



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

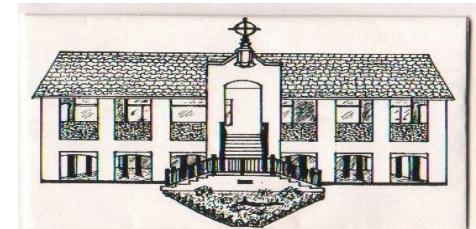
2016 Term Three

Week Six

Newsletter Date

Wednesday

17 Aug 2016



Principal's Letter to Parents

Hi Everyone

I hope that your week has been highlighted by the sharing of stories from your children based around robotics, special visitors and all things Science Week. To learn more about what has been happening within the community, please take a moment to read Mrs Glisson's piece on the next page.

Last night a number of members from the parent body were invited to be involved in our Annual Cyclical Review process. The evening was an opportunity to invite parents (based on parents who haven't been previously involved in prior years) to explore the current practices existing within our school community. By sharing the current practice amongst parents from each year level we intended to offer opportunities to provide feedback on ways that the school community can grow.

In particular it was highlighted that as a school community we do the following things effectively and parents would like to see them continue:

- Regular communication with parents to keep them informed of student activities, upcoming events and any other relative information to student learning.
- Positive school culture that is created by the example provided by the staff of St Joseph's.
- The strong sense of community and investment in ensuring every child feels that school is a success for them.

Considerations for the future that were raised were as follows:

- Consideration for regular extension opportunities for students in their learning.
- Continue to keep parents informed of resource spending and financial developments of the school.
- Community consultation in regards to the growth and development of the school in relation to numbers and opportunities beyond Year 6.

Opportunities to make adjustments following the provision of feedback from our parent body are essential if we are to continue to work closely as a school community and recognise what we value most. In Term 4, there will be another opportunity to be involved in this process on October 18th. If you would like to be involved in this, please contact the school office and the relevant information will be sent home prior to the evening. As mentioned previously, we are intentional in seeking to reach all members of our community and would openly welcome any members to be a part of the processes each time.

Well done to all the students who participated in the music eisteddfod, and all the very best to our equestrian team next week who are competing in Maryborough.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Cheers

Ben





From the Acting APRE

On Monday of this week, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. This is the day that commemorates the Blessed Virgin Mary's death and assumption into heaven, body and soul, before her body could decay. This is a special place afforded only to Mary, since she played such a significant role in the birth and upbringing of Jesus. The Hail Mary is a special way to connect with Mary during prayer, and it is one we use regularly here at school.

We are also celebrating Science Week this week. Students have been most excited to begin unpacking and exploring the new Lego robotics kits. So far, we have begun making a hockey player with a mechanical arm that can hit a puck! We are also installing our Lego software so we can eventually learn how to program our creations to perform certain tasks. We've also been fortunate to have several visitors to explain how they use Science in their job – including physiotherapy, nursing and pharmaceuticals. Thank you so much to our speakers who have been able to come in and work with the children. We are looking forward to more robotics workshops and guest speakers for the rest of the week!

Well done to the students who sat their ICAS Maths test on Tuesday, which is the last in the competition series for this year. Certificates and results will be presented on assembly when they arrive.

On Thursday, Prep and Year 5/6 will celebrate Mass at 9am in the Church. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us. Year 4 will visit Gunther Village on Thursday, and on Friday, Year 1/2 will present for us at assembly.

It is that time of year when head lice seem to be around again. We know it can be tedious when head lice notes come home (especially if there are a few cases), but we thank you for your support in continuing to check your children's hair and treating as necessary. It is only by working together that we can break the cycle of head lice, so please continue to monitor your children's hair and report any cases to your class teacher.

Next week is National Road Safety Week, which is an initiative to promote safer roads for all, particularly around our schools. This is a great time to talk to your children about ways to keep safe around roads, at school drop off/ pick up zones, and when catching the bus to and from school or for excursions.

Next week is also Book Week, which we will celebrate with a Book Week Dress Up Day next Tuesday. Students are encouraged to come as one of the characters from the CBC Shortlisted Books for 2016 (a list of suggestions is attached to this newsletter). We look forward to seeing lots of creative costumes!

All the best to our Equestrian Team, who will compete in the Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian Competition next Wednesday to Friday!

I would like to leave you with a few thoughts about mercy this week, that I came across while listening to Catechesis at the World Youth Day events in Krakow. One speaker, a particularly engaging Sister of Our Lady of Mercy by the name of Sister Gaudia, stated that mercy isn't about definitions and words; rather, it is about actions. As you would be aware, the Church is currently celebrating the Year of Mercy, and therefore there are many actions we can make to show mercy towards others. Jesus' death on the cross was the ultimate act of mercy for humankind, and in return we can spread this message of mercy by the way we treat those around us. It may only seem a simple courtesy to offer someone a smile, or help them carry a heavy item, or offer to cook a meal for them, but it is in these simple actions that we show our care and concern for others, and be a model of mercy in our world.

