



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2015 Term Two

Week Four

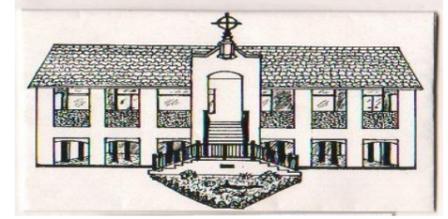
Newsletter Date

Wednesday

13 May 2015



Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and Friends,

St Joseph's Primary School App

Late last week I invited Grant Shipton from Brisbane Catholic Education to visit the school to assist in setting up some current IT practices that will support our parents to be kept up to date and informed of important information, dates and events.

One of the initial ways that we endeavour to do so is to have our very own school APP available for parents to access through their personal mobile phones. The app is available on apple and android devices from Google Play and the App Store. It is titled BCE Connect and is free to download. Additionally, it can be loaded onto mobile devices such as iPads and Tablets for home access.

Once you have downloaded the app on to your device it will ask you to do a school search by name, map or location. If you select by name and type in Gayndah, St Joseph's will come up. Click on the school name and it will take you into our page. In the top right hand corner you will see a flag with a star on it. If you click on that it will be saved as a favourite and will come up each time you open your BCE connect.

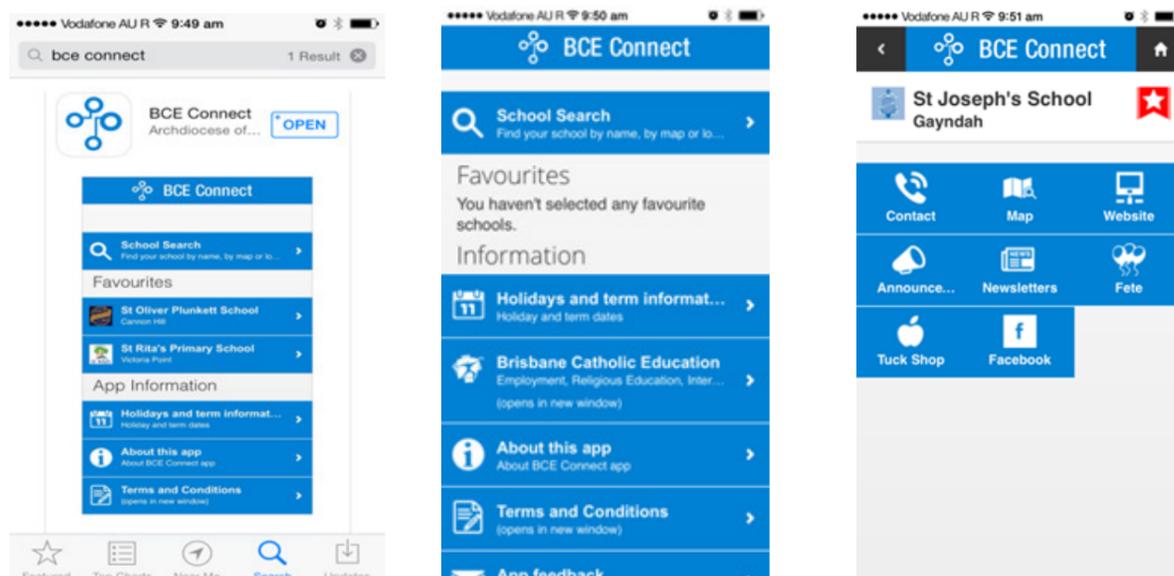
By doing so you will receive reminders and announcements directly to you phone in the same way you receive notifications through Facebook. Also on the page you will find contact information for the school, up to date newsletter articles, links to both the school website and P and F Facebook page, map and directions as well as a Fete icon for later in the year. As the year progresses new tabs will be added.

I encourage you to take the time to download the app over the next week and provide feedback to myself or the staff regarding ways to improve the service for parents. Parents and friends are welcome to access the app on a regular basis.

In the coming weeks I will speak more of the school Parent Portal page that is currently being finalised that will provide parents with secured access to whole school and individual student information.

