Dear Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers & Friends

As of the 14th of September work will begin on constructing our all-weather space over the tennis court facility. This is the first stage of development for the St Joseph’s school community since the construction of the library and 5/6 classroom. With the anticipated work due to commence in the later stages of this year, the school board have been working together to formulate a building/school master plan for the next 5, 10 and 15 years.

Once the construction of the first phase of development (court cover) is complete our attention will move in early 2016 to an external refurbishment of the administration building due to the deterioration of the roof, guttering and external surfaces of the almost 100 year old building. However, of most interest and importance to our school community will be the replacement of the demountable classrooms which are approaching 20 years of service within our school in the next 2-5 years. Last week, St Joseph’s Primary placed an initial expression of interest application for government funding to replace our classrooms with permanent classrooms through the Block Grants Authority (BGA). Whilst this application may not be successful on the first occasion, there is the possibility that if we do receive approval, the school will be looking to begin construction in late 2016/early 2017.

With this application in mind, the School Board worked together to determine what we must prioritise as a school community when heading into the planning phase for classroom buildings and surrounding areas. During our discussions we looked at the existing components that we felt were pivotal to our school community e.g. the large trees. Below are additional components shared that you may or may not consider important elements of our future school grounds. By developing a list of what our school community value, we will ensure that all the key physical characteristics that have been highlighted are recognised during future negotiations with architects and builders.

Key Components

- Openness of the grounds
- Shaded eating space
- Covered walkways
- History and heritage of the older buildings
- School signage

The second phase of our master plan development is to take time to listen to the thoughts and ideas that our wider school community have on the future direction of our school. Included in today’s newsletter is a short survey that I would greatly appreciate students and their parents taking the time to answer the few short questions together. The class with the greatest percentage of surveys returned will end the term with a class party care of the leadership team (apologies in advance for overly motivated children wanting to complete the survey). When you have answered the questions please return the flyer to the school office.

Whilst this survey won’t act as the ideal ultimate wish list, I encourage parents and students to be honest and open in their thoughts and ideas for the future. If you run out of space on the lined area please feel free to write on the back.

Have a great week everyone.

Ben
Hi everyone, I trust you are enjoying the first week of spring and taking the opportunity to be outdoors in the beautiful weather!

**Child Protection Week**

This week in Queensland is Child Protection Week which seeks to promote the value of children and focusing attention on the issues of child abuse and neglect, the objectives of Child Protection Week are to:

* Raise the profile of all issues connected with child protection, including child abuse prevention, treatment, research, education, service provision and support for children, young people and families.

* Create a state wide umbrella focus for child protection allowing government and non-government agencies to present a cooperative and coordinated community oriented campaign.

* Support and value professionals and volunteer child protection workers by providing ‘best practice’ training and a forum to exchange ideas and information.

* Offer a framework to recognise advances in the field, and thereby contribute to better outcomes for all children and young people, especially those who have been harmed or are at risk of harm.

Child protection is everybody’s business and this week in particular we are encourage to play our part in recognising the importance of protecting the rights of all children.

More information and support for all children can be found on the Child Protection Week website—http://childprotectionweek.org.au/

**Upcoming …….**

- **Friday 11th September**— Assembly—9am Hall—Mr. Gray—Thanks to our Amazing Staff.
- **Thursday 17th September**—WEAR ORANGE DAY—Orange Sky Laundry Fundraiser.
- **Friday 18th September**—Special End of Term Assembly—9am Hall
- **Friday 18th September**—St. Joey’s Got Talent—Final

We support Orange Sky Laundry

Orange Sky Laundry is an initiative developed by two young men in Brisbane to support homeless people of Brisbane to feel clean, respected, and valued. They have equipped a van with a washing machine and dryer to enable people to wash and dry their clothes. The volunteers of Orange Sky Laundry also provide fellowship to the people who use this service. At St. Joseph’s we will be helping Lucas and Nicholas to get the Van!

Next Thursday 17th September, all students are encouraged to wear ORANGE - deck yourself from head to toe or add a splash of colour to your school uniform to show support. We are asking that all students bring a gold coin donation to assist this worthy cause. The bottom line is if every student and staff member across the BCE community was able to donate just $1, they would have more than enough to purchase and fit-out a new van for Orange Sky Laundry.
**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.

