St Joseph’s Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Events and Equipment

This Friday we will hold our annual swimming carnival at the town pool. The students will catch the bus down to the pool from the outset of the day and events will kick off from approx. 9am. Students are requested to arrive at school in swimming gear with their uniform over the top. In addition students will need:

- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Undergarments to change into later in the day

Food and Drink

As per a normal school day students are encouraged to bring their morning tea and lunch with them in their school bags. A sausage sizzle will be offered at the carnival at a cost of $1.00 (multiple sausages can be purchased). Students are requested to bring the money in with them in the morning and orders will be tallied and delivered to students in class groups. Parents are welcome to purchase sausages also. The money raised from the sausage sizzle will go towards supporting Bandanna Day which is in aid of cancer research. Canteen facilities will be available for parent consumption.

Helpers

I would like to extend a big thank you to the parents who have offered to assist in any way throughout the day. If you haven’t spoken with a staff member or anyone from the office and would like to help on the day please see either Helen or myself in the morning.

A program of events has been included in today’s newsletter for your convenience. Have a great week everyone and I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

PS: Start organising your parent teams for the Staff vs Parents races!

Ben
Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day

This year All Saints Day falls on Sunday 1st November. All Saints Day is a day on which the Catholic Church commemorates all saints, known and unknown. The eve of All Saints is known as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween.

While we have information about many saints, and we honour them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honoured. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these saints of the Lord, and ask for their prayers and intercessions. The whole concept of All Saints Day is tied in with the concept of the Communion of Saints. This is the belief that all of God’s people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification (called Purgatory in the West), are connected in a communion.

All Souls Day

All Souls day is celebrated on November 2nd. This feast day is one of the most loving celebrations in the Church’s liturgy. All Souls’ Day is traditionally a time for the Christian community to remember deceased family members and friends. It is the day that we especially remember all those who have passed from this life into the next. On this day we stop to remember all who have died, especially our relatives and friends. We pray for those who taught us good things and made sacrifices for us. We pray for those who prayed for us while they were on this earth. We pray for the most forgotten souls. We pray for those who had great responsibilities while they were on earth.

You may like to take time next Monday to say a prayer, light a candle or take a moment of your day to remember those members of your family and our community who are no longer with us.

Grandparents Day

Thank you to all families who attended our Grandparents’ Day celebration last Friday. It was a lovely opportunity to bless and thank our Grandparents for all the different roles they play in our lives. We hope you all enjoyed being part of our community for the morning, and continue to come back and help us celebrate many other occasions across the year. A big thanks also to our Year 5 students for leading us in liturgy, and our staff who supported classroom visits and morning tea.

Almighty God,
your saints are one with you
in the mystical body of Christ:
give us grace to follow them
in all virtue and holiness
until we come to those inexpressible joys
which you have prepared for those
who truly love you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.

What's On

Friday 30th October – World Teacher’s Day – Make your teacher’s day by letting them know how much you appreciate them.
Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day
Monday 2nd November – All Souls Day
Friday 6th November – Assembly – 9am – Hall – Year 5/6
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL:** Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday, 30 October. Students will travel to the carnival by bus, and will need their usual swimming items—togs, sun shirt, sunscreen, thongs and swimming cap. We are still looking for helpers for the day, please contact the office if you are able to assist.

**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 few 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 two 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 is currently on in the library, and will run until Wed the 4th November, excluding Monday the 2nd. The theme for this Fair is “Under the Sea-Explore An Ocean of Books”. Every purchase goes in to the draw for a lucky door prize!

**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 last meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, 10 November at 7pm at the Golden Orange. All welcome.

**FRIDGE DONATION:** We have had a second hand fridge donated to the school. If you know of someone who is in need of a fridge, please let the school know.

**PARISH FETE:** Our Fete is only four short weeks away! If you are able to help in any way, please contact the office. Tickets in our Super Raffle will be sent home next week.

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**IMPORANT DATES:**
- Fri 30 Oct: Interhouse Swimming Carnival/World Teachers Day
- Mon 2 Nov: Yr 4 Camp
- Tues 10 Nov: Last P & F Meeting for 2015
- Fri 13 Nov: District Swimming Carnival
- Tues 24 Nov: Awards Night
- Fri 27 Nov: Fete
- Thurs 3 Dec: Yr 6 Graduation Mass
- Fri 4 Dec: Last Day Term Four

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**Well done Kody!**

Kody Baker competed in the HEAD State Age Tennis Tournament in Rockhampton and Yeppoon over the holidays. He came third in the 10 and under age group. He then travelled to Gladstone on 10/11 October to compete in the finals of the Central QLD Junior Masters Series. He was ranked Number One at the end of this series and came second in the finals. He came first in doubles. He has now been selected to be a part of the 2015 Central Qld team to compete in Brisbane for five days at a Teams Carnival to play against children from all over Queensland. Congratulations Kody!
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

**Mon 2 Nov**
- Year 4 Camp

**Mon 5 Oct**
- District Swimming Carnival

**Fri 30 Oct**
- Swimming Carnival

**Fri 27 Nov**
- Fete

**Fri 13 Nov**
- National Bandanna Day

**Fri 20 Dec**
- Pupil Free Day

**Mon 2 Jan**
- Year 4 Camp

**Fri 20 Jan**
- World Teachers Day

**Fri 30 Jan**
- National Bandanna Day

**Fri 27 Feb**
- Fete

**Fri 13 Apr**
- District Swimming Carnival

**Fri 17 Apr**
- Pupil Free Day

**Mon 20 Apr**
- Pupil Free Day

**Mon 26 Apr**
- Public Holiday

**Mon 3 May**
- Pupil Free Day

**Mon 9 May**
- Public Holiday

**Mon 31 May**
- Pupil Free Day

**Mon 7 Jun**
- Public Holiday

**Mon 14 Jun**
- Public Holiday

**Mon 21 Jun**
- Pupil Free Day

**Fri 2 Aug**
- Awards Night

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**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.

**LAURA’S SCHOOL OF DANCE:** Showcase 2015—7th November in the Mundubbera Town Hall.

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**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.

Applications will hold:
- Diploma in Early Childhood Education and care or above, or equivalent.
- Working with Children Blue Card (or ability to obtain one).
- Senior First Aid, CPR, Anaphylaxis and Asthma Certificate (or ability to obtain 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