Have a great week everyone and have fun downloading our new app.

Ben



From the APRE....



Let us pray
Father in heaven,
our minds were prepared
for the coming of your kingdom

when you took Christ beyond our sight
so that we might seek him in glory.

May we follow where he has led
and find our hope in his glory,

for he is Lord forever.
Amen

The Feast of the Ascension – Sunday 17th May.

This Sunday the Catholic Church celebrates the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. This occurred 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. The Ascension is the final component of the **paschal mystery**, which consists also of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the resurrection, the ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah. The Ascension is also the event whereby humanity was taken into heaven.

We can be people of the Ascension by going out and practicing being “good news” ambassadors by sharing “good news” stories with one another. Christ leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others.



Friday 15th May—International Day of Families

On Friday we celebrate the International Day of Families. We all know how important our families are to us personally, as well as the wonderful things our families do for our school community. On this special day you may like to take a photo of your family, take the time to give them an extra hug or take time out to share a meal, a story or take the time to just be with your children.

This Friday morning our **Prep students will lead us in Prayer at 9am assembly**. This week they will focus on the greatest commandment – to love God above all else, and the second commandment - to love your neighbour as yourself.

A very fitting focus for International Day of Families.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 22nd May is National Walk Safely to School day. St. Joseph's will be recognising this day by offering an alternative drop off place and the opportunity to walk together to school. We will meet at 8.10am at Jaycees Park (Museum Park). We will mark a roll and walk safely to school as a group from there.

Please join us in this fun, alternative way to get to school.



Maroon for Mission



The first **State of Origin Game** is on **Wednesday 27th May**. This will be a **Maroon for Mission** Casual Dress Day. The children are encouraged to wear maroon or if their loyalties lie south of the border - blue and bring a gold coin for our Mission appeal. Please put this date in your calendars, and prepare to show your loyalties on State of Origin Game One Day.



What's On

Thursday 14th May – Gunther Village – **Prep**

Thursday 14th May – 9am Parish Mass – **Year 1/2**

Friday 15th May – 9am Assembly – Hall – **Prep**

Friday 22nd May – 9am Assembly – Feast of Pentecost – **Faith Ministry** (Elle, Shae, Harrison and Clancy)

DANCE CREW: Every Thursday afternoon in the hall.

Juniors (Prep - Year 3) - 3.15-3.45pm

Seniors (Years 4-6) - 3.45-4.20pm



Remember to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. I look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Lake

READ ALL ABOUT IT—LIBRARY NEWS: Date Claimer: Book Fair –Theme— “Kings Queens and Castles, Enter the Kingdom of Books” *Tuesday 19th May to Wednesday 27th May*. Family reading morning will be *Tuesday 26th May*. More information is attached to today’s newsletter.

Have a great week, Mrs McGregor & Ms Madden.

UNDER 8S DAY: *Tuesday 19th May*, 9.30am until 12pm. Gayndah State School oval. Story telling, coloured spaghetti fun, emergency services visits, games, disco, craft, bubble fun, Old McDonald’s farm, jumping castle and much more! Also, Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea, gold coin donation. All under eight year olds in the community are invited. Non school age children to be accompanied by parent/guardian.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: Our athletics carnival will be held on *Friday, 26 June* at the Gayndah Sports Grounds.

CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to Tiffany Driver and Jess O’Brien who have made the North Burnett team and will compete at Wide Bay Trials on May 26.

P & F NEWS:

- Date claimer—Family fun day *Sunday 28 June*. The P & F will provide a BBQ and drinks for the kids.
- The uniform shop welcomes donations of good quality second hand uniforms.
- Breakky Club would love some donations of bread, juice concentrate and vegemite.

ISSUE 3 BOOKCLUB: Forms and payment due back to the office by *Friday 29 May*.

