Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and Friends,

Parent Portal

Recently we released the school app which allows St Joseph’s Primary to keep parents/caregivers informed of upcoming events and key pieces of information. In addition to this service, we are now offering a link on our school website to what is known as the ‘Parent Portal’. The parent portal will seek to provide online support to parents outside of school hours. Such benefits of the secure website include online student absentee messaging; access to notes sent home (paper form) will now be available in digital form and many other applications. Over the coming weeks I will share with you some of the key features available to parents from a home or portable device.

Student Absence

Parents can now inform the administration staff of student absence through the parent portal. Simply by clicking on the Absence icon, parents can inform the school of the period of time and reason for the absence. An email will be sent to the office directly and the classroom teacher will be informed through our electronic role marking system.

Also in the middle quadrant are school fee details and an option to update the details we have within our system i.e. phone number changing or change of address.

A letter will come home with your child today regarding login and password details. I would ask that you keep those details in a safe location and take the opportunity to change password details once you have logged in for the first time. Should you have any issues or questions, please contact the school office for assistance.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents and friends who helped with the setting up of the school float for the parade. A massive job was made very easy with many hands.

Have a wonderful week.

Ben.
The Promises of the Sacred Heart
Jesus wants so much for us to be close to his Heart. When we stay close to the Heart of Jesus, he makes promises to us that he will keep forever. Jesus says to us:

- I will give you the strength you need every day.
- I will make your home a peaceful place.
- I will comfort you when you are sick, sad, or worried.
- I will stay close to you every second of the day, especially in life-and-death emergencies.
- I will bless the work you do.
- I will show you mercy when you turn away from sin.
- I will inspire you when you are not excited about your faith.
- I will write your name in my Heart; I will never forget how you honour my Heart.
- You will be safe with me, even at the moment of death.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day
This Friday we celebrate the Feast day of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a long held feast day in the Catholic Church, and always falls 19 days after Pentecost. The Sacred Heart reminds us that Christ is not God simply appearing as man; He is truly man, just as He is truly God. The Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for all mankind, and our devotion to it is an expression of our faith in His mercy.

Thanks Year Four
Mrs Bernie, Mrs Baker, Mrs Roth, and the students of year 4 shared with us the story of Jonah last Friday morning. The poem of Jonah and the Whale was recited beautifully and the props and costumes brought the story to life. Thank you very much for all the time and effort that was taken to present this Old Testament tale.

Music Fire School Song Launch
A great day was had by the whole St. Joseph’s community last Friday as we welcomed Anna, Jo, Steph, Peter, Mark, Lawrie and the newest member of Music Fire Zane to Gayndah to share in worship and song with us. We raised the roof on the Parish Hall all day as we enjoyed learning new songs and actions. The highlight of the day was the learning and performing of our new school song. We are looking forward to singing it more often as a community, and using the lyrics of this song to identify who we are at St. Joseph’s for many years to come. A big thanks to Music Fire and all the parents, friends and community members who joined us for the concert on Friday.

What’s On

- **Wednesday 10th June**—Ngutana Lui Cultural Immersion Day.
- **Thursday 11th June**—9am Class Mass – Prep
- **Thursday 11th June** – Gunther Village – Year 4
- **Friday 12th June**—Assembly—9am Hall—Year 5/6
DATE CORRECTION: Our Interhouse Athletics carnival will be Friday, 19 June, our Family Fun Day will be Sunday, 21st June.

- A canteen will be operating on a pre-order system for lunch for students and any parents or helpers with order forms attached to the newsletter. These need to be returned by Monday 15th.
- Students may also bring a small amount of money to purchase snacks at first break.

To ensure the canteen runs successfully, parent help is required. Please let the office know if you are able to bake sweet treats or volunteer on the day.

P & F NEWS:

- Date claimer—Family fun day Sunday 21st June. The P & F will provide a BBQ and drinks for the kids.
- The uniform shop welcomes donations of good quality second hand uniforms.
- This semester, P & F are supporting the school by donating $1500 towards new high jump and netball equipment

Thank you to our wonderful visitors from Ngutana-Lui!
GAYNDAH Y JOINS UP WITH CANE2CORAL: Join up for this year’s 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 run at 7am each Saturday at both venues. www.cane2coral.com.au. If you would like more info contact Dael 0475 006 544

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE: Game times for this Saturday at Mundubbera are:
Under 6/8 11am
Under 10 12pm
Under 12 1pm
Under 14 2pm
Under 16 3pm

CENTRAL BURNETT DAY CAMP: 30th June, 1st and 2nd July 2015. For children grades 1-7. Praise, orienteering, craft, bush activities, archery, fun, dampers, painting, flying fox, gunyas, exploring, adventure, God stuff. Mundubbera-Eidsvold-Gayndah Uniting Church Congregations. For any parents who would like to form part of the “bikkie ministry”, some home baking for the camp would be very much appreciated. For further information and a registration form, please call Glenda on 0428 613 133.

GAYNDAH JUNIOR SOCCER Open to all Junior players including high school. Training Thursdays 4-5pm Gayndah Sports field. Fees only $25 per player/season. Come and have a go! Ph. Laine 0428931151 for more details.

Gayndah Game Day this SATURDAY 13th June
8:30 for 9am kick off
Remember hats, shin pads and waterbottles!

NORTH BURNETT ROADS ROADSHOW: Join the conversation at Community Information Forums. 5pm-7pm, Gayndah Town Hall Thursday 11th June. Hear about what council is doing to plan road works. Have your say towards the direction of our road network during a facilitated workshop discussion. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. To register your booking please call 1300 696 272 or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au. For more information visit www.northburnett.qld.gov.au

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER: Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

DIARY OF COMING EVENTS
Sat 6 June
Orange Festival Parade

Fri 19 June
Interhouse Athletics

Fri 26 June
Last Day Term 2

Tues 9 June
P & F Meeting

Sun 21st June
Family Fun Day

Mon 13 July
Pupil Free Day

COMMUNITY NEWS
RIDE FOR JOEY’S

Ride for Joey’s is back!!!! Bring your bike or scooter to school on Friday 12th June. Please bring a gold coin donation to raise much needed funds for the Nepalese Earthquake recovery. Don’t forget your helmets…… safety is our number one priority!!!!