Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the school holidays, one of biggest factors to be mindful of over the next two weeks is ensuring that all the progress that your child has made throughout the semester isn’t hindered by the fortnight break. Please don’t feel that the holiday period needs to be a continuation of the classroom, the past eleven weeks have been full of learning experiences and extra-curricular activities and a break is exactly what they need! However, if your child is partial to some time on electronic devices or you are looking to support their academic growth through a simple routine each day, or where suitable, I have the following suggestion below:

Prior to starting the nominated activity have you:

- Made your bed
- Eaten breakfast
- Dressed yourself for the day
- Brushed your teeth and hair

Now take a pick from three of the following activities:

10-20 min of reading
10-20 min of writing
Clean up 1 room in the house
Play outside for 20 min
Make or build something creative (lego, craft, sand, branches)
Help someone in your family (ask if there is a job you can do or think of something yourself that you know they will appreciate).

Feel free to add to the list, the greatest results will come from providing variety. On a side note, some days are best spent in your PJ’s and there is no better way to recharge the batteries than to plan to do absolutely nothing. Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you again next term.

Athletics Carnival Information

In the newsletter today there is a timetable for the athletics carnival tomorrow. The times provided are a guide for the day and aim to keep parents informed of when we intend to complete each event. Parents and extended family are always welcome to join us throughout the day. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way over the day, it’s not too late to contact the office or see Amy or myself tomorrow at the grounds.

The 9-12 year old 400m and 800 m events will be the first events for the day so it is pivotal that all students of those ages are at school on time so that they can walk to the grounds directly after the bell.

Please be aware that teachers will mark rolls in classes before walking over to the Sportsground. If you wish to take your child home after the conclusion of the carnival, parents will need to sign their child/ren out using the sign out early departures book at the venue.

With such a busy schedule, it is important the students remain with their age level during the day to allow events to start on time. Students will return to school by 2.45pm where students can be collected in the usual manner.

Cheers
Ben
After a very busy term, it seems almost surreal that the final week of this semester is upon us. While everyone has worked hard and enjoyed themselves this term, I think everyone is looking forward to a break!

On Sunday, we celebrated a Family Mass and presented the Apostles Creed to our Confirmation candidates. Thank you to the families who were able to join us, and well done to the students who performed various roles throughout the mass. We wish the Confirmation candidates all the best as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 24 July.

Sadly, the rain meant we had to postpone our Family Fun Day until Sunday 31 July. We hope to see many families there to join in the fun and games, and sample some of the beautiful cakes and sweets that will be for sale!

Today, you would have received your child’s report card for Semester 1. Ben and I had the privilege of reading each report and we were delighted to see the progress our students are making, as well as the positive feedback they are receiving about how to move forward next semester. Thank you to our dedicated teachers who have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to inform you about your child’s progress.

This Thursday is our St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival at the Gayndah Touch Fields. We look forward to seeing students putting their best foot forward in their events, and having a bit of fun at the same time. Good luck to all our competitors!

Early next term, I am very fortunate to be one of twenty Brisbane Catholic Education employees who will be travelling to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. World Youth Day is an event that is held every 2 to 3 years as a way to engage young people of all faiths and provide a way for them to encounter Christ. The journey we will be on is a pilgrimage starting in Berlin and journeying to Krakow, and we will join thousands of other young people who are keen to deepen their faith through this unique experience. While I am really looking forward to this unique opportunity to further develop my faith and make new connections with the global Catholic Church, it means that I will be away from school from Thursday 14 July until Friday 5 August. During that time, Miss Bec O’Connor, teacher and Primary Learning Leader at St Peter’s Caboolture, will fill the role of Acting APRE. Miss O’Connor comes highly recommended from Mr Gray and other staff at Caboolture who have worked with her, and I am sure she will be an asset to our community while she is here. I will be posting regular updates online about my journey so that students can follow along and see what I have been up to. I look forward to being able to share this experience with the community once I return.

Thank you to all our families for their support this term. All the best for a safe and restful holiday, and I hope you are able to enjoy some time at home with your children. See you next term!

Amy Glisson
Acting APRE
P & F NEWS:
• The canteen will be available during the day tomorrow for our Interhouse athletics carnival
  1st break—Morning tea (snack break) 9:30-10:30
  2nd break—Lunch 12:30-1:30
Canteen will be available to students during the two break times only. If you are available to help, please let the office know. Thank you!
• Family Fun day was postponed until July 31st due to rain

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. Nomination close Monday 18th July 2016 (but nominations by end of June much appreciated)
**ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016**

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Gayndah Show Holiday - 8th August
Pupil Free day - 17th October

**Diary of Coming Events**

- **Thurs 23 June**: Interhouse Sports Carnival
- **Fri 24 June**: Last day Term 2
- **Tues 12 July**: Term 3 begins
- **P & F Meeting**
- **Fri 15 July**: Leadership badge ceremony
- **Wed 20 July**: District Sports Carnival

**CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES:**
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 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.

**GAYNDAH PHARMACY HEARTLAND COLOURING COMPETITION**
Gayndah Guardian is bringing the colours of our Heartland alive in preparation for the Festivities.

Our Heartland Colouring In Competition is open to all children aged 4-12 years. First prize for each age group plus 2nd & 3rd certificates. All first prize winners will go into the draw to WIN a $100 Guardian Gift card.

Extra colouring in competitions for siblings can be picked up from Gayndah Guardian Pharmacy.

All completed colouring competitions must be delivered to Gayndah Guardian Pharmacy by close of business FRIDAY 1st JULY. Work must be that of the child entering. Winners announced 7th July & contacted by phone.

**NBRC FREE FOOD HYGIENE COURSE**
Council’s Environmental Health Department are holding a Basic Food Hygiene Course. The aim of these courses is to provide participants with food hygiene skills and knowledge that satisfies the requirements of the FSANZ: Food Standards Code. Open to the general public.

**DATE:** 27 June 2016
**TIME:** Morning Session 9.00AM-12.00 noon
Evening Session 6.00PM – 9.00PM

**LOCATION:** Gayndah Supper Room
34-36 Capper Street, Gayndah

**RSVP:** 20 June 2016
Ph. 1300 696 272 or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au (Spaces limited with minimum of 15 people required for course to proceed)

**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.