



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term Two

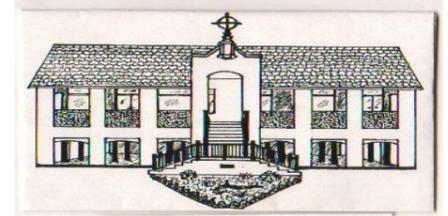
Week Four

Newsletter Date

Wednesday

4th May 2016

Principal's Letter to Parents



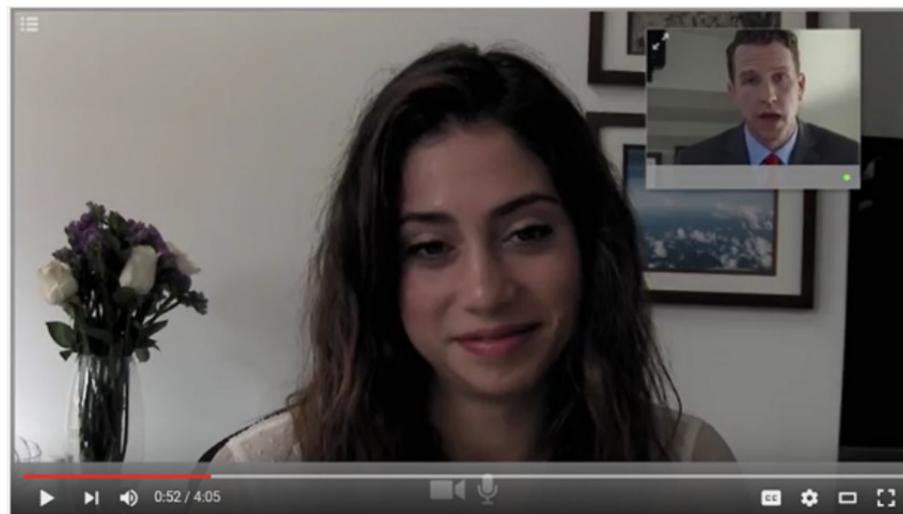
HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!

Hi Everyone

This Sunday we take some time to thank the very special ladies in our lives who give so much of themselves to ensure we feel loved, supported and encouraged to achieve our full potential. Whilst the celebration is better known as Mother's Day, so many members of our parish and wider community give their all to supporting the young members of St Joseph's Primary, time and time again.

In my life I am lucky enough to have an amazing mother and mother in law, two inspirational grandmothers and have countless parishioners and members of the wider community who care for me like my own mother, and of course my amazingly supportive wife as mother to our two beautiful girls. Each one of us know of those special people in our lives that build us up, make us feel special and put our needs before their own. Yet we need not look far to find the perfect example of motherhood in the actions and words of Mother Mary. We recognise this Sunday by way of commercial influences, but it should be no less valued on each and every other day the significant role that these ladies play in our lives.

Recently I had the pleasure of watching a video that highlighted the multitude of skills and efforts that our mothers make in order to support their children each and every day. I encourage you to take a moment to view the video by typing into YouTube 'World's Toughest Job' or via our school website or the P and F Facebook Page. Although I found it to be a good for a laugh at first, it really sends home the message of just how great our mums are.



World's Toughest Job – YouTube

On another note, I would like to offer to all parents and members of the community who volunteer in our school in any way, the opportunity to complete our student protection training again for 2016. This year the training can be accessed through a video presentation via email. Over the next fortnight I would encourage all volunteers to contact the school office so as to enable the administration staff to forward on the presentation to a suitable email address. My sincere thanks in advance for your support in ensuring our school remains a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

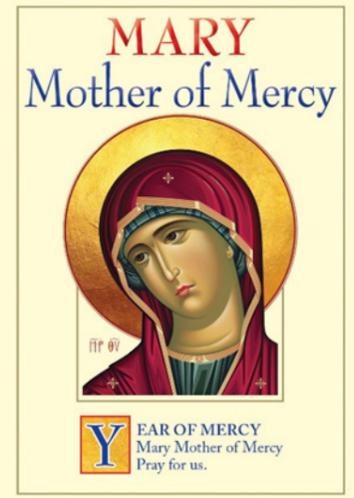
Have a wonderful week everyone.