God bless,
Amy Glisson



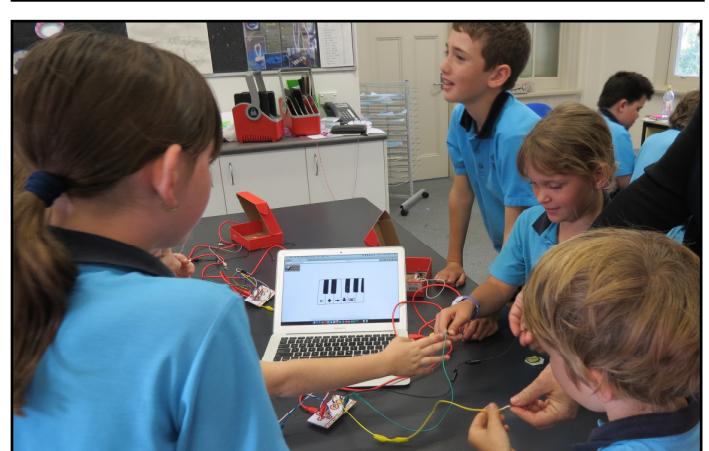
The Hail Mary

*Hail Mary,
full of grace;
the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou
among women,
and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour
of our death.
Amen*

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Queensland Road Safety Week
22-28 August 2016





Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 5

Prep: Imogen Coulson

Y1/2: Livia Roth

Y3: Tate Kirk

Y4: Mark McCosker

Y5/6: Torra MacDonald



TOY ORDER CATALOGUES: Stock up for Christmas! Last orders are due **1st week back in Term 4** to allow order processing and delivery for Christmas. Remember, our school receives 20% commission from all orders received.

P & F NEWS:

- Our next Tuckshop is **next Thursday 25th August**, forms will be sent home today. Please have orders back to the school by Monday 22nd August.
- Sports uniforms are currently **discounted**. Limited sizes available.

SPORTS NEWS: Wide Bay Athletics Trials are on **Wednesday, 24th August**.

BOOKCLUB: If you would like to place an order from Issue 6 of Book club, please return the order form and payment to the school office by **Wednesday, 24th August**.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Children's Book Council Book Week Dress-Up Day: **Next Tuesday the 23rd August** starting approximately 8.50am to approximately 9.30 am. A flyer containing dress up ideas is attached to today's newsletter. Please join us for a wonderful morning to celebrate some great children's literature.

Please feel free to come into the Library to have a look at the books if you would like to gain more information.

New Books: We have many new books in the library at the moment. We have spent \$500.00 worth of the \$600.00 earned during the Book Fair in May and will purchase the remaining \$100.00 worth very soon. Please feel free to contact me should you require assistance in matching your child's interest to books he/she may enjoy reading.

JB NOTES: Please note there will be no music lessons next week due to the Equestrian Competition.



Dear Volunteers and prospective volunteers,

As part of Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to the safety and well-being of all students, we at St Joseph's Gayndah are requesting that our volunteers and prospective volunteers undertake training. This training would cover the Volunteer's Code of Conduct and also the Student Protection processes. It would be expected that the content would be covered within 30 minutes with some scenarios to reinforce your knowledge of Student Protection. We are proposing that this year the training will be undertaken online with a video and then a follow up assessment. This training is for current volunteers at the school and also prospective volunteers (even those without a current Blue Card). This training is free of charge but is a requirement of volunteers working at the school.

How to get started:

- 1) Talk to the office staff and collect a registration form and also a volunteer assessment forms.
- 2) Watch the code of conduct video and student protection video below.
- 3) Complete the registration and assessment forms.
- 4) Return the forms to school.
- 5) Retain this email as it will also have a copy of the "Volunteer Code of Conduct" and the "Volunteer's Student Protection Handbook".

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Student Protection](#)



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"In All Things Glorify God"

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016

<u>Term One</u>	<u>Term Two</u>
<i>Wed 27 Jan— Thurs 24 March</i>	<i>Tues 12 April— Fri 24 June</i>
<u>Term Three</u>	<u>Term Four</u>
<i>Mon 11 July— Fri 16 Sept</i>	
<i>Gayndah Show Holiday - 8th August Pupil Free day - 17th October</i>	

Diary of Coming Events

15-19 Aug	22-26 Aug
Science Week	Book Week
Fri 2 Sept	Tues 6 Sept
Fathers Day Assembly	Celebration of Learning
Tues 13 Sept	Fri 16 Sept
P & F Meeting	Last day of Term 3

Community Notices

MICAH'S CAR DETAILING: is back in Gayndah on **22 and 23 August**.

\$35 for exterior clean

\$60 for interior and exterior clean

Phone 0415315678 to book in and to ask about other services available! Get in quickly as spots usually fill up!

GAYNDAH JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE:

Congratulations to all of our teams this year. It has been a fantastic season. Our AGM date will be **25th October 2016** at 6.30pm at the Gayndah Sports Oval. All positions will be vacant. Please remember if we don't get a committee then it is the kids that miss out on playing rugby league.

This Saturday:

Under 12s Central Burnett Brumbies play Nanango at 9.00am

Under 16s Central Burnett Brumbies play Cherbourg at 2.00pm

Bus leaves Eidsvold at 8.00am Mundubbera 8.15am and Gayndah 8.30am (these are times to be waiting for the bus). These times will only suit Under 16s. Spectators and Parents are welcome to come on the bus with the cost of \$5.00 per person. Please contact Robert Linsket 0429611096 to book seats on the bus. **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.** \$5.00 Gate Entry for Adults.

Presentation is Sunday the 4 September at Mundubbera at 3.00pm.

GAYNDAH MINDFULNESS & POSITIVITY SESSIONS:

Fri 19 & Fri 26 Aug, Fri 9 September

1pm-2pm—Gayndah Arts Centre (downstairs)

Bookings/enquiries: Rachel 0427551973

MOVIE NIGHT: On the big screen @ Coalstoun Lakes State School, ***Friday 26th August.***

Screening "Oddball". Start time 6.30pm. Come along and enjoy a great family night out. Food and drinks available for sale.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FETE: Preparations are underway for the 2016 St. Joseph's Parish Fete. A craft stall will be the newest addition this year featuring fabric necklaces, decorative plant pots and other beautiful gift ideas. If you would like to come along and help call Bec Holden on **0417272816**. We are hoping to gather after assembly on Friday mornings just for an hour up until early next term.

