



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term Two

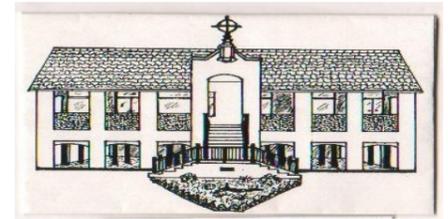
Week Three

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
27 April 2016



Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

On Friday we celebrate our Year Six students starting the first phase of their leadership ministries. It's an exciting time not only for our leaders but for the younger students who aspire to lead the school in the years to come. The core mission of our leaders this year is to lead through service in our school and wider community and put the needs of others before those of themselves. In particular, Pope Francis is someone whom the students use as a shining light when it comes to effective leadership. It is through his actions and words of wisdom that our students can be guided to support their fellow students, families and others within the Gayndah community. I want to share with you some of his thoughts on what it means to be an effective leader that I believe really hit the mark for both the youth and senior members of our school community. His words really epitomise what it means to lead through deep thought, considered actions and genuine acts of love and hospitality.

"The world tells us to seek money, success and power, God tells us to seek humility, service and love".

"For you see, young children should not bury themselves in what is perceived as one or two shining talents, God has given all youth a range of gifts that must be unearthed in order to not be afraid of what they can't do, but dream of doing great things".

Pope Francis

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and school website over the next week for a media piece that Mrs Doyle has been working on with our student leaders over the past fortnight. They have done an amazing job and should be commended for the time and effort that has gone into making the presentation.



What a wonderful morning we shared together on Monday at the ANZAC Day March. It was an absolute pleasure to see so many staff, students and their families following the representation of local service men and women in our community. Thank you very much to everyone who was able to join us on the day.



Time and time again we are supported by local businesses and government to provide the best possible facilities and learning experiences for our students. Late last week we were kindly granted \$500 by the Bendigo Bank to go towards the purchase, installation and maintenance of a new worm farm and food compost system. These two items will support our current flower and vegetable gardens to flourish through the cooler months.

Have a great week everyone and good luck to all of our students competing at the North Burnett Cross Country on Friday.

Ben



From the Acting APRE



Last Friday, we remembered the sacrifices of those who have served, and are still serving, in Australia's Defence Force, with a special assembly. The Year 6 students did a marvellous job of leading the school in a respectful manner and all our students participated very reverently. Thank you to the parents and family members who were able to join us, and a big thank you to Mr Boyd Baker, who spoke to the students about ANZAC Day.



Many of our students also took part in the march on Monday, and/or attended the dawn service. I was very proud to stand alongside our students, who again showed excellent maturity and respect throughout the ceremonies.

We have many exciting events coming up in our community. It's hard to believe we are already in Week 3 of Term 2!

This Friday, we will have Mr Mark Roberts from Emmaus College visiting us at assembly. Mr Roberts has a box of WW1 and WW2 artefacts that belonged to soldiers from the Marshall family, who once lived in the local area. We are all looking forward to hearing more about our soldiers and hopefully seeing some fascinating artefacts!



This Friday's assembly will also include the distribution of the Leadership Ministry Badges to our Year 6 students. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us.



Next Thursday 5 May at 5pm, there will be a compulsory Orientation Session for all students and parents wishing to have their child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This session will provide invaluable information about the formation sessions leading up to Confirmation, and the sacrament itself.



On Friday 6 May, Brett Otto will visit us on behalf of the 'Walk with Lynda' charity walk that is coming through Gayndah on that day. Brett and his father Trevor are walking from Gladstone to Kingaroy to raise money and awareness for melanoma. Lynda Geiger, wife of Darren Geiger (who was known in the local community due to his involvement in Wide Bay and QLD School Sport), passed away in November 2015. We will be providing students with yellow ribbons to wear on the day to show their support. No gold coin donation is required; however, if you would like to make a donation, please see the office.

