Hi Everyone

As we come to the end of Term 3 our attention moves to being prepared for the hectic nature of the second half of Semester 2. In the same way that we have done in each of the previous terms, we will publish a school calendar which will enable our students, parents and wider community to be up to speed on key events/celebrations.

FETE
Next Tuesday at 10am the parish will be holding its first Fete Committee meeting for the year. The meeting will be held in the school staffroom and will aim to establish which stalls and events will be taking place and where they will all be located on the school grounds. By doing so, the Fete Committee will be able to coordinate more effectively with the parish and school community as to how parents and family members can best support this wonderful celebration. If you have any suggestions for this year’s Fete please don’t hesitate to catch Helen, Michelle or I in and around the school grounds.

SWIMMING
Beginning the Thursday October 8th, St Joseph’s Primary will begin our school swimming lessons under the guidance of Miss Melville (Qualified Swim Safe Teacher) with the assistance of teaching and school officer staff. Our aim this year is to continue to provide a safe and supportive environment for our students to learn how to swim. In addition we aim to align our technique practices with that of the local swimming coaches to avoid any confusion or distorted progress of student understanding. The school carnival will be held on Friday the 30th of October which will be followed by the District carnival on the 13th of November.

The nominated dates and time slots for swimming next term are as follows;

Monday – 12th and 26th of October
Thursday – 8, 15, 22, and 29th of October
Friday – 9th and 16th of October

In the first week we will work with students to determine their swimming capabilities. Any support from parents, family and friends is greatly appreciated. A post will go up on our Facebook page today for expressions of interest which will allow the admin staff to follow up with a phone call and make arrangements for the required supervision and support. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of this vital initiative.

Just to finish this week, I would like to invite one and all to our very first St Joey’s Got Talent concert this Friday (details inside). Also a big thank you to our P and F Committee for the ongoing support of our reading program, an additional $450.00 of classroom guided reading texts have been purchased and accessioned for use in our early years classrooms (using our P and F Levy) with an additional sum of money earmarked for upper year level readers in Term 4.

Have a great week everyone.

Ben
A Blessing for the School Holidays

Sustaining God, caretaker of life, you are always present.
You live in us.
Watch over our class during the break, and keep us safe in your watchful gaze.
Bless our school community as we celebrate our holidays.
We make this prayer through Jesus our guardian.
Amen.

Orange Sky Laundry

Tomorrow is the day we get to paint St. Joey's Orange in support of Orange Sky Laundry. We are hoping to add what funds we can to the Brisbane Catholic Education initiative to raise enough money to get another van to support the homeless people of Australia. I was fortunate enough to hear Nicholas and Lucas speak last week at the Leadership conference; they spoke with great passion for their project. The figures they shared of homelessness and the lifeline they provided to their friends on the streets was inspiring.

What can we do to help?
* Wear sunsafe clothing to school tomorrow, with as BIG a splash of Orange as you can.
* You must have a hat for the day, closed in shoes, and preps need to have suitable clothing to visit Gleneden Organic Farm.
* Bring a Gold Coin (or greater) donation to support this fantastic cause.
* Buy an Orange Icy Cup at lunch for 50c

Gayndah Altar Servers Sign Up

Parents, if your child has made their 1st Holy Communion, and would like to become an Altar Server (a person who assists Fr. Jason at Mass), then we invite them to book in for a training session in the first week back from school holidays on Thursday Oct 8th at 3:30pm in St. Joseph’s Church. Call 4161 1315.

Term 4 - Save the Dates

Tuesday 13th October – Nudgee Band Concert
The Gayndah community is invited to join with Gayndah State School and St. Joseph’s Primary School on Tuesday 13th October at 9.30am in the Gayndah Town Hall to enjoy a morning of live band music. St. Joseph’s Nudgee College is embarking on a northern tour and will be stopping to share the talents of their Premier Show and Rock Bands along with their Rock Horn Section with us in concert.

This is a free community concert and all family and friends are invited to join in and share the experience with us.

Friday 23rd October—Grandparents Day Liturgy and Morning Tea
At 9am on Friday 23rd October, we will be holding our Grandparents Day celebration. This is our chance to thank our grandparents and the significant older people in our lives for all they do for us. On Grandparents Day we pray for and thank our loved ones, and after this they will have the opportunity to check out our classrooms and share a delicious morning tea.

Friday 27th November – Parish Fete
Come along and support our Parish on Friday 27th November at their annual fete. We will again have the opportunity to win a ham, take home some delicious fruit and vegetables, and see the sights and sounds of the rides and side show alley. This is a great way that we as a school community can support our Parish.

Have a safe, happy and peaceful holiday with your families.
May you return safely to Term 4, reenergised to celebrate the many wonderful events and new learning opportunities.

Michelle McClafferty

Upcoming ……
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—11.30am
**ST JOEY’S GOT TALENT:** The finals in our St Joey’s Got Talent competition will be held **this Friday, 18th September** commencing at 12pm on the grassed area in front of the toilet block. The concert will run for approximately one hour. If your child needs props/costumes for their performance they are welcome to bring them along on Friday. Dance Crew students will be performing and will need to bring black shorts (if they don’t have black shorts the normal navy sports shorts are fine). Shirts will be provided. The students and staff will vote after the show, votes will be tallied and the winners announced Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the amazing talent we have at St Joseph’s!

**TOY CATALOGUES:** If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form and return with payment to the school office by **this Friday, September 18**. Delivery will be towards the end of term four.

**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.

**SUNSCREEN:** Please note Guardian Sunscreen has been rebranded to “Pharmacy Care” Sunscreen, with a SPF of 50+. This is the sunscreen that will now be provided in our classrooms.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY:** A reminder that **Monday 5th October** is a public holiday. School will resume on Tuesday 6th October.

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**University of NSW Exams**

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**Students of the Week**

From left: Lachie Maxwell (Y4), Sienna Slattery (1/2), Juliette Parry (Prep), Loucas Assan (1/2), Eli Roberts (2/3), Kiarni Murton (5/6)
“In All Things Glorify God”

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

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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.

ST MATTHEW’S ANGLICAN CHURCH: Monster garage sale this 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. More details to follow.

CITRUS ART CENTRAL: Kids art activities with Sue Capewell. Unleash your child’s inner artist. All equipment supplied. Only $15 per child, book now! Ph: 0488 612 888

GAYNDAH JUNIOR CRICKET: GAYNDAH JUNIOR CRICKET SIGN-ON Tuesday 6th October, 4pm at Gayndah Sports Ground. Ages 5-16 years.

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES: We are going to have a meeting on Thursday 24th September at 6pm at the Gayndah Sports Grounds. If there is anything that anyone wants to discuss please let me know via mbice1@eq.edu.au The AGM date will also be discussed at this meeting.

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

EXPRESSO COFFEE TRAINING: Makro and Associates Inc in Association with BBHT (RTO for Hospitality) are offering “Free” Accredited Training. There are no hidden costs to eligible clients. Training will be held at the Art Gallery in Gayndah, commencing late October 2015 for 10 days. Accredited Training units from the Certificate III in Hospitality include: Prepare and serve expresso coffee, provide service to customers, process financial transactions, use hygienic practices for food safety. Places will be limited. Flexible learning arrangements are an option for those already working in the industry. Please contact Robyn Phillips at Makro and Associates Inc on 0412 699 970 for more information.