



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

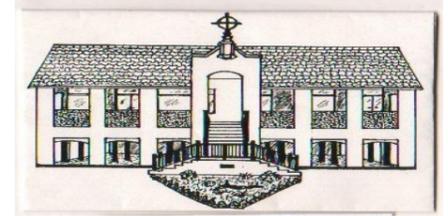
2015 Term Three

Week One

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
15 July 2015

Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

Welcome back from the winter break. I hope that over the past two weeks you have enjoyed some time together as a family, all be it trying to stay warm during this cooler weather. This week we take time to celebrate a very special occasion in our nation's calendar; NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. As part of the NAIDOC celebrations, students from years 5 and 6 attended a NAIDOC event held by Burnett State College on Tuesday. They thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities and performances on offer. As a whole school students were treated to an indigenous dance workshop today and will recognise the significance of the week as part of assembly on Friday.

Yesterday you should have received an automated text message (a test message to confirm the system is working) from the school reminding everyone that our monthly P and F meeting was held in the staff room last night. This new school initiative will be predominately used to contact parents of students who aren't at school or have any unexplained absences. However, with the ease and reliability of this new program we will look to use the sms system to keep parents informed of vital information at various times (i.e. in the case of an emergency, up to date sporting event information or friendly reminders of upcoming events or commitments). If for any reason you didn't receive a text from the school please let the office staff know so as to ensure adjustments can be made now before the service is fully operational. Unfortunately, parents can't respond to this message so any inwards correspondence will still require a phone call or email.

As part of next week's newsletter we will publish another term calendar to ensure all parents are kept up to date with upcoming events.

On a side note, Mr Parkinson and myself were instrumental in ensuring Team Chayndah (Childers and Gayndah) won the Tom Fitzsimon Award for the best score at the annual Brisbane Catholic Education Golf Day over the holiday period. The shield will take pride of place in my office until this time next year, although Mr Hinton from Childers is looking to establish some sort of shared custody arrangement.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Regards

Ben



From the APRE....



Feast of St Benedict – St Benedict 480-547

On Saturday 11th July the Catholic Church marked the feast of St Benedict. Born at Nursia into a noble Roman family Benedict left his studies in Rome to become a hermit in the mountains near Subiaco, and after a while many followers joined him. He moved to Monte Cassino, where he completed his Rule; a written guide for those living a monastic life, with a strong emphasis on obedience, moderation and community life. Although Benedict never became a priest or ever intended to found a religious order, his Rule guided monks and became the fundamental monastic code in Europe into the early middle ages.

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan base their Values on the Rule of St. Benedict. Therefore our School Motto and our 12 Values can trace their origins back to St. Benedict also.

The Rule of St. Benedict - "Put Christ before all else."

St Benedict's Prayer

Gracious and holy God,
Give us the wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you.
Diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you.
Eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate on you and a life to proclaim you.
Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen

The Old Testament—Bible

This term our Prep—Year 3 students will be taking time in their Religion lessons to break open, discuss, complete activities about and learn more about the Old Testament of the bible, and the familiar stories contained within these Scriptures. The Old Testament is sometimes referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures. It was created by the Hebrews to show how God was revealed to the Jewish people. Like the New Testament the 46 books we as Catholics have in the Old Testament are written, compiled and edited by various authors for various audiences and purposes. What stories do you recall from the Old Testament? Take some time this term to talk to your children about the Old Testament of the bible, and discover something new that the children have learnt and may in turn be able to teach you.

Sacramental Program

The St. Joseph's Parish are currently seeking expressions of interest for children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation this year. In 2015, the Parish plans to offer First Reconciliation, with those students then being eligible to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation in 2016. Students in Year 3 or older are able to take part in First Reconciliation. It is planned that this program will take place in Term 3. If you would like more information or would like to enrol your child, please contact Fr. Jason Middleton at the Parish on 4161 1315 or Michelle McClafferty at the school office on 4161 1889.

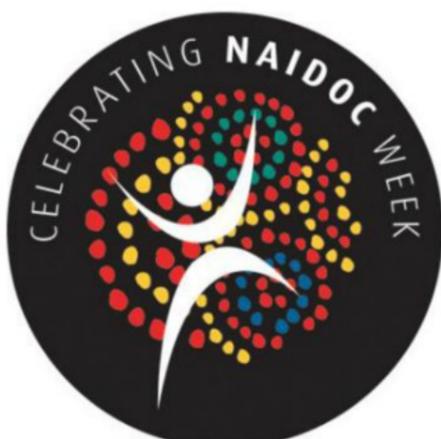


Woolworths Earn and Learn Program



It is extremely important that we support our local shops and businesses in Gayndah. However, Woolworths is again running a program for schools, in which through shopping with them schools may receive resources. This year we have decided to sign up for the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program in the hope that our families may encourage their out of town grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and family to collect tokens for us at St. Joseph's.

The initiative runs throughout Term 3, and finalised tallies need to be submitted in September. Collected stickers can be brought into school, and collated before being sent off to Modern Teaching Aids to determine how many points towards new resources we had received. Make the phone call today, and ask the "out of towners" to help us out!