Ben



From the Acting APRE

It seems hard to believe, especially with the weather being so warm still, that we are in May already. This month is one in which Catholics remember and celebrate Mary, Jesus' Mother. Mary is also known as the Mother of Mercy, and as we move further into this Jubilee Year of Mercy, it is an opportune time to pray and remember Mary, especially through the Rosary. As Pope Francis stated earlier this year, "Mary is the Mother of mercy, because she bore in her womb the very Face of divine mercy, Jesus, Emmanuel, the Expectation of the nations, the "Prince of Peace." While we remember Mary as the Mother of Mercy and Mother of Christ, we will also remember all our mothers this Sunday on Mother's Day. A prayer for all mothers is included below.



Our Preps will lead us in prayer this Friday at assembly at 9am to celebrate and recognise our mums. We invite all mothers to join us for morning tea after assembly, where coffee, tea and some sweet treats will be provided!

On Friday, we will also acknowledge those who are walking from Gladstone to Kingaroy to raise awareness for melanoma. Brett Otto, who is leading the walk, will speak with our students on Friday. Our students will be given the opportunity to wear a yellow ribbon to show their support.



In two weeks' time, Gayndah will host the incredibly talented Watoto Children's Choir, who will perform on Wednesday 18 May at 7pm in the Gayndah Town Hall. All are welcome at this event, which is sure to be a highlight of the year! The choir is comprised of orphaned children from places in Africa, such as Uganda, that have been ravaged by disease, war and poverty. Watoto means 'children' in Swahili language, and these children are sure to astound and delight us all with their performance.

During our classroom music lessons at school, while we haven't been learning how to be a choir, we have been working with instruments and singing lots of interesting songs! We have also been doing some work on resilience. Resilience has many different forms, but primarily is the ability to show self-control over our emotions when minor upsets happen, and to pick ourselves back up after we suffer a disappointment. In our lessons, the students and I have discussed how events can fall into different categories, with some being catastrophic (such as a flood or death) and some being more minor (such as someone cutting in front of you in line), and we have looked at how we would respond to these different types of events. We have also played some tricky games, designed to test our resilience. The students have really enjoyed participating in these games, and have showed great resilience when things have been difficult!

All the best for a great week. I hope all the mothers in our community are able to spend time with their children on Mother's Day, and feel the love and appreciation of those around them.

A Prayer for All Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

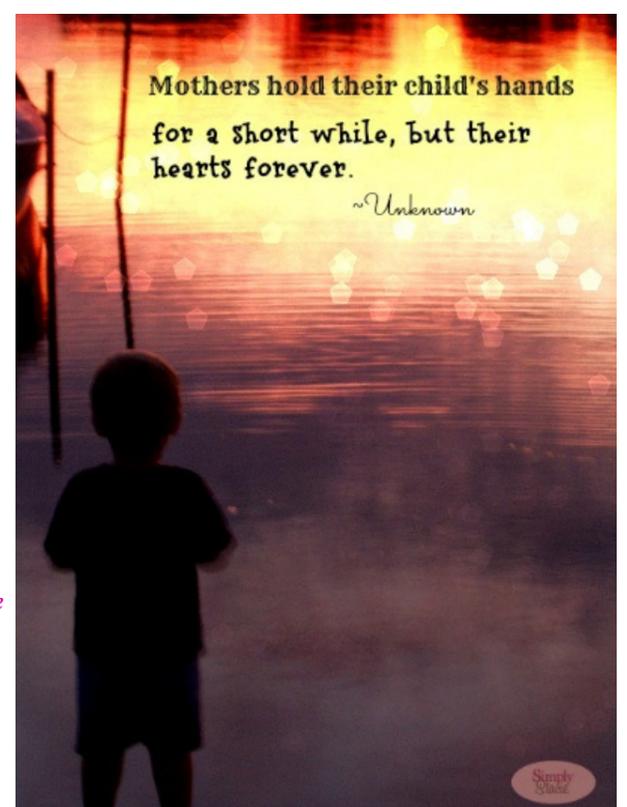
We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



God bless,

P & F NEWS:

- * Our next Tuckshop day is **Thursday May 5th**. Thank you to this week's helpers: Amy Ezzy, Hayley Ahern, Ros O'Brien, Kimberly Kirk, Jody Doyle.
- * 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.

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

LIBRARY NEWS: READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Book Fair is coming and we are all very excited! The theme for this year is:

“ Monster Book Fair – Reading Is So Much Fun, You'll get Goosebumps .“

When: Tuesday the 10th to Wednesday the 18th of May.

