



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

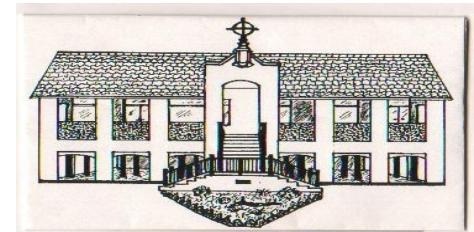
2015 Term Four

Week Nine

Newsletter Date

Wednesday

2nd December 2015



Principal's Letter to Parents

Dear Parents and Friends

Our wonderful little community has once again celebrated another fete. In fact, we celebrated two fetes! With the wild and dangerous weather we experienced on Friday night, we sadly had to cut our fete drastically short. This was obviously disappointing, not only because so much time and effort goes into planning, preparing and organising the fete, but that our fantastic student body had practised so hard for their dance performances, and some were not able to share this with us. So we decided to try again the next night, to host a more intimate gathering with many of the main attractions. Even though the weather was not ideal for either night, it seems that people from across the community truly did get in, give it a go, and rallied around to support the parish fete and one another. I've never experienced the depth of community spirit that existed this year. It has been the greatest blessing to come out of our annual event. I am deeply grateful for the many people who helped on one night or both, to make a success of the fete amidst difficult circumstances. Words can't express my thanksgiving for the efforts and hard work of so many, who have shown how deep their connection to this community is, and how meaningful their connection is, that they would help host a fete over two nights. Thank you!

A big heartfelt shout-out of gratitude once again goes to Helen and Dennis Smith, who have been instrumental in all fete preparation and completion, giving so much of their time and energy to make the fete a wonderful event. I also wish to acknowledge the service and support of those who have taken on various roles throughout the fete organisation and running on the night. Sincere thanks also go to all the members of the staff and parent body at the school for your generosity and commitment to the parish fete. Next year we'll have no trouble with a wonderful new court cover!

One of the unfortunate outcomes of Friday night was the fact that many students missed out on the opportunity to enjoy the rides on offer. Whilst we greatly appreciated the perseverance of the Rides N Slides staff who remained on site even through the difficult weather, the opportunity to hold over the rides to the following night was not an option due to other obligations. Regardless of the weather conditions, the Parish is required to cover the cost to Rides N Slides. The Parish recognises the contributions of parents to purchase the ride wrist bands and would like to offer a full reimbursement. Alternatively if you would like to consider the cost of the wrist band as a donation to the Parish that would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to have your child's ticket reimbursed, please see the office staff by Friday.

Blessings upon you all as we near this end of year. May you know the peace and love of Christ in abundance this Christmas.

On behalf of all of the staff at St Joseph's Primary I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope that you enjoy the break with family and friends. To our year six leaders, I am very much looking forward to celebrating the Graduation ceremony with you tomorrow night but would like to take this moment to say thank you and wish you all the very best for your future endeavours. To our departing staff of Miss McClafferty, Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Hart, thank you so much for all that you have brought to our beautiful school. We wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing you again in the not too distant future.

Thank you once again for the support that you have provided to our school community this year and I look forward to working with you again in 2016.

Sincerely

Fr Jason and Ben



From the APRE...

We Welcome the Season of Advent.



O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.
The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
The testing, holidays, breaks, and assemblies,
All have come forth from your hand.
While we trust that your purposes have always been at work each day,
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate
Just what you have been up to in our school.
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to your will,
With the fulfilment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.
May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.
Amen.



Final Mass – Friday, 10.30am in the Church

Gunther Christmas Concert

This Thursday the whole community of St. Joseph's will have the opportunity to entertain the residents of Gunther Village for the last time in 2015. Many of the students are very excited to finally have the chance to perform their fete dances. The conference centre at Gunther Village is where our concert will take place, and all families are welcome to join us for our concert. Our concert will begin at 9.45am and conclude at 10.20am.

Christmas Events at St Joseph's Parish and Gayndah Community

Gayndah Christmas Carnival	Friday 11 th December 5pm -9pm.
Carols by the River	Sunday 13th December St. Joseph's Primary Oval 5.30pm -8.30pm
Christmas Eve Mass	9pm
Christmas Day Mass	9am

The Christmas Story

You may like to view the Christmas story prepared by the children of St. Paul's Church, Auckland, New Zealand. This story tells the true meaning of Christmas in the words of children. Take the time this Christmas to share the story of Jesus' birth with your family.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWq60oyrHVQ>

Parish Fete

Thanks again to everyone who supported our parish on Friday and Saturday night. A special mention to all those who were here to help with storm clean up on Saturday morning and fete clean up on Sunday. It was a big weekend, and we are lucky to be part of such a supportive community. Without this our second fete would not have been the success that it was. Hopefully the 2016 fete will be a dry (weather) affair!

