



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2015 Term Three

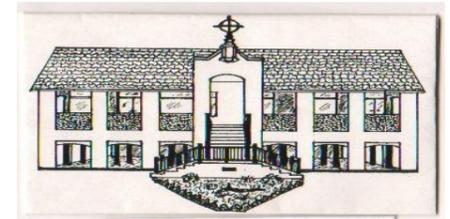
Week Four

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
5 Aug 2015



Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

Last week I shared with you the journey so far for St Joseph's Primary in regards to our consistency of teaching and learning practices. This week I wanted to take the opportunity to share some figures relating to the development that our students are making across two of our main focus areas.

Parents of students in years 3 and 5 yesterday received the results of the NAPLAN testing completed in May of this year. While I can appreciate that this testing is a snap shot of where some of our students were at earlier this year, a number of clear indicators have come out of our results.

Given that in the past 18 months we have worked to support the reading development of our students through consistent classroom practice, I was keen to see that the data coming out of the testing displayed clear student development. In the area of reading comprehension for this set of testing, 88% of our students are achieving in line with the national average level and of those students, 60% are achieving at least one or more achievement bands above the national average.

Another area that St Joseph's Primary has given considerable effort to supporting student's development in is number concepts and mathematical capabilities. In much the same way as reading has made improvement, 81% of our students are achieving in line with the national average level and of those students 77% are achieving one or more bands higher than the national average.

While these figures are good, it's important to note that from a school perspective there is always room for supporting all students further through our regular assessment tools, structured learning experiences and continued efforts to involve parents in the learning journey. Additionally, I think that parents should be made aware that we use this testing to further drill down to the specific learning needs of all our students and as a monitoring tool to track individual progress regardless of national standards over a two year period.

Currently we are developing our whole school writing program to complement our reading and spelling practices. This process will see teachers, administration members and our literacy consultant (Tessa Hobbs) working together to create a framework for how we unpack writing across our school in much the same way as we have our seven stages of reading. In doing so they will ensure all classrooms will be effectively resourced to support the writing practices and that the language and strategies that are being used are part of developing sequence for students as they move through each grade. As a follow on from this program being implemented, we will aim to continue keeping parents and members of our school community informed and involved through each step of the process.

Given that our current intentions are to build consistency across our school now, the ultimate goal is to see that the practices implemented continue to evolve with our students whilst maintaining the structures of consistency long after generations of students have moved through our beautiful school. Having a learning and teaching culture that is valued and understood by all members of our school community will ensure that its implementation doesn't rest with just a handful of people.

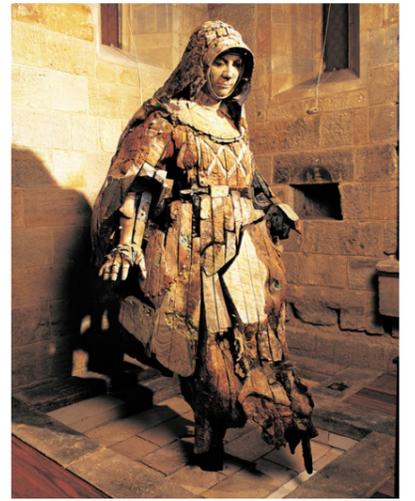
Have a great week everyone.

Ben



From the APRE....

O God, source of all goodness,
who have shown us in Saint Mary
a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross,
teach us, we pray, by her example
to live the gospel in changing times
and to respect and defend
the human dignity of all in our land.
Through our Lord.
All: Amen



Feast Day St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



This Saturday 8th of August we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. St Mary of the Cross is the patron saint of our Archdiocese and on Friday we will gather as a school community to honour her and the contribution she made to our nation.

Blessed Mary MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne, in 1842 – the eldest child of Scottish immigrants. In 1861 she moved to the small town of Penola in South Australia, where she met Fr. Julian Tenison Woods. Together they established Australia's first free Catholic school.

