



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term Two

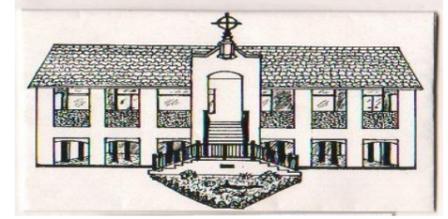
Week Ten

Newsletter Date

Wednesday

15 June 2016

Principal's Letter to Parents



Dear Friends in Christ,

As the year flies by, we are nearly about to begin the mid-year break. Before this though, we are all systems go in preparing for the Family Fun Day, which is being hosted by the Parents and Friends Association this coming Sunday. This is always a wonderful community event, focussed on time together as a family, the building of relationships within the community, and having fun in the process. As part of this focus on community, we are beginning with Mass at 9am in St. Joseph's Church. Everyone is most welcome to join us. If you are not already part of a church community with whom you worship on Sunday morning, come along this Sunday to St. Joseph's. Not only are we making our mass a family focussed event, that is, one involving the children, but it is also the 2nd step for the children who are candidates for Confirmation. This will be a celebration of the Presentation of the Creed.

What does this mean? As many of you would know, each mainstream Christian denomination professes faith in the creeds of the Church. They are the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed. The Apostles Creed is as the name suggests attributed to the Apostles, and has been used in baptismal rituals as a profession of faith from earliest times. *"An ancient tradition held that on the day of Pentecost, the Apostles composed this Creed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, each apostle wrote one of the twelve articles of faith expressed in the Creed. (Keep in mind that St. Matthias had replaced Judas, who betrayed our Lord and then killed himself.) St. Ambrose (d. 397) and Rufinus both attested to this tradition, especially in their preaching. Whether the Apostles themselves actually wrote this early Creed is uncertain; nevertheless, the beliefs expressed in the Creed are certainly rooted in their teachings... On the other hand, the Nicene Creed was produced by the Council of Nicea I (325) which was convoked to combat the heresy of Arius, who basically denied the divinity of Christ... Later, at the Council of Constantinople (381), the Church again not only affirmed its condemnation of Arianism but also condemned the Pneumatomachs (i.e. "the killers of the Spirit"). Therefore, the Creed was expanded to clearly define the divinity of the Holy Spirit."* (Fr. William Saunders)

Why share this? Well, this Sunday we will prayerfully 'present' the faith professed in the Nicene Creed to our Confirmation Candidates, which they will reaffirm for themselves at their Confirmation. At that celebration on July 24th they will confirm the faith professed and the promises made at their baptism on their behalf by their parents, and once more they will receive the sealing of the Holy Spirit with its many gifts by the visiting Bishop. In their reception of the Holy Spirit, they are also confirming their ongoing commitment to membership of our local faith community at St. Joseph's. This will be a wonderful celebration for all our community. Please keep the children in your prayers as they continue their journey into a fuller relationship with Christ and his Church. They are: **Jacob Smith, Zoe Baker, James Parr, Elizabeth Roth, Shelby Rowles, Jackson Barbeler, Shardai Chapman-Sturgess, Raymond and Joseph Loakes.**

See you on Sunday! God Bless,

Fr. Jason

Family Fun Day!



Come one, come all, to the St Joseph's Annual Family Fun Day, starting Sunday morning from 9am with Mass before heading down to the school oval for a range of fun games and activities for the whole family. Please bring chairs or a rug to sit on throughout the day. Lunch will be provided courtesy of the P and F Committee and there will be tea/coffee and cakes available for purchase up on the Library deck throughout the morning. All members of the family are welcome to attend. Feel free to wear clothing that represents the colours of either Lourdes or Fatima depending on which house your children are in. Thank you to those families who have offered to help run activities or set up throughout the day. Keep an eye on the P and F Facebook page for updates.

P and F News

Last night at our meeting, it was determined that we would be replacing the oven in the tuckshop alongside the existing sink. These new additions will be a very welcomed adjustment to the kitchen area that provides all of the wonderful meals for tuckshop each fortnight. We also determined the supplier for the new sports uniform and will be arranging for a representative from that company to speak with the P and F at the next meeting. At such time colour selection and style will be determined in preparation for its introduction in 2017. Strong consideration was also given to how the P and F can support the community during this period of transition. We would always welcome new or returning attendees to help with such influential decisions in the future. The next meeting date will be Tuesday, 12th July.

From the Acting APRE

As we draw ever closer to the end of a busy term, I would like to congratulate all our students who have continued to work hard and co-operate with others over the past few weeks. An eleven week term can be a tiring one, but it has been wonderful to see our students continuing to show the good behaviour and attitude that we expect from them.

This week, I wanted to take the opportunity to give a few reminders about uniform expectations for our students. Firstly, **it is important that all your child's clothing is clearly named**. We have a number of jumpers that often get cast aside during playtime, only to find that they cannot be returned to their owners because they aren't named, or have some indecipherable marks on the tag.

Secondly, make up and nail polish are not to be worn at school. Also, jewellery needs to be limited to:

- One set of plain studs or sleepers for students with pierced ears (not coloured or decorative earrings)
- A watch if desired

Long hair needs to be tied back neatly at all times. Black shoes or joggers with navy socks are to be worn on students' feet and hats are to be worn at all times when outside. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday students wear formal uniform—check shirt and shorts or skirts. Wednesday and Friday sports uniform is to be worn—blue polo shirt with navy mesh sports shorts. If there is an occasion where a student is unable to wear the correct uniform, it would be expected that the office or their classroom teacher is notified either via a phone call or note. Please feel free to visit our uniform shop if you need to view or purchase any uniform items. Thank you to our parents who are very diligent in ensuring their children come to school in the correct uniform.

