



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2015 Term Two

Week Five

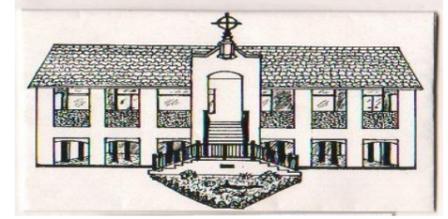
Newsletter Date

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Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and Friends,

'The Power of Believing You Can Improve.'

Over the weekend I had the pleasure of taking a group of boys to a rugby league carnival at which they achieved some incredible results. It all started with them winning the first game against Hervey Bay. You could see that with each game they started to believe in themselves and their ability to go on and achieve the unthinkable, beating Bundaberg. In doing so this group of young men showed me the power of believing in the ability to improve, to change and to develop not to win but to know that if they worked on improving as an individual, it would have huge implications for what they achieved as a team. Amongst themselves they created a culture/mindset around the idea of giving their very best and being open to doing something that they have never done before.

What summed the weekend up for me was the way in which one young boy didn't give thought to what he couldn't do based on his size, experience and past form, rather he knew what needed to be achieved and worked hard to support the team by tackling a boy twice his size not once but on three occasions. It got me thinking about a term often used in the academic setting known as 'growth mindset'. Growth mindset recognises a student's ability to ignore the limitations, assumptions and negative attitudes surrounding their ability to learn. Growth mindset exists when students choose to focus their efforts on knowing how they go about improving and developing. Not dwelling on what they can and can't do but knowing what they want to achieve and taking time to acknowledge the progress made in working towards the goal.

The challenge for us as a school is to create opportunities for children to see that they are on a learning journey of growth and development where they are encouraged and supported to give things a go not because they are told to, but for the fact that they want to push themselves to achieve their full potential. No parent, teacher or self-respecting adult would ever say directly to a child that they should not bother trying or that if they gave something a go, that it was a waste of time but how often do we as parents challenge our children to have crack not fearing the consequence but celebrating the development? How do we measure success, and how is that celebrated?

Through our 'In the Pit' terminology we seek to allow students to give a language to their learning and in 2015 St Joseph's will aim to flesh that out even further with our students to emphasise the importance of growth and development over the thoughts of difficulty and limitations. To have difficulty or struggle doesn't make the task insurmountable, it merely makes the steps you take memorable and the final result worthy of celebration.

In my honest opinion I believe that the messages that underpin 'growth mindset' are at the core of why each and every one of our teachers and school officers chose this profession and something that all parents value more than anything to see in their children. This concept excites me, the future is bright we just need to keep making those big tackles.

Ps we won the whole thing and went undefeated throughout the weekend.

Have a great week everyone.

Ben



From the APRE....

Be a Spirit Person!

The Spirit gives us many gifts
That means that for a Spirit Person ... there is always a better way.
And some things are just never OK

A Spirit person always finds the better way!! ... because the fruit of God's Spirit is in us:
love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.



Pentecost

Wear red on Pentecost!

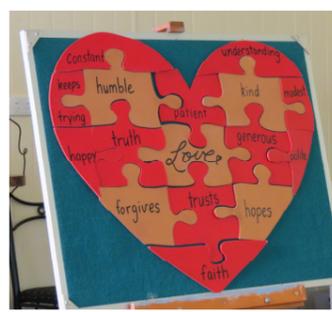


Pentecost is probably one of the most important days on the Church calendar, but it often gets overlooked. Pentecost (Greek for "50th day") is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages. To celebrate, wear something red on **Friday**. The colour of the vestments worn by priests on Pentecost is red, to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit, or the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles on Pentecost.

This Friday the Faith Ministry will lead us in Liturgy for the feast of Pentecost. This liturgy will form part of our Friday assembly at **9am** in the Hall. I encourage all families to take the time to join us to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a community of St. Joseph's.

