Hi Everyone

Firstly this week I would like to keep you informed about industrial action that will occur at our school later this week. This industrial action is linked to enterprise bargaining negotiations currently being undertaken within Queensland Catholic schools.

Some teachers and staff who are members of the Independent Education Union of Australia – Queensland and Northern Territory Branch, recently voted to take industrial action in the form of two consecutive one hour stoppages between 11am and 1pm on Thursday 22 October.

Please be assured that school will operate as usual and that this action will not impact your child’s learning or supervision. It should also be noted for your information that industrial action within Catholic Education is being taken on a school by school basis. Along with other Catholic school employers, I respect the right of employees to take appropriate industrial action.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or require further information.

To finish this week I wanted to take the chance to share with you some of the exceptional students we have in our community who participated in a two big events over the weekend; The Mission Schools Netball Cup and the Gayndah Triathlon. I can’t thank the organisers, parents and officials enough for the time and effort that goes into making these events possible. I am constantly blown away by the efforts and achievements of our students and love each and every opportunity I get to see them in action.

We had a number of students in the triathlon who achieved wonderful results and the netball was much the same. We came up against some tough competition and each of the 11 players stood up and performed incredibly. If you have any additional pictures you would like to share with the community please don’t hesitate to email them through to the school and we will get them up on our page.

Have a great week everyone.

Ben
From the APRE....

Loving God,
We give thanks for Jesus who became one of us and trusted us to continue his mission. We pray for all those who continue this mission and pray that we too will be people who bring your good news into the world.
Amen.

Catholic Mission Activities
A big thank you to all teachers, parents, and students who attended and helped at our Mission Mosh Disco last Friday night. It was a great success, with lots of fun had by all. Our disco alone has raised approximately $400 for Catholic Mission, and the children in Madagascar. There are LOTS of crazy socks out there in the school grounds today. We hope that with today’s donations we may be able to send over $500 to Catholic Mission for their appeal.
Five hundred dollars is enough to pay for schooling for 10 children for a year, or could almost provide a new water pump for a school.

Grandparents Day
Grandparents, and people who are like grandparents to our students, you are invited to share with us in a liturgy, morning tea and see what has been happening in the classrooms.

When: Friday 23rd October
Where: St. Joseph’s Parish Church and St. Joseph’s Primary School Grounds.
Time: 9am – 10.15am
Liturgy – 9.00 – 9.30am
Classrooms and Morning Tea 9.30am – 10.15am

If you are attending the Celebration at Gayndah State School, we would love it if you are able to attend after this to visit your grandchildren’s classrooms and join us for morning tea.

If grandparents have passed away or are not able to make it to our special day we would love them to be there in some way. Can you please email any photos to mncclafferty@bne.catholic.edu.au or pgayndah@bne.catholic.edu.au or drop photos into the office for scanning and return. All photos need to be submitted by the afternoon of Thursday 22nd October.

What’s happening.....
Grandparents Day – 9am – Friday in the Church followed by Morning Tea and Classroom Visits.
World Teacher’s Day – Friday 30th October
**Students of the Week**

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL:** Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held **next Friday, 30 October.** The whole school will participate. Children will travel to the carnival by bus, and will need their usual swimming items—togs, sunshirt, sunscreen, thongs and swimming cap. We are needing helpers for the day, please contact the office if you are able to assist.

**BOOKCLUB:** Issue Seven was sent home last week. If you would like to place an order, please return the forms and payment to the school office by **next Tuesday, 27 October.** Please make cheques payable to St Joseph’s School.

**UNIFORM ORDERS:** If you would like to place a uniform order for next year, please complete a form and return with payment to the office by the **5th November.**

**LIBRARY NEWS: READ ALL ABOUT IT!**
We hope you have enjoyed the first 2 weeks back at school. It has been busy already! In library this Term the older children will be talking more on genres and reading at least 2 books in different genres and learning about bibliographies. The younger students will be learning more about books and the library Dewey System.

All classes will be completing a Short Book review (Early Years -modified and with assistance).

**Buy One Get One Free Book Fair** will be held from **Tuesday the 27th of October to Wed the 4th November, excluding Monday the 2nd** (Please note the change of date from last week’s Newsletter). The theme for this Fair is “Under the Sea-Explore An Ocean of Books”.

**Times:**
- No Book Fair Sales on Monday the 2nd of November
  - Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8.00am to 4.00pm,
  - Thursday and Friday 3.15pm to 4.30pm (NB I am teaching at the Kindy on these days and cannot be at the school in the mornings.)