This Sunday is an important day in our school calendar – our Family Fun Day. This will commence at 9am with mass in the Church, where we will acknowledge the students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Following this, we will move to the school oval, where there will be a variety of different games and activities occurring, along with a barbeque. Parents, friends, relatives and siblings are most welcome to join us for this exciting event!

Next Wednesday, you will receive your child's report card for Semester 1. Please ensure you take some time to go through it with your child, and give them honest, positive feedback about their work so far this year. We are very proud of all that our students have achieved this year, and hope you enjoy seeing their results.

On Thursday next week, we look forward to our Athletics Carnival, to be held at Gayndah Sportsground from 8:30am. It will be a great opportunity for our sporting stars to put their best foot forward, and we look forward to seeing parents there to support them.

School will end for this term on next Friday 24 June, and will commence again on Tuesday 12 July (with Monday 11 July being a pupil free day). Next term, we have lots of exciting events to look forward to, including a special visit from Gary Pinto (musician and leader of the As-U-R Music Ministry), who will be here during Catholic Education Week on 29 July for a special performance and workshops with our students. For a preview, check out his song 'Mary MacKillop' at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8HN2qb4a_Y, which he wrote for her canonisation in 2010.



All the best for a wonderful week!

God bless,
Amy Glisson
Acting APRE

DONUT DRIVE: Thank you to everyone who supported the Community Ministry donut drive last week. \$481.40 was raised to purchase swags for the homeless. Well done Mrs Evans and the Community Ministry!!

P & F NEWS:

- Our next tuckshop day is **Thursday 16 June**. Thank you to this week's helpers Sarah Webster, Kylee Ross, Monique Terry, Lisa Baker, Sam Rowles.
- Family fun day is **this Sunday 19th June**.
- Order forms for the canteen at our sports carnival have been sent home, and are due back to the school by **this Friday, 17th June**.

SPORTS NEWS:

- Friday **17th June** NB Girls Rugby League.
- Thursday **23rd June** St Joseph's Interhouse Athletics Carnival.

SOUTH BURNETT EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION: 9am **Thursday 4 August**, Kingaroy showgrounds. Open to all students of South Burnett Schools. **Nominations close Monday 18th July 2016** (but nominations by end of June much appreciated)

BREAKFAST CLUB: Breakkie Club runs each week on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Thanks to our wonderful helpers who serve our students breakfast with a smile! Any donations of jam, honey, margarine, eggs and juice are always welcome.

Students of the Week



Week 9

Prep: Kiera Driver

1/2: Donald McGregor

Y3: Hugo Baker

Y4: Shelby Rowles (Wk 9) Mark McCosker (Wk8)

Y5/6: Mrs Evans & The Y6 Community Group

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Year 6 Science Group



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 Glorify God”**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016	
<u>Term One</u> Wed 27 Jan— Thurs 24 March	<u>Term Two</u> Tues 12 April— Fri 24 June
<u>Term Three</u> Mon 11 July— Fri 16 Sept	<u>Term Four</u> Tues 4 Oct— Fri 2 Dec
Gayndah Show Holiday - 8th August Pupil Free day - 17th October	

Diary of Coming Events

14—17 June Parent Teacher Interviews	15 June ICAS Spelling
17 June NB Girls Rugby League	19 June Family fun day
23 June Interhouse Sports Carnival	24 June Last day Term 2

Community Notices

CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:

This Saturday the games are in Gayndah. Times are as follows:

Under 6s and 8s play 10.00am
 Under 10s play at 11.00am
 Under 12s play at 12.00pm
 Under 14s play at 1.00pm
 Under 16s play at 2.00pm

Saturday 16th July (the Saturday after school goes back for term 3) is the Mini Mod Carnival at Wondai. There are teams for Under 8, 10 & 12. Could you please let your coaches know whether you are able to attend.

Training is in Gayndah next Tuesday 21 June 2016 for all age groups.

GAYNDAH GOLF: Free golf coaching clinic—Gayndah Golf Club. For men, women and students, **Sunday 19th June**, 9.30am.

For more information contact Di Baker 4161 1436 or lindi@activ8.net.au

GAYNDAH SOCCER: Training Thursdays 4-5pm at the 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.

TRICKY TOPICS: An evening of conversation around the tricky topics we face as parents—puberty, boyfriends/girlfriends, alcohol and drugs.

How do you bring these things up?

What do you say?

What if they ask more questions?

Where to get help?

Aimed at **parents** of students in grade 5/6...but all parents welcome.

Bring a friend...bring your questions...have a laugh...and get some easy to understand information. **Thursday 16th June**—Gayndah Arts & Cultural centre 6.30pm. Enquires to Laine Collins—School Based Youth Health Nurse. Gayndah Community Health—4161 3571.

GAYNDAH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE: Did you know that the Function Room of the Gayndah Arts & Cultural Centre is available to hire for meetings, conferences or private functions? The room has seating for up to 80, full kitchen facilities and audio visual equipment. Very reasonable rates. Contact St Joseph's School on 4161 1889 for more information.

CENTRAL BURNETT DAY CAMP: 28TH-30TH June 2016 for children in grades 1-7. Bush fun, praise, archery, dampers, flying fox, exploring, God stuff, activities, orienteering, craft, painting, gunyas, adventures & more fun! Mundubbera, Eidsvold, Gayndah Uniting Church Congregations. General enquiries to Lexie on 0448 131 213.