



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

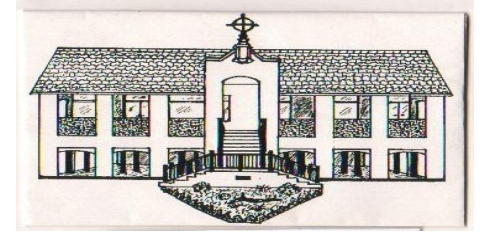
2015 Term Three

Week Six

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
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Principal's Letter to Parents



"TAKE A BREATH WEEK"

Hi Everyone

It's around this time each year that we start to see the impact of having such a busy year has on students, staff and parents alike, so this week I want to share with you an initiative that will take place next week called 'Take a Breath Week'. The intention behind this week is to prioritise the importance of taking time to stop, take a breath and replenish the batteries through some adjustments to the normal practices and the introduction of some deliberate wellbeing activities. Below I have detailed some of the recommended processes associated with the week.

Student Wellbeing Sessions

- On two occasions throughout the week students will negotiate activities with their teachers that they determine bring them the most enjoyment and fulfilment. It might be getting out to the oval for the afternoon to play some sport, additional art sessions or even some buddy time with another class. Taking time to enjoy the things we value most, empowers us to give our best efforts to all areas of schooling.

No Homework

- For the period of the week all classes will refrain from issuing any homework or additional tasks to be completed outside school hours. In its place students are encouraged to perhaps do some cooking, read for enjoyment, play outside or spend time with loved ones in a relaxed setting. Parents are encouraged where possible to make it home from work earlier, go for a walk together or take time at the start of the day together either over a meal or perhaps just staying in bed a little longer.

Loosening of eating and play locations

- During lunch breaks students will be given the opportunity on a number of occasions to eat in a variety of locations around the school. They won't be limited to where and for how long they must eat and will be encouraged to sit with students of different age groups. Balls games are permitted to be played at both breaks and play location restrictions will be loosened whilst still attending to WH and S guidelines. It is intended that by offering small opportunities to display responsibility we are in fact building more responsible students in the long term.

Time with Family

- Throughout the week, staff are encouraged (myself included) to head home at a decent hour and spend time with their families. As mentioned previously, I would encourage our families to make the most of this together also. If parents need to see a classroom teacher before or after school of significant importance they are welcome to do so, alternatively if it isn't urgent we ask that you hold off from making appointments next week.

Pyjama Day

- On the Friday we will hold a pyjama day for students and staff. Given the cool weather at the moment a set of flannos won't be out of place. Suitable pyjama clothing is required that still meets sun safe standards of closed in shoes and clothing with coverage similar to the school uniform.

Dependent on the success of the week we may look to do one each term as we see students, staff and the wide staff community in need of the time to stop and bring everything back to what is important. I would like to thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing the positive outcomes that surface from taking time to recharge the batteries.

See you Friday night at the Arts Evening!

Ben



From the APRE....

Our Good Samaritan Values and History

This term our Year 4 class is focussing upon the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) Scripture text. It seems to be a great opportunity to connect us to our Good Samaritan values and history that we at St. Joseph's strive to emulate every day. Here is how the story Jesus told, came alive in Sydney 150 years ago, and was the basis upon which the formation of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan were formed.



Two thousand years ago, Jesus told a story set on the winding Jericho road. The story was the much loved parable of the Good Samaritan. It was a story about conflict, injury, need and compassion. It is a story that has been retold and relived for centuries. One hundred and fifty years ago on the winding streets of colonial Sydney, this story came alive once again.

For some Sydney was a place of a new start, of opportunity and excitement. For others life was extremely hard, particularly for women. Many single mothers struggled to support their family with no social welfare, no state education and often nowhere to live.

Archbishop John Bede Polding a Benedictine monk from Downside Abbey in England, became a good neighbour to these women and to others on the margins, to convicts, the Aboriginal people and abandoned children. He supported the establishment of a refuge for women, the House of the Good Shepherd. It was run by the Sisters of Charity under the leadership of Mother Scholastica Gibbons.

The future of the refuge was threatened when the Sisters of Charity were no longer able to maintain their ministry. Who would be neighbour to these abused and disadvantaged women?

