand. With time, encouragement and support from our dedicated teaching staff, learners can climb out of the other side of the pit to discover the new learning horizons awaiting them.

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

During *Catholic Education Week 2018*, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate how they are discovering new horizons.

There are 304 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 147,000 students and employ more than 19,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate *Catholic Education Week* in some way.

Our school is planning a number of activities during the week and we hope you are able to join in the celebrations with us. We are excited about journeying to St. Joseph's, Childers to share Catholic Education Week with them on *Wednesday 1 August*. We will celebrate Mass with the Parish community on Tuesday 31 July at 9am, followed by morning tea. Student work is also displayed in store windows from today.

I thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you during *Catholic Education Week 2018*.



Important information from Brisbane Catholic Education

To ensure our community of schools are as safe as possible, Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) schools and offices will conduct a "mock" critical incident exercise on Wednesday 1 August.

What will occur?

This "mock" exercise is being coordinated by our crisis management consultants in liaison with Queensland Police and other emergency services. The details are kept under-wraps, known only to a small number of organisers.

Who will be involved?

Principals of the schools directly involved in the exercise have been advised. The exercise will also involve many people from various areas of BCE.

St. Joseph's school is not directly involved.

What you may hear.

While we will do our best to inform the community before, during and after that this is a "mock" exercise, it may be viewed by some as an actual event.

Please do not be alarmed if you hear reports of an incident on that day involving Catholic schools.

Wishing you every blessing for this week

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From the APRE



A warm welcome to Week 2! With Catholic Education Week just around the corner, I often reflect on the significance of teaching in a Catholic School and what it means for me. As a Catholic School, each year we take the time to celebrate what it means to be part of the Catholic Education System in Queensland. Each Catholic school in Queensland will mark next week in their own special way. "So", I can hear you asking, "Why should we celebrate Catholic Education?" The reasons are manifold, but a couple of things in particular stand out for me.

Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. All of us - parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff - walk and grow together on our faith journey. Obviously, our growth is primarily a relationship with God, who called us by name at our Baptism...but the response of each of us to that growth is both personal and communal. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community, be that our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community. I take the concept of Catholic education very seriously, and Terese and I often reflect on just how well we are fitting the 'education part' and the 'Catholic part' together.

Our St Joseph's school motto "In All Things Glorify God" alludes to this. Our goal as Catholic educators should be to so design our lessons, our classroom management, and our lives, that Jesus Christ stands clearly at the front of it all. He can be found in the novels we choose to teach, the writing prompts we assign, the historical events we study, the natural world we examine. It was once written that Catholicism is the union of *humanity with God through Jesus*. The goal as Catholic school teachers is to do everything in our power to foster that union.





I think of it as being like two friends keeping each other honest. The 'education part' of Catholic Education must keep the 'Catholic part' honest when it comes to the formation of the whole person, including the intellectual dimension. The 'Catholic part' must keep the 'education part' honest, too. Otherwise, Catholic schools may achieve academic excellence or worldly success but at the expense of forming disciples. What is clear to me about the authenticity of Catholic Education, is that it strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our school and in the wider community by challenging them to live out the message of Jesus, and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

In saying all of this that I wish everyone a very **HAPPY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**. I thank you for your ongoing support of our beautiful school community.

Keep smiling

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What's happening...

Leadership Ministry Handover Assembly
Friday 27 July, 2:15pm

Catholic Education Mass
Tuesday 31 July, 9am

School visit to St Joseph's, Childers
Wednesday 1 August

North Burnett Athletics Carnival
Friday 3 August

We're listening...

Parent and carer survey



Please tell us what you think of our school.

From 20 July to 20 August, we're inviting parents and carers to complete a short survey about their experiences of our school.

[Brisbane Catholic Education Listens Surveys](#)

We're listening!

Here at St Joseph's Gayndah we are committed to providing the best possible Catholic education for your child.

That commitment includes being open to feedback and ideas for improvement — so we're asking our parents and carers about their experiences of our school!

As partners in your child's education, *what you think matters*.

Below you will find a link to a short survey that will ask you about different aspects of St Joseph's. The survey also has space for you to add your own comments.

<https://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/4398090/2018-Parent-Survey?school=sj4625>

Your responses will be anonymous, but they will be truly valued in helping us continually improve. We will ensure we provide our community with a summary of the survey findings later in the year as we will also be asking our students and our staff what they think.

If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to contact our school office.

School NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE:

- We have a **NEW school Facebook page!** Search St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah
- If you would like a Direct Debit form for 2018 school fees, please let the office know.



BOOKCLUB

Issue 5 of Bookclub was sent home last week. Please return any orders together with payment by next **Wednesday 1st August.**

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop orders will go home today for **next Thursday.** Please return any orders and payments by **Monday 30th July** to allow time for stock ordering.

CANBERRA FUNDRAISING

Trader Ahern has beautiful fresh passionfruit available for purchase through the Year 5/6 classroom. All funds raised will support the Canberra fundraising efforts. Hurry before they run out!



LUNGFISH NAMING COMPETITION

The Gayndah Museum would like to invite the students of St Joseph's school to enter the name a Lungfish competition, we have two new lungfish and we would like your help to name them, there will be prizes for the winner. The entry forms will be put in your class buckets.

Enrolments Now OPEN!

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Contact us for
an enrolment pack today!

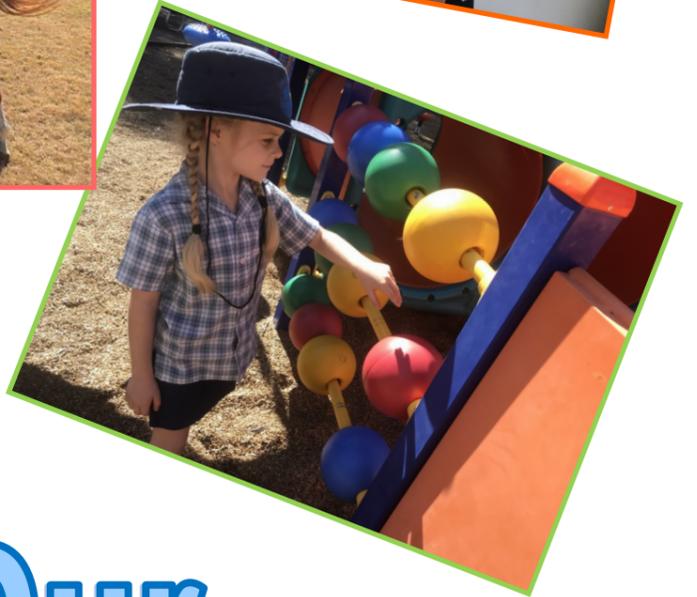
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**St Joseph's Primary
 Gayndah P & F**

**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

JUNIOR TOUCH

Sign on Day - Wed 18th July 2018

Cost: \$30-

Age group: Turning 6 this year. (beginners welcome)

Time: 4 – 5pm

Where: Gayndah Sports Grounds

Enquiries: Jane Johnson (0487672987)

Options Day
 Opening paths to skills and education for people living with disability

Thursday 13 September 2018
 9.30 am - 1.30 pm

Save the Date

Options Day is a local, annual, community-driven event that invites people to discover the rapidly emerging opportunities in the local disability sector. The event will be hosted on 13 September 2018 at the Bundaberg Multiplex Convention Centre and will feature guest speakers and inclusive activities for the whole community.

When: Thursday 13 September 2018
Where: Bundaberg Multiplex Convention Centre, Civic Avenue, Bundaberg
Time: 9.30 am to 1.30 pm
Enquiries: optionsday@outlook.com or phone below

1300 883 699
 bundaberg.qld.gov.au

Saraya Young actresses

Acting Workshop
 Gayndah Arts Centre
 SAT 18 AUG 12-2PM
 (FREE ENTRY) Ages 8-20

Proudly sponsored by RADF. The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and North Burnett Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

bookings essential
 Rachel: 0427 551 973

No experience necessary. Limited spaces so please book ASAP. Open to youth from the entire North Burnett.

Queensland Government
 NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

Under 15 North Burnett

YOUTH GIRLS AFL

July 26 - September 6
 Eligible years of birth: 2003, 2004, 2005

When | Thursdays from 4pm
Where | Gayndah State School
Cost: FREE

Type the Registration Link Below into your browser to register:
bit.ly/U15girls

BRISBANE LIONS
 For more information contact Dayne Frew
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Under 12 North Burnett

MIXED AFL

July 26 - September 6
 Male & Female
 Eligible years of birth: 2006, 2007, 2008

When | Thursdays from 4pm
Where | Gayndah State School
Cost: FREE

Type the Registration Link Below into your browser to register:
bit.ly/U12mixed

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