In 1866 she co-founded Australia's first religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph, and took a vow of poverty. Mary had 17 schools under her care. Mary's trust in God's will and providence enabled her to face the challenges that came both from within the Catholic Church and those endured by the loss of family and dear friends. As the Sisters of St Joseph expanded throughout Australia and beyond, Mary's endurance coupled with her compassion and leadership, touched many people's lives.



Mary MacKillop was a young woman with a dream to make a difference in our world. Her dream encompassed opening simple schools where there was no class distinction, offering refuge to the most neglected, and bringing practical help to families. She touched many lives leaving a legacy that endures today.

Catholic Education Week

We all had a fantastic day last Friday at St. Joseph's, Childers. Here is a snapshot of our day in pictures.....



What's On

Thursday 6th August—Gunther—Year 5/6—**CANCELLED**—Due to Gunther Excursion.

Thursday 6th August—Class Mass—9am—Year 1/2

Friday 7th August—Assembly—Year 2/3—Hall—9am—Mary MacKillop

Watch this space...

**An exciting Arts Initiative is coming soon
to St Joseph's!!!**



Stay "tuned" for more information...

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.

LIBRARY NEWS—READ ALL ABOUT IT! We have had a very busy time in the library looking at all the Shortlisted Books for Children's Book Week which runs from **Saturday 22 August - Friday 28 August**. The CBCA celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year! The *Book Week* theme will be Books Light Up Our World! There are some lovely books to read and enjoy as the children review and rate them ready for our class voting next week.

Our day for dressing up as our favourite book character will be Tuesday the 25th of August on the library deck and I will endeavour to send a notice home with dress up ideas by Friday.

In conjunction with Bookweek we will be holding a Great Book Swap. All students are encouraged to donate a book in good condition that they enjoy, but are happy to part with. They need to bring this book and then swap it for another and make a gold coin donation, the proceeds of which will be donated to Indigenous Literacy to provide funds for remote indigenous communities. Parents, caregivers and community members are also welcome to donate books, which they no longer want, to the adult Great Book Swap and swap for another book, also for a gold coin donation.

Have a great day and happy reading!

Mrs Madden and Mrs McGregor

LOST PROPERTY: A silver earring was found at the school last Thursday. If you think it may be yours please contact the office.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Thank you to everyone who has donated to Breakkie Club this year. Your support is very much appreciated! At present we are looking for donations of margarine, eggs or juice. Any donations can be left at the school office. Thank you!

PUBLIC HOLIDAY: A reminder that next **Monday, 10 August**, is a public holiday.

ACARA NOTICE: Attached to today's newsletter is the annual Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Privacy Notice. If you have any questions, please give the school a ring.

Community Notices

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:

This week's games are at Mundubbera against Wondai.

Under 6	9am
Under 8	10am
Under 10	11am
Under 12	12pm
Under 14	1pm

The Next training on **Tuesday 11th August** will be at Mundubbera. There will be a bus going from Gayndah Sports Ground with a cost of \$3.00 per person.

Coach for Under 6 & 8	Mr Mike Coulson	0418 728 478
Coach for Under 10s	MS Kylie Shadford	0467 832 141
Coach for Under 12s	Mr Steve Trott	0488 109 222
Coach for Under 14s	Mr Paul Bust	0488 271 366
Coach for Under 16s	Mr Robert Linsket	0429 611 096



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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> Tues 14 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 13 July—Pupil Free Day Monday 5 Oct —Public Holiday Monday 19 Oct—Pupil Free Day	

Diary of Coming Events

Mon 10 Aug Show Holiday	Fri 14 Aug NB Athletics
Fri 21 Aug St Joseph's Art Evening	Mon 24 Aug Book week begins
Fri 4 Sept Fathers Day Breakfast	Tues 8 Sept Celebration of Learning

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 LITTLE ATHLETICS:

Sign on date **Friday, 28 August**, 6pm at the Gayndah Sports Ground. Two week free trial. Run Jump Throw—Give Little Athletics a go! Enquiries to Helen Smith, 0429 964 454.

GAYNDAH SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY: Walkathon & and Bike-athon “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.

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, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au
 Information website www.wme.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.