Hi Everyone

It gives me great pleasure to inform our school community that Mr and Mrs Wren welcomed their first child into the world yesterday morning at 5:30am, Alice Anne Ballantyne Wren. She was a healthy 53cm and weighed in at 6 pounds and 3 ounces. Mum, bub and dad are all doing well and can’t wait to introduce her to everyone in person.

**Gifted and Talented Professional Development**
Later this week the staff of St Joseph’s will be working with Mrs Sue Prior, a specialist from Brisbane Catholic Education in the area of gifted and talented. This professional development is a significant opportunity for our staff to learn more about the best ways to ensure they are offering students the opportunity to be extended and work on content beyond curriculum standards or at greater depth. In the same way that having specific strategies for students who have a learning disability or learning difficulties is important, consideration for extension tasks are pivotal to ensuring the opportunity is there to expand students minds further, challenge their way of thinking and create a framework where students can delve deeper into their learning, knowing that they are supported and encouraged to do so.

Beyond the opportunity to extend their understanding, consideration for extension or challenging tasks has been proven to keep students engaged, minimise behavioural issues in the classroom, and gives students a vision to where they are heading in their learning. This workshop will be the first step in keeping our staff across the best learning and teaching practices which in turn may lead to new initiatives in and outside of the classroom. As always, we will aim to work together as a ‘Community of Learners’ to ensure students, staff, parents and the wider community are on the same page and well informed.

**Getting through to Spring**
As we start to move out of winter and into spring we often find that schools are struck down by the last cases of influenza. With an all too familiar sound of coughing, sneezing or runny noses present in and around the grounds, we are looking to ensure we are doing everything possible to minimise the impact and move into the holiday period healthy and ready for a relaxing break. To do so, we have begun doing the following things:

- Regular discussions with students at lunch breaks and assemblies around good hygiene; putting tissues in the bin, washing hands regularly with soap and of course avoiding coughing or sneezing on others.
- Each lunch break staff will distribute hand sanitizer to minimise the spread of germs and infection.
- Ensure classrooms (desks and benches) are cleaned down with disinfectant each night and windows remain open (where suitable) to allow for effective ventilation without the use of air-conditioning.

Have a wonderful week everyone and good luck to the Brumbies in their Under12 Grand Final. Happy Father’s Day to all the dads and granddads in our community for Sunday.

Have a great week everyone.

Ben
Last Friday, we had a very enjoyable time where we all took a break from our normal tasks and indulged in an afternoon of excitement, Olympics style! Each class represented a different country and participated in a variety of rotational games. Fun was the winner, with no prizes awarded, just the emphasis on having a good time together and breaking our normal routine. A highlight of the afternoon had to be the ‘Opening Ceremony’, where each class marched to a song from or about their chosen country, and the lighting of the Olympic Torch by none other than Mr Wren. Thanks to the students and staff for their participation in, and enthusiasm for, this special event.

This coming Sunday is a special day where we acknowledge all of the fathers and father figures in our community. I’ve included a reflection below on all of the special qualities it takes to be a father. We are so grateful for all the wonderful men who play such an important role in the lives of our students, and we wish you all a very Happy Father’s Day on Sunday. Hope you get to spend the day having fun with those you love.

What Makes A Dad
God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle’s flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of a turtle dove,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

Author Unknown

Congratulations to the students who competed at the Wide Bay Track and Field events at Kingaroy last week. We certainly have lots of talented athletes here at St Joseph’s. This week, Year 5/6 will visit Gunther Village on Thursday and Year 4 will present a special Father’s Day assembly on Friday at 9:00am. Dads and other family members are most welcome to join us!

Next week, our Celebration of Learning Day will take place on Tuesday 6 September. Year 6, Mrs Oppy, Mrs Evans and Mr Gray will also leave for camp on this day. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip, and look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

God bless,  
Amy.
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:
- Sports uniforms are currently discounted. Limited sizes available.
- Our next tuckshop is Thursday 8th September. Order forms went home on Monday and are due back to school by Monday September 5.

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.

TERM 3 WEEK 7
Prep: Phoebe Ross
Y1/2: Monique Hitchcock
Y3: Layla Roth
Y4: Lizzie Roth
Y5/6: Jess O’Brien
**Community Notices**

**GAYNDAH MINDFULNESS & POSITIVITY SESSIONS:**
Fri 9 September
1pm-2pm—Gayndah Arts Centre (downstairs)
Bookings/enquiries: Rachel 0427551973

**FUTSAL GAME:**
It is for a school project called “Open For Business” run by the students in grade 11 from BSC. The futsal game will be held at the YMCA in Gayndah. The date for the game will be the 31st of August at 3:30 to 4:30. There will be a teacher present between those times for supervision. It is for school kids in Grades 6 to 12, the price for entry is $2. Bring a water bottle and have fun. Please ensure that kids are dropped off at 3:30 not earlier, and picked up at 4:30.

**GAYNDAH JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE:**
Well.....Here we are with 2 teams in the finals.
Good luck to Under 12’s and Under 16’s players. Well done Boys and Girls.
Under 12’s are playing at 10.30am so all players need to be at the Kingaroy Football Grounds at 9.30am.
Under 16’s are playing at 3.30pm so all players need to be at the Kingaroy Football Grounds at 2.30pm.
All supporters are most welcome to come and support our wonderful teams. There has been a bus organised to go to Kingaroy.
Leaving Eidsvold 9am
Mundubbera 9.30am
Gayndah 10am.
Players travel free and adults are $10.

Please contact Rob Linsket if you want to book a seat.
Under 12’s and Under 16’s players - all the best from the Committee and the Central Burnett Brumbies community.

**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.

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

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**Diary of Coming Events**

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