



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term One

Week Nine

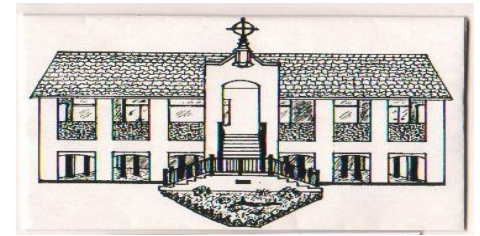
Newsletter Date

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Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

With the holidays soon upon us I thought it might be timely just to share a couple of tips around supporting your children to enjoy the break and come back into Term 2 refreshed but still maintaining their development from the past nine weeks. One of the key factors to consider is the fact that Term 2 is 11 weeks long. As far as school periods go, it is rare to have such an extended period of focused study and as such as a school community we will be mindful of keeping the balance between learning and teaching and the health and wellbeing of your children. Moments such as 'Take a break week' where students will be given a break from homework, allowed to eat where ever they like during breaks and afternoon sessions are flexible in their content will ensure students have a sound balance throughout the term. From a home perspective over the break a couple of points to keep in mind are:

- Take a day or two to do nothing, sleep in (if possible), plan nothing and just hang out at home doing anything that will help recharge the batteries.
- Take the word 'school' out of your vocabulary for the two weeks, but perhaps switch the roles up around the house i.e. Have your children prepare the lunches, clean the house or complete some of the odd chores that they don't have an opportunity to do normally.
- If you are looking to support reading or mathematical development, do so using games, apps or relaxed means that children enjoy. Have them help add up the items at the grocery store or find letters on the packets.
- Take the last Monday or Sunday (where possible) to allow the kids to pick the day's activities, you would be surprised just how much doing little things that they love will recharge the batteries.

Today we take time to build awareness in our community around Epilepsy and the impact it can have on the lives of those diagnosed with this common brain disorder. You may have noticed that throughout today we shared on the Facebook page some facts around Epilepsy, please feel free to raise these in conversation with family and friends. I encourage you to talk with your children tonight and collectively together we can help build greater awareness and understanding within our beautiful community. A big thank you must also go out to the families who were able to support the day by wearing purple.

From Thursday this week our parish will be celebrating the special days of Holy Week. Fr Jason and I would like to extend an open invitation to our school and wider community to join us for each of the significant days in our liturgical calendar. You will find the mass times on page two.

It has been an absolute pleasure watching our young ones lead the school in prayer each afternoon this week. A big thank you must go to the classroom teachers and Mrs Glisson for all of the time, preparations and practise leading up to each performance.

Have a great week everyone.

Ben



From the Acting APRE

Last Friday, we celebrated St Joseph's day and the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Students and staff wore orange to make a stand against bullying, and we gathered in the Church to remember our patron saint. We also enjoyed a cake to celebrate the feast of St Joseph, and many students had fish and chips for lunch, in support of Project Compassion. The students had a very enjoyable day!



A huge thank you to all of our school officers and parents who assisted with the Fish and Chips for Caritas lunch last Friday. It was a huge success, and we really appreciate your time and support. A special mention must go to Mike and Leanne from Westside Takeaway, who donated their time and energy and cooked all our chips for us! We raised \$367 to go towards Project Compassion. Well done St Joseph's!

This week is one of the most important in the Church's calendar, as we remember the events leading to Jesus' death and resurrection. In our school community, we are taking time to acknowledge, reflect and pray about each of these events throughout this week.

On Monday, the Preps re-enacted Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. They waved palm branches and even had a wooden donkey, as a reminder of the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to cheers and excitement from the crowd.

On Tuesday, we focused on the events that happened on Holy Thursday nearly 2000 years ago. Year 1 retold the story of the Last Supper, when Jesus broke bread and shared wine with his disciples, knowing that one was to betray him, and also washed their feet – signifying love through service of others. Year 2 acted out the events that took place in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus was arrested and deserted by his friends.



On Wednesday, we remembered the events of Good Friday. We started with Year 5's re-enactment of Jesus' trial with Pontius Pilate and the angry crowd, who demanded Pilate crucify Jesus, despite there being no evidence to support this.

