



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2014 Term 3

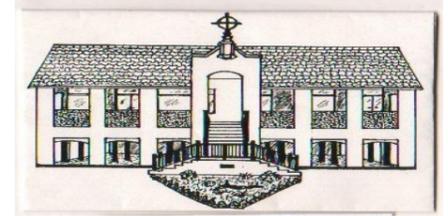
Week 3

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
30 July 2014



Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Friends,

This week I would like to begin by introducing a new member to the St Joseph's school officer team, Leah Lancaster. Leah joins us having recently moved from Brisbane where she spent the last four years working as a school officer at St Columba's, Wilston. You may have seen her around the school prior to this term as she completed a number of relief days for us after the departure of Sharon Nicoletti. Having released her own beautiful children out into the world, Leah decided she was ready for a change away from the big smoke and chose to take up the opportunity to move to Gayndah to be closer to family and friends. On behalf of all the students, staff and parents I would like to welcome Leah to our beautiful school and wonderful staff.

Unfortunately with the good comes the bad this week in the form of the resignation of Chris Imhoff, our groundsman. Chris is also currently working full time for the Burnett Regional Council which coupled with his role in the school was going to place a strain on him supporting the impending arrival of his first child later this year. Much of the beauty of our school grounds can be attributed to the hard work and dedication that Chris has put into his role over many years. Should you have the opportunity to bump into Chris around town, please take the time to thank him for his continual efforts in supporting the school and wish him the very best as he moves into fatherhood.

Earlier this month it was decided by the P and F committee that we would be holding our next "building of community" event on the **22nd of August**. The **St Joseph's Art Evening** is an opportunity for us as a community to celebrate the artistic abilities of all of our students. Starting in the afternoon parents will have the opportunity to see our school choir perform before moving into the GACC Building to view a range of visual art pieces produced by the students over the past three months. Also on the night students will be encouraged to attend a disco and movie night whilst parents have the opportunity to attend a licenced event in the conference room. Further details will be disclosed in coming newsletters so please save the date for what should be a fun filled evening. I would also like to let the community know that at the recent Gayndah Athletics Carnival, the P and F raised over a \$1000 dollars in sales through the tuckshop. This incredible feat wouldn't have been possible without the coordination efforts of Natasha Roth, Melissa Ahern and the support of numerous volunteer parent helpers.

Included in this week's newsletter you will find a number of flyers for our upcoming pre-prep days that kick off next week. We have distributed a number around town and republished an advertisement in this week's Central and North Burnett Times. In addition to getting this notice out into the wider community, I would ask that if you have the opportunity to pass on these flyers to any families that may have children starting Prep next year, or popping them into a neighbours letter box, that would be greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder please that if you have children who would normally be travelling on the bus of an afternoon, but you would like them removed from the bus roll, it is imperative that you call and let the office know prior to 2:55pm. This will ensure the safety of all students as they make their way home.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Sincerely
Ben





From the APRE....

Happy Catholic Education Week.



Jesus sang a song:

Jesus sang a song
In everything that he said and everything that he did
Jesus sang a song

Sometimes when he cured a person,
he sang softly and gently
A song of love
Sometimes when he told tantalising stories
he sang a haunting melody.
Sometimes when defending the little people, the poor,
his voice grew strong and powerful.
His whole life was a song.
And the people who heard the songs
thought in their turn,
that this was the most beautiful song they had ever heard.

The song was about giving life to others,
that they may have life in abundance.
Happily the song continues to be sung....

Bishop Geoffrey Robinson.

Catholic Schools in Queensland—The Facts.

In celebrating Catholic Education week this week, we recognise the wonderful contribution that Catholic Education makes in the lives of young people across the Brisbane Archdiocese and Queensland. Below are a few facts about the contribution of Catholic Education and its history in our state.