Our focus during weekly prayer this Tuesday was balance, and it think this is an important one to bear in mind as we move further into a very busy term. As our flag at the front of the school shows, 'Christ gives me the strength to face anything' (Philippians 4:13), with God's help we can manage to keep our lives in balance. Prayer is one of the central ways we communicate with God so I encourage you all to spend time in prayer and ask for help to balance the hectic nature of our modern lives. The prayer below may help with this.

*Lord, help me to create a balanced life.
Help me to take time to enjoy life,
to be a person full of gratitude.
Help me take time to love,
to extend my hand in service to those around me.
Lord, remind me to take time to learn,
to be disciplined and accountable.
Help me to make a difference in the
small and big moments of my life.
Lord, help me to keep smiling,
to be happy, and to try to be myself.
Lord, infuse me with your spirit
so I can create a life of balance,
moderation, and simplicity.
And whatever my challenge,
let it be an occasion to deepen my life's purpose.
Amen.*

All the best for a wonderful (and balanced!) week!

Amy Glisson

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

With the implementation of a new Archdiocesan policy for celebration of the sacraments of initiation with children, this year we are able to offer the Sacrament of Confirmation to any child who has received Catholic baptism aged 8 and above. *Even if your child has not celebrated Reconciliation yet, they are eligible for Confirmation under the new policy.*



We are looking for all those interested to register their child as soon as possible. **Please note that Confirmation will NOT be offered next year!**

All indications of participation must be made to the parish office no later than **Monday, May 2nd by 5pm.**

Formal preparation will begin with an **ORIENTATION SESSION** on **Thursday 5th May at 5pm**, leading to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday 24th July**. If you would like to enquire about the program and its timeline of activities, or would like to register your child for the sacrament of Confirmation this year please contact us.

Email: gayndah@bne.catholic.net.au or Call: 4161 1315.

Blessings, Fr. Jason

P & F NEWS:

- * Our next Tuckshop day is **Thursday May 5th**. Orders will go home today, please return these by **Monday May 2nd**.
- * Next P & F meeting is **Tuesday May 10th**. New faces are always welcome!

SPORTS NEWS:

- Please remember all Gayndah shirts used at North Burnett Trials need to be returned to the office, washed and placed in a plastic bag with the student's name on it. Thanks.

OFFICE NEWS:

- Reminder to students to check the fridge under the admin building for lunch boxes and food containers
- Autism Awareness merchandise still available at the office.

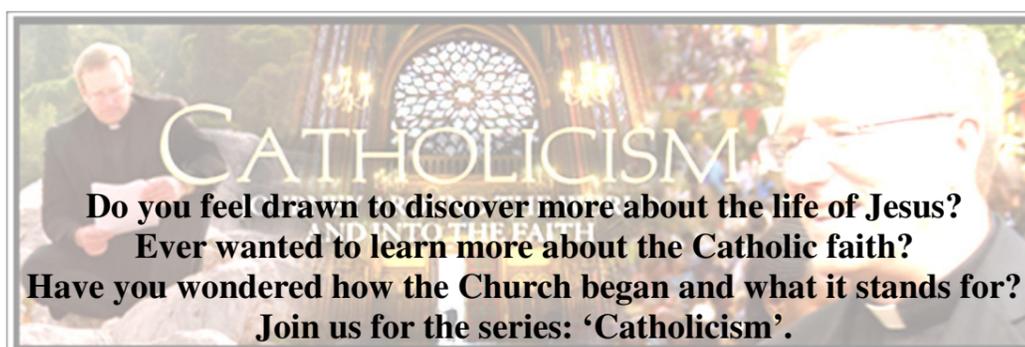
LIBRARY NEWS:

- **BOOKFAIR** starts from **Monday 16th May**
- Kathryn Apel the author will be visiting the following week **Monday 23rd May**

PREP NEWS

To help celebrate all the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, aunts and important ladies in our lives. We are asking you to find a picture to email or bring to Miss Melville or drop into the office a photo that you would like to share at our Mother's day assembly. please send to gmelville@bne.catholic.edu.au

Thank you,
Prep.