Year 6 then told us about Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. Finally, on Thursday, Year 3 and 4 will retell the events of Easter Sunday, beginning with some disciples finding the tomb empty and wondering what had happened to Jesus, and finishing with Jesus appearing for his disciples to confirm that he had risen from the dead.

Our school term finishes at 3:00pm on Thursday, to allow us time to reflect on the importance of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We have spoken as a school community about remembering the true meaning of Easter, rather than the commercialised hype about eggs and rabbits, so I encourage you to find some time over the weekend to talk about what Easter means for you and your family.

All members of the school community are invited to join the Parish Community for the Holy Week and Easter Celebrations, listed below:

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm in Gayndah

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross at 10am in Eidsvold and Passion of the Lord at 3pm in Gayndah

Easter Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 6.30pm in Gayndah

Easter Sunday – Mass at 8am in Mundubbera and 10am in Eidsvold

On a personal note, I just wanted to thank you all for the way you have welcomed me into the school community this term. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term at St Joseph's and have really appreciated how supportive and friendly everyone has been. I wish you all the best for a wonderful Easter, and a safe and happy holiday.

We look forward to seeing all our students back at school on Tuesday 12 April (Monday 11 is a travel day).

God bless,
Amy Glisson

Cross Country

Our District Cross Country will be held on **Friday, 15 April** which is in Week one of next term. It will be held at the Gayndah Golf Club. Students will arrive at school as normal, and travel to and from the course by bus. They will need to wear sports uniform, and bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle and their lunch and snack as normal.

All times on the program are approximate.

Presentations will be on the completion of events.

		<u>PROGRAM OF EVENTS</u>	
9:15		-	Welcome and course orientation
9:30	Event 1	-	Year 3 Students born 2008 (8 years) 1000m
9:40	Event 2a	-	Boys born 2007 (9 yrs) 2000m
	Event 2b	-	Girls born 2007 (9 yrs) 2000m
9:50	Event 3a	-	Boys born 2006 (10 yrs) 2000m
	Event 3b	-	Girls born 2006 (10 yrs) 2000m
10:00	Event 4a	-	Boys born 2005 (11 yrs) 3000m
	Event 4b	-	Girls born 2005 (11 yrs) 3000m
10:15	All Prep to Year 2 students will arrive by bus		
10:20	Event 5a	-	Boys born 2004 (12 yrs) 3000m
	Event 5b	-	Girls born 2004 (12yrs) 3000m
10:40	Event 6	-	Prep Students 200m
10:50	Event 7	-	Year 1 Students 400m
11:00	Event 8	-	Year 2 Students 600m

LIBRARY NEWS—READ ALL ABOUT IT! We have had a very busy time in the library reviewing school rules, library rules and borrowing procedures, and the location of different genres (types of) books and their location.

We hope that your children are enjoying books and reading. We have completed Reading Interest Inventories in order to match children's books to their interests next term. If you are having difficulties finding books that your child enjoys please let Mrs madden and I know, either in person or via the Office, and we would be very happy to assist.

We wish you and your loved ones a happy, safe and Holy Easter. See you next Term!

PS: Watch this space for more information on: Read More in May, Family Reading Morning and Book Fair!

Mrs Madden and Mrs McGregor

VISUAL ARTS NEWS: The students and I have been having an enjoyable time in art classes this Term. (I can't believe how quickly this term has flown!) We have completed Self Portraits (Preps to Yr 3) and Years 4 – 6 have designed a display of important events in their lives - based on the customs of traditional North American Indian Tribes' Winter Count. (At the first snow fall each year the tribe would decide on the most important event that occurred that year and a symbol was selected and painted on cow hide in a spiral. This was used like a history of their lives. The students did important events in their own lives.)

We have practiced the painting techniques of blending and texture and used these to paint a picture. (Preps-Yr 3 – Panda Bear, Yrs 4 - 6 Frog) We are presently endeavouring to complete Art Work to be displayed in the Gayndah Show in class and at lunch times, should your children like to do so. Any art pieces completed this week will be taken to the Show and entry price will be covered.

Entries close 6.00pm Thursday, the 7th April, should your child require more time to complete their art pieces.