What's On

Friday 17th July—NAIDOC Week Assembly—9am Hall

Friday 24th July—Leadership Committee Hand Over Assembly –9am—Hall

Save the Date— Friday 31st July—Excursion to St. Joseph's Childers for

Catholic Education Week.

DANCE CREW : Resumes *tomorrow, Thursday 16 July*.



Prep—Year 3: 3.15—3.45pm
 Years 4 – 6: 3.45—4.20pm

If your child usually catches the bus home but is going to dance crew, please let the office know.

BOOK CLUB: Issue 5 is attached to today’s newsletter. If you would like to place an order, please return the forms and payment to the school office by **Wednesday, 29 July**. Please make cheques payable to St Joseph’s School.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Breakkie Club has resumed and would appreciate donations of margarine, jam and eggs.

GAYNDAH DISTRICT SPORTS CARIVAL: Our District Sports Day will be held **next Thursday, 23 July**, at the Gayndah Sports Oval. Students will walk to the sports grounds from school. Information detailing what events your child is in will be sent home in the next few days.

NORTH BURNETT CRICKET TRIALS: **Wednesday 5 August**, at Gayndah State School.



Congratulations to Students of the Week, Term Two Week Ten. From left, Jackson Barbeler (2/3), Deb Imhoff (Y4), Georgia Slack (5/6) and Asher Bryant (1/2). Absent: Rex Messer (Prep).



Left to right: Lizzie Roth (Junior Girl), Clancy Bambling (Senior Boy), Ainsley Bayntun (Senior Girl), Tristen Bayntun (Junior Boy).

Athletics Carnival Results

Lourdes	Fatima
420	430
Senior Boy	Clancy Bambling
Senior Girl	Ainsley Bayntun
Junior Boy	Tristen Bayntun
Junior Girl	Elizabeth 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>
Tues 14 July— Fri 18 Sept	Tues 6 Oct— Fri 4 Dec
Monday 20 April—Pupil Free Day Monday 8 June—Public Holiday Monday 13 July—Pupil Free Day Monday 5 Oct —Public Holiday Monday 19 Oct—Pupil Free Day	

[Diary of Coming Events](#)

Thurs 23 July District Athletics Carnival	Fri 31st July Visit to St Joseph's Childers
Tues 4 Aug Pre-Prep Program Begins	Mon 10 Aug Show Holiday

Community Notices

SHRED PT: Shred PT is running a 6 week fitness class at St. Joseph's School.

Who: All fitness levels catered for from 12 years up.

When: Each Friday *starting July 31st* at 6am.

What you need: A water bottle, towel and comfortable clothing for exercise

Cost: \$10 per week. If you pay the full 6 weeks upfront by Friday 24th July you will go into the draw to have your full \$60 refunded!

Contact Kirsty on 0429628432 or Bec 0417272816 for further information

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 0428 931 151 for more details.

GAYNDAH JUNIOR TOUCH: Gayndah junior touch starts again *next Wednesday July 22* at the sports grounds at 4:00pm. Primary school students turning 6 and up as well as year 7 and 8 students who are NOT playing senior touch are eligible.

For more information contact Leisa on 0402 869 032 or Maria on 0400844681.

JAM NIGHT: Second jam night for musicians, this *Thursday 16 July*, starting at 6.30pm in the Town Hall. Songs include “Lean on Me”, “I Can See Clearly Now” and “Hey Brother” by Avicii. If you need chords/music, contact Andrew or Jen Bryant.

NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL: “Movies in the Halls” All inclusive free community event. Watch two family movies on the ‘big screen’ inside each Town Community Hall. Included: movie admission, free inflight meal and care kit, popcorn, tea/coffee/cold drinks. Bonus: Paper plane throwing competition, giveaways and more. Don't forget to pack warm clothes and a blanket. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Gayndah Town Hall: *Saturday 29th August*. 3pm: Planes, 6pm: Paper Planes. Book now to secure your Gold Class Seats! Book by email to admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au or call 1300 696 272.

NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL: Free Film-making workshops. Learn hands on the basics of filming and editing. Participants of all ages and abilities welcome. Gayndah: *Saturday 8th August*, 10.30am—4pm and *Sunday 9th August*, 10am to 2pm, at the Gayndah Arts and Cultural Centre. Light lunch provided, please advise dietary requirements. Bookings to 1300 696 272 or admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

GET STARTED VOUCHERS: Round 6 of the Sport and Recreation Services Get Started Vouchers Program opens *today 15 July 2015*. Under the Get Started Vouchers program, vouchers of up to \$150 are provided to eligible children and young people to help pay for the cost of sport or recreation club membership and or participation fees through registered Get Started Vouchers Clubs. For more information visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation.sports.funding/getinthegame/

SOUTH PACIFIC TAEKWONDO: Gayndah State Primary School, every Tuesday and Thursday 6pm. For more information please call: 4724 1000 or visit www.southpacifictkd.com.au