CATHOLICISM is a groundbreaking Documentary Film Series and multi-media Adult Faith Formation Program which was released by 'Word On Fire' Catholic ministries in the United States of America in September of 2011. The ten, 60-minute DVD episodes take viewers around the world and deep into the Faith, spanning over 50 locations in 15 countries – stunningly filmed in high-definition.

CATHOLICISM content includes:

- † Journey across the planet and see how the Catholic Church's influence on humanity has created a truly global culture.
- † See the artistic and architectural splendor of the Catholic Faith interpreted in light of the mystery of God revealed in Jesus Christ.
- † Hear for yourself from one of the great spiritual teachers of our time precisely what the Church believes and why.
- † Feel the depths of conviction that touch the heart, illumine the mind, and stir the soul.

The series will be offered in the **GAYNDAH ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE** conference room (upstairs). Each session will run for approximately **an hour and a half**. There is an hour of audio/visual content, which is broken up by moments for small group discussion. Morning tea will be provided for participants.

The first 3 sessions will be provided from **10—11:30**, on the following **Saturday** mornings:

MAY 14TH, JUNE 4TH & JUNE 19TH

To register please contact the parish office: gayndah@bne.catholic.net.au or 4161 1315.



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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	Tues 12 April— Fri 24 June
<u>Term Three</u>	<u>Term Four</u>
Mon 11 July— Fri 16 Sept	Tues 4 Oct— Fri 2 Dec
<i>Pupil free days to be advised.</i>	

Diary of Coming Events

Friday 29 April	Monday 2nd May
Leadership badge day	Labour Day Public Holiday
Fri 6 May	10—12 May
Mother's Day Assembly	NAPLAN
24 May	
Under 8s Day	

WATCH THIS SPACE!

**DANCE CREW COMING
 TERM 3**

Community Notices

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:

Central Burnett Brumbies play at Wondai this Saturday 30 April 2016

Under 6s and 8s play at 9.00am

Under 10s play at 10.00am

Under 12s play at 11.00am

Under 14s play in Chinchilla and times to be confirmed or contact Coach Warren Kenny

Under 16s NO GAME THIS WEEKEND.

TENNIS 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 Tennis Australia's National program conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner at Gayndah Tennis Association, Barrow Street, with lots of fun & games to suit all levels. Times: 3.30pm-4.00pm (5-7 years); 4pm-4.45pm (7-10 years); 4.30-5.30pm (9-12 years); 5.15pm- 6.45pm (Advanced & High School). **Registration is essential - confirmation to join the program must be given, for old and new players** - to guarantee your spot, phone Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753

GAYNDAH SOCCER:

Soccer Soccer Soccer in Gayndah, starting after Easter school holidays.

Training Thursday 4-5pm Gayndah sports ground

For all junior players 5yrs old up to high school students.

Only \$25 for the season

Also seeking parents interested in helping with coaching

For more information phone Laine Collins 0428 931 151

ANGLICARE:

Getting back to basics. Interested in getting back to the basics? After doing the school drop why not drop in and enjoy a coffee and chat with other like-minded people. **Wednesday 20 April** and every week until 22nd June. 61 Capper St (opposite the Post Office) 10am—12pm. To register your interest or enquire for more information, please contact us on 1300 114 397.

GAYNDAH HOSPITAL AUXILIARY:

Cent sale, **Saturday 14th May**, at Gayndah Bowls Club. Doors open 1pm for a 2pm start. \$5 entry. This includes lucky door prize and afternoon tea. Raffle \$1 a ticket. (Prize \$50 meat voucher).

**Year 5/6 Mothers Day Stall
 Sneak Peek**

Full range available next week on The Deck
 Available Tue-Friday 8-8:40 am and
 after school until 3:30