- * In 2014, there are 296 Catholic schools in Queensland. (197 primary, 69 secondary and 26 P-12 schools).
- * Queensland Catholic schools educate over 143,000 students or about 18.5 per cent of all Queensland students comprising about 60 per cent of students in non government schools in the state.
- * There are more than 17,000 teachers and staff employed in Queensland Catholic schools.
- * School locations range from Thursday Island in the north to the Gold Coast in the south and Longreach and Quilpie in the west.
- * The first Catholic school was established in the colony of Moreton Bay in 1845 on a site near where the Myer Centre now stands in Central Brisbane.
- * As evidenced from the above figures, Catholic schools make an important contribution to the Queensland and Australian communities through educating future Australians.

Catholic Education Week—St. Joseph's Childers Visit

This Friday the staff and students of St. Joseph's Primary Childers will be joining us for a fun day. We will celebrate mass together at 10.30am, and all families are welcome to join us. We will then be having a sausage sizzle lunch and ice-block. Students are only required to bring a fruit snack and snack for Friday. The children will also enjoy an activity with their Childers buddy after lunch before they return home.

Celebration of Confirmation

All families at St. Joseph's School are invited to join with the Parish to celebrate the Confirmation in the faith of Allana Ezzy, Alexandra Gwin, Hamish Driver and Bridget Voigt. Bishop Brian Finnigan will be presiding at the ceremony which is to be held in St. Joseph's Church on August 15th at 6pm. This will be followed by a shared supper in the Parish Hall. Please come along to support these young people with your prayerful presence.

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy—Photos Please.

On Friday 5th September we will be holding a Father's Day community breakfast at 8am followed by a prayer and assembly at 9am. In preparation for this event we would love to collect photos of all our students with their dads. Please send hard copy photos to the office and any electronic copy of photos to pgayndah@bne.catholic.edu.au.

What's On

- * Catholic Education Week Mass
Friday 1st August 10.30am—Church
- * Catholic Education Week Sunday 27th July to
Saturday 2nd August 2014
- * Thursday 7th August—Year 4/5 mass—9am
Church
- * Mary of the Cross Feast Day—Friday 8th
August—Year 6/7 leading liturgy.

LIBRARY NEWS: 'READ ALL ABOUT IT'

In library we have started looking at Shortlisted Books for Children's Book Week, which will be held from the 16th to the 22nd of August. There are some lovely books again this year and the children are already getting excited about our dress up day, which will be held on *Tuesday the 19th of August*. Put it on your Calendar! More info and dress up ideas to follow!

Issue 5 of Book Club has some great competitions. If your child would like to participate just log onto:

www.scholastic.com.au/competitions to participate in one or all of the following:

“Pig the Pug” colouring in Competition

Design and Draw the Craziest Race Car Competition

Write a Short Adventure Story Contest AND

Baby Face Competition (where you have to match the Baby Photos to the popular Australian Children's Authors and illustrators)

There are lots of great prizes to be won, so have some fun and give it a go! You may even be a winner!

In order to address some concerns regarding damaged or missing library books, Mrs Madden and myself spent time today in Library Classes reviewing our Library and Book Care Rules. We also discussed tips for keeping our books safe at home once we have borrowed them. (Please see attached information sheet)

As part of the discussion, students were introduced to a Borrower's Agreement which explained that they are responsible for the books they borrow, how they care for them, and their safe return to the library. Once the students were made aware of their responsibilities, they then made the commitment to adhere to these guidelines by signing the agreement. Students were also reminded that parents would receive notices for overdue books and would be required to replace lost or damaged books, if appropriate.

By holding these sessions, we are encouraging students to recognise the importance of being *responsible for the care of school resources*. We would greatly appreciate your support in this endeavour by discussing this, and the information in the attached note, with your children.

Have a wonderful day. Happy Reading! Mrs McGregor

P & F NEWS:

- Our next P & F meeting is **Tuesday, 12 August**, at 7pm in the school staff room. All welcome.
- The P & F would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped with baking, food preparation and who gave up their time to help in the canteen at sports day last Friday. It was very much appreciated and the canteen wouldn't have been possible without the help of our wonderful parent volunteers.
- We are currently running a numbers board to help raise money for the 4/5 & 6/7 camps. Tickets are available at the office.
- **Dateclaimers:** We plan to hold a working bee at the school, on **Saturday 11 October**.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

Just a reminder that school uniform orders are due in **tomorrow, Thursday 31st July**.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Did you know that our Breakfast Club serves on average, 50 students each Monday and Wednesday? Any donations of bulk Milo, apple or orange juice (Just Juice brand preferred), promite, margarine etc would be greatly appreciated.