More information and entry forms may be found in the Gayndah Show Society 102nd Annual Gayndah Show brochure available from local businesses. Children can also enter photographs, cooking, pottery or jewellery. Let's Get Creative! Mrs McGregor

P & F NEWS:

- Our next tuckshop is **tomorrow Thursday, 24 March**. Thank you to this week's helpers: Shelley Weston, Leanne Bryant, Monique Terry, Sam Rowles, Kimberley Kirk.
- Executive positions this year are: Laura Parr (President), Kym Baker (Vice President), Jody Doyle (Secretary), and Chris Prygoda is the acting treasurer. It was decided at the last meeting that the P & F levy for Term One will go towards a rainwater tank and bubblers for the new sports centre.
- The next meeting will be **Tuesday 12 April** at 7pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PUPIL FREE DAY: A reminder that Monday 11 April is a pupil free day. Term two resumes **Tuesday 12 April**.

SPORTS NEWS:

- Best of luck today to Lizzie Roth and Tom and Rosie Halt who are all competing at Wide Bay Trials for softball.
- Congratulations to Tristen Bayntun and Tom Halt who have both made the North Burnett Soccer Team and will compete at Wide Bay Trials
- Congratulations to Wyatt Martin who has made the North Burnett Rugby League Team, and will also compete at Wide Bay Trials.
- 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.

GO BLUE FOR AUTISM: On **Thursday 14 April** students are invited to wear blue to raise awareness for Autism. No donation is required. Sun safe clothing please.



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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

Thurs 24 March	Friday 25 March
Last Day School Term 1	GOOD FRIDAY
Tues 12 April	Tues 12 April
Term 2 Begins	P & F Meeting
Thurs 14 April	Friday 15 April
Go Blue for Autism	Cross Country

Community Notices

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN: Saint Mary's Catholic College will be holding an Equestrian Competition for schools on **Thursday 28 April 2016**. The competition will feature events related to stock work, and will therefore be called a Cowhorse Competition, with events such as team penning, working cow horse, Western bending, barrel race, whip cracking and lead and ridden stock horse. Information packs are available at the office.

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:

There are no games for this weekend or during school holidays.

The next game day is **Saturday 16th April 2016** (the weekend after term 2 starts) against Kingaroy in Gayndah.

Please remember if you are unable to attend games to let the coach or committee member know. Sandra Kenny 41612116 night time and Mel Bice 0488 654 042.

NEXT TRAINING - TUESDAY 12TH APRIL 2016 IN MUNDUBBERA.

Bus is leaving the Gayndah sports ground at 3.30pm. Gold coin fee for the bus. **NO FOOD OR DRINKS ON THE BUS.**

Players are to train in a shirt **NOT OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM.**

More parent participation with training and game day would be GREAT. There is a need for assistance with training and support of teams on the day through Leaguesafe. While your kids are keeping fit so can you and have fun along the way...

All registrations are **due by 29th April.** Mary Cooper will be available to receipt all monies at the Gayndah training until then. Direct deposits can be made to the following account with the child's name as reference.

Gayndah Junior RLFC

BSB:084560 (I had made a mistake on the handout of newsletter)

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If you are still having problems registering please let me know, we can either walk through the steps together or if I cannot assist then we send the problem higher.

Once registration is paid then you can get shorts and socks... there is more stock coming.

GAYNDAH SWIMMING CLUB: Club Break Up night. Come along and have some fun! Presentations, trophies and games. ***This Thursday 24th March***, 6pm at the pool. Bring a plate to share, savoury or sweet. Epilepsy awareness raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Purple jelly cups \$2ea. All proceeds to Epilepsy QLD.

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. The program commences ***Friday 15th April***, 2016. 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 520 753

GAYNDAH AND DISTRICT NETBALL: Junior Sign On and Come and Try Days for girls aged 5-15years and boys aged 5-12years. Monday afternoons, 4pm at the Gayndah State School Courts.

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

OLD RUNNING: Cross Country meet ***Sunday 17 April*** at Nanango. Distances range from 500mtrs to 8000mtrs. Free entry. Entry closes 15 April. For more information go to www.queenslandrunning.com.au