The crisis brought to the fore Polding's dream of founding a new religious congregation of women which would combine Benedictine spirituality with practical charity for the poor and those on the margins.

Five women came together on February 2, 1857 to found the first Australian congregation, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict.

Source: Sisters of the Good Samaritan Website - <http://www.goodsams.org.au/who-we-are/history/how-a-parable-came-alive/>



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 **1380 stickers**. Our points so far would allow us to purchase some of the following items:

- Jumbo Dominoes for outdoor use.
- 80 piece 3D Shapes Kit
- Life Cycle Games
- Modelling Clay, Paintbrushes, Water colours
- Sporting Equipment



Keep collecting and asking those out of town relatives and friends to support St.

Joey's. Stickers can be collected up until 8th September, and can be sent into school any time between now and the end of term.

Double Sticker Weekend!

To help you collect even more, Woolworths are holding a big **Double Sticker Weekend** this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get **two** stickers for every \$10 they spend*. The more you collect the more educational equipment we can redeem.

Upcoming

Year 4 Class Mass—Thursday 20th August 9:00am.

Prep—Gunther Village—Thursday 20th August.

National Seniors Week Visit

Friday 21st August—Year 5/6 Assembly—9am—Hall

**St. Joseph's Arts Evening—
Friday 21st August—5.30pm**

Book Week—Week 7 - Who will you be on Tuesday?

ST JOEY'S GOT TALENT

Congratulations to all the very talented Prep students who auditioned for the St Joey's got Talent Show! You were all very brave! The talents in Prep ranged from singing and dancing to joke telling and recorder playing.

Reminder:

Thursday 20/8: Years 4-7 Individual Entrants

Friday 21/8: Years 1-3 Individual Entrants

Don't forget to keep practicing your group performances for next week!!

Miss Melville & Miss Lake

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. A newsletter with dress up ideas has been sent home with your child, please let the office know if you do not have a copy.

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.

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**.

BOOKCLUB: Issue Six 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 2nd September**.

P & F NEWS:

- Annual Arts Evening this **Friday, 21 August**. Student display open from 5.30pm, opening of Gallery Exhibition 6.30pm-9.30pm. \$10 entry. Finger food provided throughout the evening. Beverage facilities available (Alcoholic and Non Alcoholic).
- Our next tuckshop day is **next Thursday, August 27**. Orders and payment need to be returned to the school by **Monday August 24**.
- Please find below a link to a survey to assist in helping to build our P and F Committee alongside the State Federation in 2016. This is part of a wider survey of Catholic school parents in a sample of Catholic schools across Queensland. The purpose of this short survey is to gather the latest data about the activity of and commitment to P&F throughout Catholic schools in Queensland to assist the Federation's planning for the coming years. Thank you in advance for your support. The link will also be on our webpage from Monday the 24th of August.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KWPR25K>

Students of the Week

Congratulations to:

Prep: Francesca Parry

Yr 1/2: Noah Coulson

Yr 2/3: Kaiden Ratcliff & Trader Ahern

Yr 4: Sophie Doyle & Jayda Maddern

Yr 5/6: Isabella Bryant



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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

Fri 21 Aug St Joseph's Art Evening	Mon 24 Aug Book week begins
Tues 25 Aug Book Week Parade	Mon 31 Aug— Fri 4 Sept Father's Day Stall
Fri 4 Sept Fathers Day Breakfast	Tues 8 Sept Celebration of Learning

Community Notices

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:

Under 10's training next Tuesday to play at Kingaroy on **Saturday 29th August**. Please let Kylie Shadford know if you are available to play.

Under 14's training Thursday at Gayndah.

Under 16's training as per coach's instructions.

There has been a change in plans with the Break up. **Saturday 5th September 2015** at the Gayndah Sports Ground with a starting time of 6.30pm. There will be a food voucher for all players. Cost of \$5.00 for burgers and \$2.00 for sausage on bread for families and friends. If you are unable to attend please let your coach know.

There are a number of trophies that need to be returned from last year for this year's winners. If you can drop them into your school office and let me know and I will organise pick up.

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.

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.