Hi Everyone

“Steps on the Journey”

Just over eighteen months ago I shared with the school community through conversation and parent presentations the future academic direction of our school community based around the intention of providing quality school wide practices, in particular the areas of literacy and numeracy. In doing so, we aim to ensure that as students move through our school they are exposed to the same quality frameworks and structures in order to build greater understanding and capabilities with every year. To support students and keep parents informed of how their child is growing, we must look at what the data is saying about how students are achieving now and into the future.

With consistency of practice across the areas of reading, spelling and number understanding now existing across all grades, as a staff we must look to refining individual components of our teaching in support of individual student achievement. Put simply, knowing that we have quality practice existing in our classrooms, our focus this year and into the future must be directed to the individual students and how we can best support their development.

Why am I sharing this? In the current climate of nation standardised testing, there is no doubting that data collected (NAPLAN, internal reading, spelling and number assessments) paints a picture for the strengths and areas for development of each child. The greatest focus for us as a school is to know specifically what this picture looks like and how we can adjust our practices to support them. As a parent, this data will enable you to know specifically how you can support your child from home. Over the next few weeks I encourage you to find time to speak with your child’s classroom teacher and allow them to bring you even further into the learning journey. Ask them how is my child progressing in reading, what areas can they be developing in and what can I do from home to strengthen their capabilities in reading, spelling and number understanding? I assure you it’s not as scary as it may seem and any concerns or questions will be replaced with a clearer understanding and confidence to know your child is being supported to achieve their full potential.

This week we welcomed a new school officer into our team here at St Joseph’s, Mrs Kaylee Hart. Kaylee comes to us having previously worked as a relief school officer at both Gayndah and Binjour Plateau State Primary Schools. Kaylee will be working predominately in the 2/3 classroom to assist in the day to day coordination of classroom exercises and student support. In doing so, Leah Lancaster will move to support numerous students across the school with specific learning considerations. Given her experience in working with students with learning needs, Leah will support classroom teachers and Jennell Bernie (Head of Learning Support) to implement short term academic and social/emotional goals in an individual specific context. Please take the time over the coming weeks to join the staff in welcoming Kaylee into our school community.

Have a great week everyone

Regards

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Catholic Education Week – Journey to Childers

This Friday 31st July we travel to Childers as a whole school to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Please see the details below, to ensure your child/ren are prepared for the journey.

- **Depart:** School grounds at 8.50am
- **Dress:** Sports Uniform, and School Hat
- **Bring:** Water Bottle, Fruit Break and Snack
- **Return:** By 3.00pm for the end of the day.

During the day we will be taking part in a Mass to celebrate Catholic Education, having a sausage sizzle for lunch and doing some craft activities with our Childers buddies. The students will also have a treat of Mammino Ice Cream.

Congratulations on the Arrival of Kaylee Rose

Congratulations to Sharlene and Kirk on the early arrival of Kaylee Rose, a little sister for Shae Baxter (year 6). Sharlene and Kaylee are currently recovering in Royal Brisbane Hospital. We ask that as a community of St. Joseph’s you keep this family in your prayers.

A Blessing for the Birth of a New Baby

God, Our Creator you are the parent of us all.
We are all your children.
Bless Kaylee, as we celebrate her birth.
Watch over and guide her in this life journey.
Bless her parents and sisters, as they welcome their new sister.
We make this prayer through Jesus your beloved Son.
Amen.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Update

Thank you to all those who have collected Earn and Learn stickers to assist the resourcing of our school. So far our tally stands at 150 stickers. Keep collecting and asking those out of town relatives and friends to support St. Joey’s.

What’s On

- **Friday 31st July**—Excursion to St. Joseph’s Childers for Catholic Education Week.
- **Thursday 6th August**—Gunther—Year 5/6
- **Thursday 6th August**—Class Mass—9am—Year 1/2
- **Friday 7th August**—Assembly—Year 2/3—Hall—9am
DANCE CREW: Every Thursday.
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.

P & F NEWS:
Our next P & F meeting will be next Tuesday, 4 August, 7pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.

NORTH BURNETT ATHLETICS: Friday 14 August.

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North Burnett Athletics: Friday 14 August.

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Gayndah District Athletics Carnival 2015

L-R: Olivia Evans, Dayne Dakin Mimi, Tristen Bayntun, Ainsley Bayntun, Kaleb Shepherd, Miriam Shepherd, Tiffany Driver.

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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 SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY:  Walkathon & Bike-athan “Ks For Kids”.
Saturday 29 August. Total walk distance is 10kms; walkers may go the whole distance or conclude at one of the checkpoints along the route. Cyclists have the option of riding the loop once or twice, covering either 10km or 20kms. This event is not a race. Register between 7.30am and 7.45am at the front gates of Burnett College on Saturday 29 August. Students need permission of parent/guardian. Cyclists start at 7.55am, walkers start at 8am. Sausage sizzle in grounds of Gayndah Primary School to welcome finishers. Participants are asked to pay a $5 entry fee and collect sponsorship in cash or written promises on forms before the event. Forms available at the schools. All funds raised will support the work of the School Chaplain in Gayndah, Binjour and Coalstoun Lakes, iTunes Gift Cards valued at $30 for the highest student fundraisers from BSC and the local Primary Schools.

GAYNDAH JUNIOR TOUCH: Gayndah junior touch Wednesdays, 4pm at the sports grounds. 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 0400 844 681.

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 is now open. 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/

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: 4th-6th September 2015: Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, ORMISTON QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside). For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph: (07) 3342 1456, danmmpmurphy@optusnet.com.au
Information website www.wwme.org.au
Watch our new video –YouTube: https://youtu.be/5Hdl2ZDxZXc

UNITINGCARE COMMUNITY COUNTRY CALLBACK: Country Callback is a 24/7 telephone support service for drought affected and isolated communities within rural Queensland. The service offers targeted emotional support and check-ins. The service is available to people experiencing personal, social, financial and emotional difficulties as a result of the prolonged drought and rural hardship. The Country Callback service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Ph 1800 543 354.