Thanks!

As I write my final newsletter for St. Joey's for 2015 I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone for supporting me in my time in Gayndah. I have loved every minute of it and hope that in a small way I have been able to help you in your roles as parents, grandparents, teachers or students within our school community.

I hope everyone has a magnificent holiday and a Holy Christmas.
Take Care and God Bless,

Michelle



What's On

Thursday 3rd December—Gunther Village Christmas Concert—Whole School—9.45am
Thursday 3rd December—Year 6 Graduation—6pm
Friday 4th December—Final Mass and Farewells—10.30am Church

VOLUNTEER'S MORNING TEA: We would like to extend an invitation to our wonderful volunteers to join us for morning tea, tomorrow, Thursday at the Big Orange at 10.30am.

LOST PROPERTY: A size 8 sports shirt belonging to Blake Harris was misplaced at our Interhouse Swimming Carnival on Friday 30 October. The shirt is named; could you please check to see if your child has brought the shirt home by accident.

UNIFORMS:

- The uniform shop welcomes donations of second hand uniforms in good condition.
- The uniform shop will be open in the week before school resumes next year. Days and times will be advertised via our P & F Facebook page.

FETE: Congratulations to our Major Raffle winners at the fete. First prize was won by Tracey Scanlan, second prize went to Linda Georgee and third prize to Ange Hoskinson.

MR GRAY'S READING CHALLENGE: Mr Gray's reading challenge is on again these school holidays. Forms are attached to today's newsletter, and are due back to school by week one of next year.



Students of the Week

Left to right: Deb Imhoff (Yr 4), Shyloh Terry (Yr 1/2), Shaylyn Allan (Yr 4), Declan Roth (Yr 4), Clancy Bambling (Yr 5/6), Trader Ahern (Yr 2/3), Holly Ahern (Yr 4)

**Merry Christmas
from the staff &
students of St
Joseph's!**



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"In All Things Glorify God"

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016	
<u>Term One</u>	<u>Term Two</u>
Wed 27 Jan—Thurs 24 March	Mon 11 April—Fri 24 June
<u>Term Three</u>	<u>Term Four</u>
Mon 11 July—Fri 16 Sept	Tues 4 Oct—Fri 2 Dec
Pupil free days will be advised next year.	

Diary of Coming Events

Thurs 3 Dec	Thurs 3 Dec
Gunther Village Visit	Year Six Graduation Mass
Thurs 3 Dec	Fri 4 Dec
Volunteers Morning Tea	End of Year Mass 10.30am

Community Notices

EZCOVER: At Ez Cover we have created an easier and cheaper way to cover school exercise books. Our unique covers are proudly made in New Zealand and in a range of sizes that fit all school books. Our covers are non-toxic, PVC free and can be used over and over again reducing waste. Choose your school from the drop down list at the online checkout and use the code EZ15 to increase our donation from 5 cents to 15 cents for every cover purchased. For more information or to order online go to www.ezcover.net.au or contact us on info@ezcover.net.au

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.

ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHRISTMAS FETE: *This Friday 4th December*, starting at 5.30pm. BBQ, Ham Wheel, Stalls, children's games, Jumping Castle. A fun night for all the family.

ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN SCHOOL: Homestay for Rural Students. St Luke's Anglican School based in Bundaberg offers Homestay options for rural students. For more information, call the main office on 4132 7555, or email stlukes@stlukes.qld.edu.au

CITRUS ART CENTRAL: Workshops available before Christmas at Citrus Art Central with Mrs Capewell. 1pm—3pm, \$15 per child. 6 per class.

Monday 7th Dec: Charcoal Drawing
Wednesday 9th Dec: Acrylics
Thursday 10th Dec: Beading—Jewellery items
Friday 11th Dec: Rock painting

Monday 14th Dec: Mosaics
Tuesday 15th Dec: Collage
Wednesday 16th Dec: Graphite Drawing
Thursday 17th Dec: Decorative boxes
Friday 18th Dec: Pastels

Monday 21st Dec: Dot painting, pointillism
Tuesday 22nd Dec: Rock painting
Wednesday 23rd Dec: Mosaics

More workshops planned for the New Year as well. Keep posted on Citrus Art Central Facebook page. Bookings essential.

MULTIPLE BIRTH PLAYGROUP: Expressions of interest to start a multiple birth playgroup in the North Burnett Area. If you are interested please contact either Danielle Hedges or Jody Doyle on ph: 0417 408 699.