Next Friday we will be holding our annual St Joseph’s Arts Evening. The evening is our third building of community event for the year and serves as an opportunity for St Joseph’s Primary to showcase some of the incredible artistic talent that our students possess. With the overwhelming success of last year, we aim to spread the students work around the building to allow for better movability. To do so we will open up both the art room and the music room to showcase work from a range mediums. The display will open from 5:30pm in the Gayndah Arts and Cultural Centre (GACC Building).

Following the art display, parents are encouraged to attend a gallery exhibition opening in the conference room upstairs. It is our intention that we make this a truly community building event this year and work alongside a community organisation (Gayndah Art Gallery) to build the arts in our community. The invitation this year is not limited to only our parents exclusively and I ask that you extend the invite to any extended family members or close friends in the community. $10.00 will grant you entry into the exhibition and nibbles and canapés throughout the evening. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

As the parents move upstairs, students will move off to a BBQ dinner and a disco in the parish hall. The disco will run for approx. an hour and will be followed by students spreading their time between a range of activities in classrooms before settling into a couple of movie options. Students aren’t required to bring anything with them on the evening but are reminded to dress appropriately for the cooler weather.

Contained in today’s newsletter are a couple of flyer invitations to the evening that you are welcome to pass on to family and loved ones. The P and F committee will create an event on Facebook this week which all members of the St Joseph’s P and F page will receive. If you aren’t already a member I encourage you to search for the group on Facebook and put in a request to join. By doing so, you will have additional access to everything happening in and around our school community.

In keeping with all things art in our community, St Joseph’s Primary with the support of our P and F Committee will be offering free painting workshops with Sue Capewell on Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 13th of September from 1pm – 4 pm. Sue has been working with students over the past month during art lessons and these workshops will only further support the developing talents our students have in the arts. If you would like your child to come along to the workshop, please contact the office to reserve a place.

Have a great week everyone.

Ben
Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. 
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Feast of the Assumption

Next Saturday, 15th August our Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption (rising) into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, declared that it is a dogma of the Church “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin’s passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian (Mary) feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation. That is, it is a day that we as Catholics are asked to make a considerable effort to attend mass.

All are welcome to join us for our Parish Mass on Friday 14th August at 5.30pm to celebrate this Holy day.

Praying the Rosary

One way we can recognise the significance of Mary for our Church and her presence in our lives is by Praying the Rosary. The Rosary is a special prayer to honour the Mother of God, and where we can meditate upon the life, death, passion and Glory of Jesus.

The Rosary is explicitly taught in Year Five as part of the Religion Curriculum, but is used in classroom prayer and forms part of class prayer for all classes.

If you would like more information about the Rosary, or would like some Rosary beads to use this prayer in family prayer time, please feel free to let me know and I’ll be happy to support your family with this.

What’s happening in our Religion classrooms this term?

Our classroom teachers have prepared some wonderful Religious Education units this term full of engaging learning experiences for our students. Our focus is looking again at the Three Worlds of Scripture texts in order to gain a greater understanding of them along with how they may relate to our lives today. The following areas are being covered in our classrooms:

- Prep – Caring for our World – The Creation Stories
- Year 1/2 – Gods Wonderful Creation – Creation Story and Noah
- Year 2/3 – The Second Story of Noah
- Year 4 – Where do we find God in the Text? – Good Samaritan
- Year 5 – Communities of Believers – “This is my Commandment (love)"
- Year 6 – Images and Titles for Jesus – Jesus as Son of Man, Messiah, and Saviour

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 800. Keep collecting and asking those out of town relatives and friends to support St. Joey’s. The stickers can continue be collected until Thursday 8th September.

Upcoming ………

- Roving Random Assembly— Friday 14th August 9:00am
- Year 4 Class Mass—Thursday 20th August 9:00am
- Prep—Gunther Village—Thursday 20th August
- Science Week—Next Week—Week 6

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Prep: Next Tuesday 18th August—First break
Years 1-3: Friday 14th August—First break
Years 4-6: Thursday 13th August—First break

Please note there is no Dance Crew this week.

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.

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.

Mrs Madden and Mrs McGregor

LOST PROPERTY:

• A silver earring has been found at the school. If you think it may be yours please contact the office.
• At present we have lots of coats and jumpers in our lost property box. If your child is missing an item of clothing please check the box, located under the admin building.

TOY CATALOGUES: Today your child has received our annual fundraising toy catalogues. If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form and return with payment to the school office by Friday, September 18. Delivery will be towards the end of term four.

WRITE4FUN: The 2015 School Writing Competition is now open. If you would like to enter, please go to www.write4fun.net or entry forms are available at the school office. Entries need to be in by Wednesday 26 August.

Students of the Week

L to R: Ainsley George (5/6), Bella Roth (Prep), Taylor Nelson (5/6), Tiffany Driver (5/6), Jacob Smith (2/3), Amy Weston (1/2), Erica Wenck (1/2)
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.

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:  
The games are on at Gayndah this weekend. This is the last fixture games. Please see Mary Cooper regarding canteen duties. Players need to be at the grounds one hour before the game so if the parents/guardians can assist in the canteen area for that one hour before. There are also other duties for setting up and cleaning up.

GAYNDAH SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY:  
Walkathon & Bikeathon “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, Binaroo 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.

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.wwme.org.au Watch our new video –YouTube: https://youtu.be/5Hdl2ZDxZXc

DISCO: The SES Cadets are holding a disco to raise funds to purchase new equipment. It will be held at the Gayndah Town Hall, on Saturday 12 September. Juniors (5-11yrs old) 5.30pm to 7pm, Seniors (12 to 18 yrs old) 7.30pm to 10pm. Juniors—$3, Seniors—$5. Animal theme.

GAYNDAH ART GALLERY: Children’s workshops with artist Sue Daw, October 10 & 11. More details to follow.