FESTIVAL FUNDRAISING: Congratulations to Stacey Duncan who was our first prize winner in our Mother’s Day raffle. The second prize of the beautiful bromeliad went to Jacqui Kirk. Well done ladies! Our next fundraiser is a sausage sizzle this Friday afternoon at the front of the Golden Orange Hotel Motel. Come along and enjoy a sausage on bread and support our Queen entrant Georgia. We also have a multi draw raffle with some fantastic prizes, as well as a numbers board. Tickets are available at the office.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students:

Week Three:

Prep: Matilda Doyle

Y1/2: Hallie Thornton

Y2/3: Fletcher Worland

Y4: Torra MacDonald

Y5/6: Isabella Thornton and Matt Roth





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**“In All Things
 Glorify God”**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015	
<u>Term One</u>	<u>Term Two</u>
Wed 28 Jan— Thurs 2 April	Tues 21 April— Fri 26 June
<u>Term Three</u>	<u>Term Four</u>
Mon 13 July— Fri 18 Sept	Tues 6 Oct— Fri 4 Dec
Monday 20 April—Pupil Free Day	
Monday 8 June—Public Holiday	
Monday 5 Oct —Public Holiday	
Monday 19 Oct—Pupil Free Day	

Diary of Coming Events

12—14th May	15 May
Naplan	Sausage Sizzle for Georgia
19 May	19-27 May
Under 8s Day	Book Fair
26th May	27 May
Family Reading Morning	Maroon for Mission

Community Notices

JUNIOR SOCCER: Training Thursdays 4-5pm Gayndah Sports field. Fee are only \$25 per player/season. Come and have a go!

TENNIS HOT SHOTS: Do you want to become a Tennis Hot Shot? Friday afternoon at the Gayndah Tennis complex, Barrow Street, is the place to be. Come and join the Tennis Australia's National program conducted by Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner and the Gayndah Tennis Association, with lots of fun & games to suit all levels. Times: 3.30pm-4.15pm (5-7 years); 4pm-5pm (7-10 years); 5-6.30pm (9-12 years); 6.30pm- 8pm (Advanced & High Schoolers). **Registration is essential - (confirmation to join the program must be given for old and new players)** to guarantee your spot with Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753

GAYNDAH JUNIOR NETBALL: Monday afternoons, 4pm at the Gayndah State School Courts. Contact Leanne 0400 611 072 or email gayndahnetball@hotmail.com

SOUTH PACIFIC TAEKWONDO: Held at the Gayndah State Primary School every Tuesday and Thursday 6pm. Our classes include: family classes, children classes age 5 & up, adult classes, stranger danger and anti bullying, increase coordination and discipline, weight loss and stress relief, build your self confidence and self control. Unlimited training plus free uniform offer. You don't have to be fit, flexible or have any prior experience! South Pacific Taekwondo is suitable for anyone of any age. Reach your goals with us! For more information contact 4724 1000 or www.southpacifictkd.com.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings—away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule , to invest in your most precious asset—your marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date: 15th -17 th May 2015

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston (QLD)

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wvme.org.au

DOWNLANDS COLLEGE: Families are invited to Downlands College Open Day on **Sunday 17 May** starting at 10am. Come and feel the community spirit and vibrant culture of learning at Downlands. Meet our Principal, Stephen McIlhatton, and ask questions of staff and students. It is the perfect way to discover how your family fits within our family. It's great to be a Downlander!

EARLY LANGUAGE AND SPEECH DEVELOPMENT: Receive information on children's speech and language development and share your experiences! **Monday 25 May** 9.30am to 11.30am. Biggenden Learning Centre, Frederick St Biggenden. All are welcome to come along! Morning tea provided. For more information contact Chris Duncan 0419 518 423.

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE: Combined Anniversaries Celebrations. Calling all past students and staff.

Saturday 30 May:

1pm: Nanango races

6pm: Combined Anniversaries Mass

7-11pm: Combined Anniversaries dinner and live entertainment

Sunday 31st May:

10am - 2pm: College Open Day, memorabilia sales, classroom displays and tours

12.30pm: Official welcome, past student and staff time line and past staff and student roll call and plaque dedication.

RSVP at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RSVP_SM2015