JULY BOOKCLUB: Orders and payment due by **Thursday August 7**. Please make cheques payable to St Joseph's School.

SCHOOL CHOIR: From next week our school choir will meet each **Tuesday** at lunchtime in the Arts Centre. Today we had 45 students attend!

DANCE CREW: A reminder that Dance Crew starts **tomorrow, Thursday 31 July** in the hall at 3.15pm. All students welcome.

Sports News



Penne Messer and Tom Colvin accept the Marching shield on behalf of St Joseph's at the District Athletics carnival last Friday.



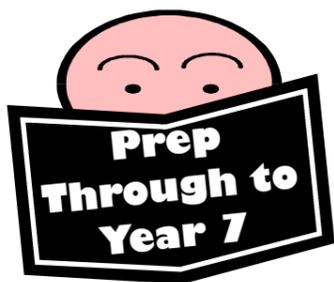
Congratulations to Tiffany Driver—9 yrs girl champion, and Ainsley Bayntun—10 yrs girl champion at the District Athletics day. Well done girls!





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**“In All Things
 Glorify God”**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014	
<u>Term One</u> Wed 29 Jan— Fri 4 April	<u>Term Two</u> Wed 23 April— Fri 27 June
<u>Term Three</u> Tues 15 July— Fri 19 Sept	<u>Term Four</u> Tues 7 Oct— Fri 5 Dec
Monday 20 Oct—Pupil Free Day	

Diary of Coming Events

31 July Equestrian Day Kingaroy	1 August Visit from St Joseph's Childers
5 August Pre Prep Program begins	6 August NB Athletics
11 August Show Holiday	19 August Book week parade

Community Notices

GAYNDAH SOCCER (5-18yo) Training every Thursday, 4—5pm Gayndah Sports Fields. New players always welcome. Ph 0428 931 151

Soccer – 2 way met *this Saturday 2 August* at Gayndah Sports Ground 9am kick off.

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE:

Game times for *this Saturday at Kingaroy 2 August 2014:*

Field One Under 14s play at 10.00am Under 12s play at 11.00am Under 16s play at 12.00pm	Field 2 Under 6s and 8s play at 10.00am Under 10s play at 11.00am
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Kingaroy will have two fields going on Saturday.
 Bus will be leaving from Eidsvold please contact your coach in regard to times.
 If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact Robert Linsket 0429 611 096 or Sandra Kenny 4161 2116

GET STARTED PROGRAM: The Get Started program is part of the Qld government's Get in the Game initiative to support sport and recreation at the grassroots level. Vouchers of up to \$150 are available to successful applicants to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees. *It is not compulsory to have a Centrelink card.* Fact sheets are available at the office, or visit www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame

ZUMBA: A fun filled fitness class incorporating world dance styles and aerobics. If you're looking for an exciting, enjoyable way to work out come along and have a go. All ages, fitness abilities catered for, everybody welcome!!
 Adults: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.30pm at St Joseph's Hall, Fielding St, Gayndah.
 Cost: \$10
 Children: Thursdays 4.30pm—5.15pm Cost: \$8
 Instructor—TJ Viney, phone 0401 465 066.

TENNIS: Vacancies exist for children to learn tennis and have fun, every Friday afternoon after school, conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coach, Kevin Banner at Gayndah Tennis Club, Barrow Street, Gayndah. Inquiries and to register, please contact Kevin 0409 520 753.

MONSTER GARAGE SALE: ST MATTHEWS ANGLICAN HALL:
Sat. 23rd August. Outside selling begins 8am. Hall doors open 8:30am.
 Furniture, collectables, household goods, linen, large range of jewellery, Vacola bottling kit & much more plus classic book full collections for tender.



Our senior students are still selling pumpkins before and after school. Friendly service with a smile!

Our students are enjoying the new structured play sessions available during the lunch breaks. Tiffany (left) is holding her rooster collage that she made with Mrs Warwick using grains, seeds and pasta.