(Please note the change of dates as we have moved it forward a week as the books arrived early.) The books will be packed up and sent back on the afternoon of the 18th)

Times: There will be no sales on Mondays.

Sale times are as follows:

Tuesday the 10th : 8.00am to 4.00pm

Wednesday 11th : 8.00am to 4.00pm

Thursday 12th, and Friday the 13th: 8.00 am to 8.40 am and 3.15 pm to 4.00pm (I will be working with Yr 4 during the day)

Tuesday the 17th: 8.00am to 4.00pm

Wednesday 18th: 8.00 am to 2.00pm

If you are unable to attend during these times please feel free to:

- either call the Office or contact Karen or myself to make an alternative time **OR**
- send cash and book order Wish List with your child **OR**
- you may also contact Scholastic directly to place an order.

Competitions and Prizes: Once again there will be some great competitions where your children have the opportunity to win Book prizes. There will be the:

- Lucky Door Prize for everyone who makes a purchase at the Book Fair
- “Create Your Own Monster” art piece (One Winner per Class)
- Guessing Game: How Many Eyeballs in the Jar?

Family Reading Morning: Tuesday 31st of May. Students are welcome to dress up as monsters, so start planning your costume!

NB: Dressing up is entirely voluntary and you will need to get back into your school uniform at the conclusion of the Reading Morning.

Also Kathryn Apel the author will be visiting the following week Monday 23rd May.

Have a great day and happy reading!

Kind Regards,
Suze McGregor



Students of the Week

Week 2

Prep—Hunter Roberts, Yr 1/2-Summer Kreis, Yr-3 Zoe Baker,
Yr 4-Abby Driver, Yr 5/6-Blade Britchford

Week 3:

Prep –Imogen Coulson, Yr 1/2 Archie Webster, Yr 4 Rosie Halt,
Yr 5/6-Wyatt Martin





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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
Pupil free days to be advised.	

Diary of Coming Events

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

Community Notices

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:

Central Burnett Brumbies play in Murgon this Sunday 8th May 2016. Under 16s you play Friday night at Gayndah at 6.30pm against Bundaberg Brothers.

Times are as follows:-

Under 6s and 8s play at 9.00am

Under 10s play at 10.00am

Under 12s play at 11.00am

Under 14s play at 12.00pm against Wondai at Murgon

Under 16s play Friday night at 6.30pm in Gayndah against Bundaberg Brothers Under 16s. Yes it is Mother's Day so you best be nice to Mum.

If anyone has any queries or concerns please feel free to contact Sandra Kenny 41612116 (night time only).

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

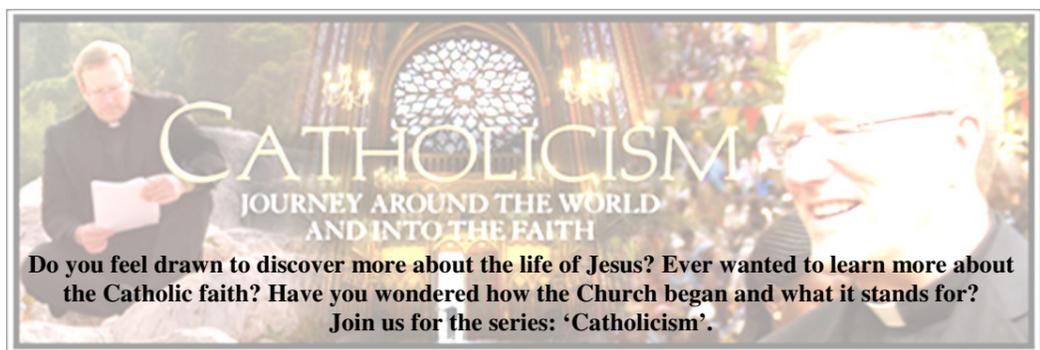
For more information phone Laine Collins 0428 931 151

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).

ANGLICAN CHURCH: Afternoon of Bridal and Fashion Elegance. St Matthew's Church Hall, **Saturday 7th May, 2016** 1.30pm. Elegant: Bridal, showgirls, and menswear fashions. Fine china afternoon tea. Lucky door prize, raffle, entertainment. Bring and buy stall with flowers for Mother's Day. Admission \$10 adults, \$5 High School Students.



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.