



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2016 Term Three

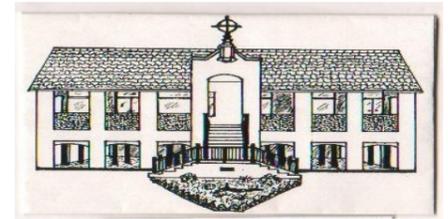
Week Seven

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
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Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

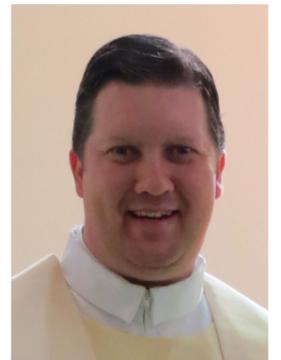
Unfortunately this week's newsletter brings with it the very sad news that the Archbishop has appointed Fr Jason as Parish Priest of Noosa as of December this year. It's hard not to get carried away when thinking of all the wonderful things that Jason brings to our school community. He will be sorely missed by not only the students, but the staff and parent community alike. The Archdiocese is currently working on appointing a new Parish Priest and when I know more, I will pass that information on. Towards the end of this year, we will find time to thank him and wish him all the very best. In the meantime Fr Jason wished to share the following message:

Dear Friends,

I write this message to you with a heavy heart, informing you that Archbishop Mark Coleridge has appointed me the new Parish Priest of the Noosa District Parish, beginning December 3rd. Last weekend I relayed the news of this move to the parishioners at each mass. It is with sadness that I must leave this wonderful community and the good people who are part of St. Joseph's parish and school. However, I am grateful to the Archbishop for his confidence in me as he sees fit to entrust me with this new and diverse ministry, with all the challenges and opportunities that it will present.

I cannot help but reflect upon some of the many memories I have shared with you all, and the exciting things that have been achieved. I have immense gratitude for all the amazing people of St Joseph's Primary who have made this eventful journey with me in my first appointment as Parish Priest. This parish and school community will always have a special place in my heart. I am also deeply grateful to Ben and his team for their support, along with their enthusiastic and steadfast leadership. Please pray for me during this time of transition. Be assured you will also be in my constant prayers during this time. I cannot thank you enough for the way in which you have made me feel so welcomed and loved. The students of St. Joseph's have brightened every day for me and the kindness shown by the parent body and staff still leaves me in awe.

Thank you again and God bless.



Whilst it saddens me to share this news, our greatest focus now must fall to making the very most of having such an amazing man in our lives.

Olympic Celebration

To end the week this Friday we are going to have some 'Tools Down' time and come together as a school to participate in some modified Olympic Games style activities. During the last hour of the day classes will nominate a country to represent and enjoy a series of Olympic related games that focus on fun and participation. This idea was suggested by staff to ensure that we are finding the balance between continued hard work in the classroom and the enjoyment of being at school. Parents are always welcomed to join us for the afternoon, who knows you might just want to jump in and compete.



Sports Uniform

The design of the new sport uniform is nearing completion and a first mock up of the uniform has been produced. I encourage all parents to come along to our next P and F meeting on the 13th to see the progress made and offer feedback.

Finally this week I want to put the challenge out to our parent community to find at least one opportunity over the next 7 days to 'Thank a staff member'. It could be a passing comment, a quick text or even posting a thank you via our Facebook page. I am immensely proud of the staff we have here at St Joseph's and I think it's timely to acknowledge that when the opportunity arises.

Thank You

for your Kindness

Have a great week everyone.

Ben





From the Acting APRE

My piece this week begins on a sad note. On the weekend, we received the news that Father Jason, our Parish Priest, has been appointed to Noosa District Parish as of 3 December 2016. We are going to miss him terribly and he will certainly be a hard act to follow! Father Jason brings such a wonderful sense of energy and cheerfulness to our Parish, and we are so fortunate to have a priest who interacts so well with all our children. We are sure he will be an asset to Noosa Parish. Congratulations to Father Jason on this new role, and we look forward to enjoying your last few months with us.

This week is National Book Week, which is a celebration of all the books we know and love, as well as acknowledging the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books for 2016. On Tuesday, we held our annual Book Week Parade, where the children and staff dressed up as characters from the shortlisted books or dressed according to the theme, "Australia! Story Country." Students let their creativity flow and there were many amazing costumes on display. Our Pre-Prep visitors were even part of all the fun! Thanks to all the parents and family members who helped make our morning a success, and also to the wonderful Mrs McGregor for organising this event.

We've had the talented Peta Ruwoldt visiting us this week, sharing her expertise with ipads once again. Peta was able to work with each of our teachers and in each classroom, to share some new ways of using the ipads. Our ever-expanding catalogue of ipad apps also continues to grow, with more great suggestions from Peta. She was also able to introduce us to Kubi, our new robot, which will be used to allow specialists like Peta to call us from Brisbane and have face-to-face interaction via an ipad. Kubi allows the person who is calling us to control its movements, making it feel like you are interacting on a more personal level with the caller, rather than just on a television screen where only one view is possible. Thank you so much to Peta for organising these opportunities for us.

On Thursday this week, Year 3 will celebrate mass, and on Friday, Prep will lead us in prayer at assembly. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us.

Next Tuesday is our final Pre-Prep information session. We look forward to seeing everyone back again and we thank you for joining us over the past few weeks.

Congratulations to James Parr, Deb Imhoff and Lizzie Roth, who were all selected at the North Burnett Cricket Trials last week. They will move on to the next stage of the competition on 12 September. Good luck!





Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 6
 Prep: Madison Barbeler
 Y1/2: Alyce Doyle
 Y3: Fletcher Worland & Tate Kirk (Wk 5)
 Y4: Jacob Smith
 Y5/6: Shaylyn Allan

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:

- Thank you to this week's tuckshop helpers: Natasha Roth, Laura Parr, Kym Baker, Rachel Chambers, Lisa Baker.
- Sports uniforms are currently discounted. Limited sizes available.

Year 5/6 Father's Day Stall

Items will be on sale from Monday 29 August to Friday 2 September, from 8am-8:40am, and 3pm-3:30pm each day.

Prices range from \$2 to \$8. Items include mugs, BBQ aprons, car products and ipad holders.

All profits will go towards purchasing and making stationery packs for students in Papua New Guinea



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

Diary of Coming Events

22-26 Aug	Fri 2 Sept
Book Week	Fathers Day Assembly
Tues 6 Sept	Tues 13 Sept
Celebration of Learning	P & F Meeting
Fri 16 Sept	Mon 3 Oct
Last day of Term 3	Public Holiday

Community Notices

GAYNDAH MINDFULNESS & POSITIVITY SESSIONS:

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.

7-a-side Cricket,
 Family Fun Day &
FETE

Get your team of 7 ready now!

Teams to include:
 1 x Female Player and
 1 x Junior Player (13yrs and under)
 \$5.00 per player nomination fee

And plenty of family fun and Fete activities

WHEN: Saturday, 10th September
 WHERE: Coalstoun Lakes State School

Canteen & Drinks available

CONTACT: Kerry Farrell – 0428 349 700
 Or school – 4127 5133 to register your team