  **The Book Fair will be packed up at the end of the school day on the 4th of November.**

This Book Fair you are able to get **two books for the price of one** so it is great for bargain shopping for you, or for Christmas presents! We look forward to your continued support.

Kind Regards, Mrs Madden and Mrs McGregor

**P & F NEWS:** Our next tuckshop day is next **Thursday 29 October.** Orders and payment are due back to the office by Monday 26 October.

Ordering for the tuckshop is done first thing Tuesday morning, so it’s important that orders are received on Monday.

**SCHOOL MAGAZINE:** Production has begun on our annual school magazine. If you have a photo of a school sporting event from throughout the year that you would like to contribute, please email it into the school by **next Wednesday, 28 October.** Our email address is pgayndah@bne.catholic.edu.au

**LIFE EDUCATION VAN PRODUCTS:** Attached to today’s newsletter are order forms for products from the Life Education Van. If you would place an order, please return forms and payment to the office by **this Friday morning, 23 October.**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**
- Thurs 22 Oct: 5/6 Entertainment Night
- Fri 23 Oct: Grandparents Liturgy/Yr 4 Sleepover
- Fri 30 Oct: Interhouse Swimming Carnival/World Teachers Day
- Mon 2 Nov: Yr 4 Camp
- Fri 13 Nov: District Swimming Carnival
- Tues 24 Nov: Awards Night
- Fri 27 Nov: Fete
- Thurs 3 Dec: Yr 6 Graduation Mass

**University of NSW Exams—Mathematics**

**Congratulations to:**

Back: Drew Messer (Yr 5/6), James Parr (Yr 4)

Front: Lacie Pouncey (Y1/2), Alyce Doyle (Prep)

Absent: Mia Briskey (Y 2/3)
THE STREET PARTY: This Saturday, 24th October  Free community event. 4pm–8pm. Pig races, food and market stalls, luxury lounge with stalls and afternoon tea, amusement rides and jumping castle, petting zoo, multi –draw raffle and more…

Free amusement rides provided by the M.A.R.K Foundation. Mechanical Surfboard, Fire and Ice Slide, Bungee Run, Toy Story Jumping Castle, Sticky Wall. Please assist the Foundation by making a donation to the tin provided. $1 fairy floss, popcorn and snowcones. Live music from 8pm ‘til late.

Hosted by Golden Orange Hotel/Motel assisting the MARK Foundation. Enquiries to Kellie Millington 0427 653 800 or email MARKFoundation@hotmail.com

GAYNDAH JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE: is having their Annual General Meeting.
Date: Tuesday 27th October 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Location: Gayndah Sports Ground
All positions will be vacant and need to be filled for the club to go ahead. We do it for the kids. The more the merrier.

NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY: Help support Young people affected by Cancer for National Bandanna Day on October 30th. St Joseph’s Primary School will support this great cause with a Gold coin donation Sausage sizzle for lunch at the School swimming carnival. You can also show your support by purchasing a bright coloured bandanna for $4 to wear on the day from Gayndah Guardian Pharmacy. Young people who have been affected by cancer will benefit from your generosity… and great style! Together as a community, we can make a difference & support young people living with cancer.

COOK UP FOR CANCER: SATURDAY 31st October 9-12am
Outside Gayndah Guardian Pharmacy
We would appreciate any contributions of labelled baked goods, pickles & Jams for our Bake sale. All proceeds donated to Cancer Council Qld. To assist families living with all cancers. This is a registered Do It for Cancer fundraising event.
Contact Sam Rowles 0428734022 or Graham Rowles 41 611304 for more information.

Gayndah Family Day Care
Invite applications for the position of Coordinator
Permanent 10 hours per week.

Family Day Care Association Queensland is seeking a dynamic team member who can lead a group of professional Family Day Care Educators in providing high quality education and care to children and their families in Gayndah and surrounding areas. The role includes support of current educators, recruitment of new educators and families and administration tasks related to the provision of quality education and care.
The successful applicant will need to be committed in developing good relationships with staff, educators, families and children by working together to ensure positive experiences. Some experience in Early Childhood services and some knowledge of the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care preferred, or ability to gain knowledge of these documents.

Applicants will hold:
Diploma in Early Childhood Education and care or above, or equivalent.
Working with Children Blue Card (or ability to attain one)
Senior First Aid, CPR, Anaphylaxis and Asthma Certificate (or ability to attain one)
Current Drivers license with access to a reliable vehicle.

Remuneration over and above the minimum award rate of the Social, Community, Home Care & Disability Services Industry Award 2010.

Applications close Friday 6th November 2015
Please forward your resume and cover letter to Leanne Fuller – leanne.fuller@fdcaq.com.au