Thanks Prep

Last Friday Prep, Mrs Colvin and Mrs Doyle shared the importance of the gift of Love with us at Assembly. This was a great way to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and remind us that loving ourselves and others is our greatest gift. We are very lucky to have witnessed this assembly and share in the message of the day. So Thanks Prep!



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

Friday 22nd May—Walk Safely to School Day. 8.10am Jaycee's Way Park (opposite the Museum)
Friday 22nd May – 9am Assembly – Feast of Pentecost – **Faith Ministry** (Elle, Shae, Harrison and Clancy)
Thursday 28th May—Class Mass—**Year 2/3**—9am Church
Thursday 28th May—Gunther Village—**Year 5/6**

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

ORANGE FESTIVAL FLOAT: Our float plans are well underway and we need to finalise numbers of students who wish to be part of the parade. The children will be required on Saturday morning during the parade time, and will be required to wear black shirts and shorts/pants/skirts. Please let the office know if your child will be attending.

READ ALL ABOUT IT—LIBRARY NEWS: Book Fair –Theme— “Kings Queens and Castles, Enter the Kingdom of Books” ***Tuesday 19th May to Wednesday 27th May.*** Family reading morning will be ***next Tuesday 26th May,*** starting when the morning bell goes at 8.40am. Children are invited to dress up in theme, for example as a King, Queen, Princess, Knight, dragon etc. Students made a crown during art last week, and they are welcome to wear this as well. The costume would need to be something that can be worn over their normal uniform, as the dress up will only be during the reading morning. If you have any queries please give the office a call. Have a great week, Mrs McGregor & Ms Madden.

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

RUGBY LEAGUE: Congratulations to Clancy Bambling and Matt Roth who competed at the Rugby League carnival in Hervey Bay on the weekend. Both boys played very well and Matt has made the Wide Bay team and will compete at State Trials.

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 ***this Friday 22 May.***

FESTIVAL FUNDRAISING: This Friday afternoon outside of Gayndah Guardian Pharmacy we will have a pumpkin soup and baking stall. We also have a terrific multi draw raffle happening, tickets available at the office. There are also spaces available on the numbers board.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students:

Week Four

Prep: Livia Roth

Y1/2: Nick Meyer

Y2/3: Hugo Baker

Y4: Ebonee Kreis

Y5/6: Harrison & Jackson Kemp





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**“In All Things
 Glorify God”**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015	
<u>Term One</u> Wed 28 Jan— Thurs 2 April	<u>Term Two</u> Tues 21 April— Fri 26 June
<u>Term Three</u> Mon 13 July— Fri 18 Sept	<u>Term Four</u> 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](#)

19-27 May Book Fair	22 May Walk safely to school day
26th May Family Reading Morning	27 May Maroon for Mission
6 June Orange Festival	9 June P & F Meeting

Community Notices

SOCCER: Grassroots coaching course - GAYNDAH

Sunday 31st May 1030 am – 12.30pm

This course is FREE. Suitable for all interested adults and high school students

Must register online - Certificate provided on completion of course

Contact Laine 0428931151 after 5pm for registration details

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES: GAMES FOR THIS WEEKEND SATURDAY
22nd MAY – GAYNDAH FOOTBALL GROUNDS:

Under 6 & 8	10am
Under 10's	11.00 am
Under 12's	12.00 pm
Under 14's	1.00 pm
Under 16 's	2.00pm

All players are to be at the field 1 hour before the game. If you are unable to make the game please contact the coach and let them know.

Next week training 26th May is in Mundubbera. The bus is leaving the Gayndah sports ground at 3.30pm. Cost per person is \$3.00.

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

GAYNDAH Y JOINS UP WITH CANE2CORAL:

Join up for this years Cane2Coral 4km or 8km Fun Run or Walk and you can take part in the YMCA's 10 week free fitness program being offered at the Gayndah YMCA and Mundubbera at Bicentennial Park. These sessions commence 7am this Saturday at both venues. www.cane2coral.com.au. If you would like more info contact Dael 0475006544

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

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