Hi Everyone

With only just over three weeks remaining in the year, I felt it important to provide further detail regarding significant upcoming events in our school calendar.

**District Swimming Carnival – This Friday**
Students in the upper years have received their nominations for specific swimming events this week for the upcoming District Swimming Carnival. If for any reason your child is unsure if they are competing on the day, please encourage them to speak with their classroom teacher or come and see Mrs Smith in the office. We would love any parents attending to assist with the running of the day and would happily welcome any offers of support through the school office or on the day.

**Parent Teacher Interviews – Over the next 3 weeks**
As we approach the reporting period for second semester, your child’s classroom teacher will begin offering opportunities for you to come in for a Parent Teacher Interview. I would strongly suggest that parents take the time to speak with our teachers regarding your child’s development, as the delivery of school reports in my expectation should be an ‘exactly what I expected to see’ moment. In 2015, teachers in every year level have been completing regular assessment of each student’s understanding across all subject areas, and I encourage parents to see and discuss the specific nature of how their child is going alongside the spiritual, social and emotional development in second semester.

**Awards Night – November 24th – 6:00pm**
This week staff finalised their selection processes for the upcoming Annual Awards Night for 2015. The evening has been coordinated to take place on the paved area behind the admin building this year and will continue to celebrate our Catholic faith, commendable achievements of students in our school and highlight a number of special elements that exist within St Joseph’s Primary. I would ask that parents bring a chair. Additional seating will be provided, however these events are always well attended and exceed the amount of chairs we have in the school.

**St Joseph’s Parish Fete – November 27th**
Firstly, a big thank you to all of the family and friends who have donated items towards the multi-draw raffle this year, the gift selection and variety in each of the baskets is simply fantastic. Students are currently organising their dance routines for the evening, and plans are in place to potentially see the staff of St Joseph’s blow the minds of all spectators with a piece of their own. Next Tuesday, the parish will be holding a coordination meeting in the school office at 5pm. We would happily welcome any members of our school community to join us to help ensure the evening is well attended, organised and providing the most enjoyable experience for all members of our community.

Have a great week everyone.

Ben
From the APRE...

Prayer for a Fallen Soldier
Author: Unknown

I saw a soldier kneeling down, for this was the first quiet place he had found. He had travelled through jungles, rivers and mud. He’d tasted sweat and shed his blood. He folded his hands and looked to the sky. I saw his tears, as they welled in his eyes. He spoke to God, and this is what he said: "God Bless my men, who now lie dead; I know not what You have in mind, but when You judge them, please be kind when they come before You, they will be poorly dressed but they'll walk proudly, for they have done their best. Their boots will be muddy and their clothes all torn but these clothes they have so proudly worn. Their hearts will be still and cold inside, for they have fought their best and did so with pride. So please take care of them as they pass Your way the price of freedom they've already paid.”

AMEN!

Listening
He who has ears to hear, let him hear

Matthew 11:15

Think:
- We think about the feelings of others and not just our own.
- Be in the moment with a person or rather than being with our own thoughts.

Feel:
- We feel that we are being heard and are not just background noise for people.
- We feel supported in our opinions, problems, exciting news etc.

Act:
- We listen and take in what other people are saying which can sometimes be taking on the advice of others or giving advice to people who we have listened to.
- Also sometimes we should take the time to just listen and not give opinions or advice.

Partnership
For nothing will be impossible with God.

Luke 1:37 (RSVCE)

THINK: Togetherness

Friendly
Connection

ACT: Responsibly
Co-operatively
Kindly

FEEL: Successful
Belonging
Valued

Our Good Samaritan Values
Last week we began the process of outlining our values here at St. Joseph’s. How do we think, act and feel as a community member who shows these values in all we do? Today we outline the Value of listening which is central to the Benedictine tradition upon which the Good Samaritan sisters base their organisation. We also break open the value of Partnership which is central to our Community and our Community of Learners symbolism.

Remembrance Day
Thank you to all students, staff and parents who were able to join us to mark Remembrance Day today. The simple service in our playground was very moving and paid tribute to those who have fought in and died as a result of conflict. We will remember them.
BOOKCLUB: Forms and payment to the school office by Wednesday 18 November. Thank you to everyone who has supported Book Club during the year. Our school benefits with every order—thank you!

PARISH FETE: Sold and unsold raffle tickets are due back to the school office by Monday 23 November. Thank you for your support!

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL: This Friday, 13 November, 9am. Our Year 4—6 students will travel to the pool by bus, and return to school after the carnival by bus. All students will need lunch, hats, sunscreen, and those students swimming will need togs, sun shirt, towel, thongs, swimming cap.

ASPARAGUS: We currently have fresh asparagus available at the school for $3 a bunch.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to: Deb Imhoff (Yr 4), Georgia Slack (Y5/6), Amy Weston (Y1/2), Torra MacDonald (Y4) and Kaiden Ratcliff (Y2/3)

Are you able to assist with our Parish Fete on Friday 27th November? If you are able to help please fill out the form below and return to the school office. Many thanks!

Yes I can help with the following: (Please tick)

- Food preparation Friday morning 27th Nov
- Stall set up Friday afternoon 27th Nov
- Working on a stall at the Fete
- Clean up after the Fete

Name........................................... Phone number:........................................
“In All Things
Glorify God”

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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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**FETE RIDES:** Attached to today’s newsletter is information regarding the rides available at this year’s fete. Ride tickets are available for purchase from the office.

**GAYNDAH ART GALLERY:** Will be open Fete night, come and see our current exhibition “From Bush to Beach”.

**BINJOUR PLATEAU STATE SCHOOL P & C:** Raffle—1st Prize Thermomix TM5 valued at $2089. 2nd prize—Hamper of Goodies. Tickets $10 each. Drawn 4th December, 2015. All funds raised are going towards our 2016 School Camp. Contact Julie 4161 3241 or Jas 4161 3101.

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- School visits
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- Chronic disease screening
- Mum-to-be clinics
- Ear health screening
- Referrals to other services, ie eyes, feet, psychology, Home Care, dental, Alcohol & Other Drugs, emotional wellbeing

Contact us: Ph 4161 4800 or 1300 492 492

The IWC North Burnett Clinic is at the
cnr of Gordon & Pineapple Sts, Gayndah

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**Diary of Coming Events**

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