**P & F NEWS:**

- Our next P & F meeting is **next Tuesday, 15th September** 7pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.
- The P & F is looking for some extra helpers for the next couple of tuckshops. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the school office.
- Fathers Day Raffle—Congratulations to Matt Roth who was the lucky winner!

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS:** Do to the Sea Life Mooloolaba excursion tomorrow, there will be some changes to the Instrumental music schedule. For students in 1/2 & 2/3 who normally have lessons on a Thursday, their lesson will be on Friday. Students from years 4 to 7 will have their lesson Thursday.

**DANCE CREW:** There will be **no Dance Crew** tomorrow due to the Sea Life excursion.

**DETAILS UPDATE:** To ensure that we have your most up to date contact details, please notify the office of any changes of address, phone numbers, email addresses etc.

**LOST PROPERTY:** If your child is missing any uniform items, please check in the lost property box located under the admin building.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Breakky club welcomes donations of bread, juice, milo, vegemite, promite and jam. Thanks to all of our wonderful helpers who serve our children Breakky club on a Monday and Wednesday morning.

**ST JOSEPH’S PARISH FETE:** This year our fete will be held on **Friday 27 November**. If you are interested in being on the planning committee, please contact Helen Smith on 0429 964 454, or via the school office.

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**Students of the Week**

Left to right: Kody Baker (5/6), Deb Imhoff (Yr4), Mac Ahern (Prep), Georgia Chambers (2/3), Sienna Slattery (1/2)
“In All Things Glorify God”

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

Term One
Wed 28 Jan—Thurs 2 April

Term Two
Tues 21 April—Fri 26 June

Term Three
Tues 14 July—Fri 18 Sept

Term Four
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

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GAYNDAH LITTLE ATHLETICS:
Every Friday night, 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 TOUCH ASSOCIATION: 5-A-Side Touch Carnival this Saturday, 12th September. Nomination Fee of $80 per team in four divisions: Open Men’s, Open Women’s, U16 Boys and U16 Girls. $250 prize money per division! Money raised will go towards Burnett State College’s All Schools Touch Team and Gayndah Touch Association. For more info and a nomination form contact Nic Banks on 0438 314 609 or nbank11@eq.edu.au

DISCO: The SES Cadets are holding a disco to raise funds to purchase new equipment. It will be held at the Gayndah Town Hall, this 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.

GLENEDEN ORGANIC FARM: Double workshop—Bush Blacksmithing and Sourdough Bread making. This Sunday 13th September. 1-5pm $45pp Phone 0429 137 224.

GAYNDAH GIRL GUIDES: “Come and Try Day” — This Sunday 13th September 12pm, at the Girl Guide Hut in Fielding St on the hill. For girls and families, seven years old and older, who like to be creative, adventurous, to challenge themselves to do many fun activities, camping and sleepovers. A free sausage sizzle for everyone—come and join us. Any questions, phone Annemaree on 0419 720 877 or Irene on 0409 227 355.

ST MATTHEW’S ANGLICAN CHURCH: Monster garage sale Saturday 19th September. 8am outside selling begins, 8.30am Hall doors open. Lots of collectables, books, furniture, household goods. Lots of bargains!

TEENNIS HOT SHOTS: Do you want to become a Tennis Hot Shot? Friday afternoon at the Gayndah Tennis complex, Barrow Street is the place to be. Come and join the Tennis Australia’s National program conducted by Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner and the Gayndah Tennis Association, with lots of fun & games to suit all levels. The program commences Friday 9th October 2015. Times: 3.30pm-4.15pm (5-7 years); 4pm-5pm (7-10 years); 5-6.15pm (9-12 years); 6.00pm-7.30pm (Advanced & High Schoolers). Registration is essential - confirmation to join the program must be given, for old and new players - to guarantee your spot with Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753

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

2015 GAYNDAH DISTRICT TRIATHLON: Sunday 18 October. Duke and Duchess Fun Run/Walk—Sat 17 October. Where: Gayndah Pool Complex. Pool opens Saturday 19 September! Online registrations opening soon. Keep up to date with our facebook page: www.facebook.com/GayndahDistrictTriathlon For further information contact: Benita Darrow mob 0427 612 250, Jayne Evans mob 0402 088 026, Sam Rowles mob. 0428 735 022

Lauren’s School of Dance
SHOWCASE 2015
Date Claimer – 7th November
Mundubbera Town Hall