Hi Everyone

Footy Fever
With the recent community push around the ‘R U OK?’ campaign and the timely occurrence of the NRL football finals taking place, I thought it the perfect chance to get the males in our community together to watch the Bronco’s vs Cowboys game on Friday night. The evening won’t focus on anything else other than the footy (no discussions of fashion or fitness) and serves as the perfect chance to get together to watch what should be a cracking match. The invitation is open to any men/boys in our community who are interested in watching the footy, having a good feed and enjoying the company of others. Dinner will consist of Pulled Pork Sliders and Hotdogs with drinks being considered BYO. The game kicks off just before 8pm and dinner will be served from 7pm. If those considering coming could SMS (name and numbers) me on 0402 154 747 by Friday morning, that would be greatly appreciated.

Sport Uniform Update
Following the final decisions being made by the P and F committee last night on the new sports uniform for next year, it was determined that we would heavily discount existing sport uniform stocks. Both the sport shirts and shorts will be discounted by 50%. It was also affirmed by all present, that every student attending St Joseph’s Primary next year will receive one full sport uniform (shirt and shorts) to wear on the nominated days. Sizing for this fitout will take place on the 25th of October and will allow for growth periods over the holiday break. If for any reason the provided uniform doesn’t fit, the uniform shop will be fully stocked to support exchanging of sizes. As mentioned previously the school will work with parents to sequence all students having the new sports uniform over a period of 12-18 months. This significant donation by the P and F committee will enable all students to be on the same page in relation to uniforms.

Parish Fete Contributions
The P and F committee also passed last night that it would use the profits made from the tuckshop to support the Parish Fete Multi-Draw in place of asking each class to contribute to a themed basket. However, any further donations towards the Multi-Draw would be very welcomed. The money contributed will be spent on buying products in town and inject further revenue into local business that support us on a regular basis.

Finally I would just like to say thank you to our Year 6 students for an amazing week on camp. They were absolutely exceptional, and in the past week I have received numerous compliments from locations we visited.

Have a wonderful break everyone and I look forward to seeing you back ready to kick into an action packed final term.

Ben
This week is Disability Action Week, which is fitting with the Paralympics currently underway. Disability Action week aims to empower people with a disability, raise awareness of disability issues and improve inclusion of people with disability. The theme this year is *Inclusion: It’s a Game Changer*, which aims to promote inclusion of people with a disability at all levels, from sport through to the wider community. We have taken time to pray for those with a disability this week, and remind ourselves to be inclusive of all those around us.

Congratulations to Mr Gray on receiving the Daniel McDonough Award last Friday at a ceremony in Toowoomba. It is a peer-nominated Leadership award sponsored by Queensland Catholic Primary Principals Association, which recognises a strong commitment in the fields of leadership and education made by a leader in one of our Catholic rural and remote schools. The award consists of a leadership grant that enables the nominee to attend professional development conferences. Mr Gray certainly is a deserving recipient of this award, given all he does for our school and our community. Well done!

Our Year 6 students returned safely from an exciting camp experience last week. Thank you to Mrs Oppy and Mr Gray for all their work in preparing for camp, and accompanying the students.

As part of their Geography studies this year, Year 5/6 have partnered with Tom Hoey Primary School in Mougulu, Papua New Guinea. Using the profits from the Father’s Day Stall, as well as other fundraising efforts they have undertaken this year, Year 5/6 plan to make stationery packs to send to students at Tom Hoey Primary School. Thank you to Mrs Oppy, Mrs Evans and the Year 5/6 students for their generosity and enthusiasm with the many fundraising projects they undertake to provide support to the less fortunate. It is certainly wonderful to see.

This week, Year 4 will celebrate Mass on Thursday at 9am. Prep will visit Gunther Village on Thursday also, and we will have a general assembly on Friday morning (no classes are rostered on this week but parents are most welcome to join us).

I hope you all have a wonderful break and return relaxed and refreshed for Term 4, which begins on Tuesday 4 October. Thank you to all our students, staff and parents for all their efforts this term. It has been a very busy but enjoyable one! I’ve included a prayer you might like to use over the holidays below. It is one I found very useful on my travels earlier this term.

*God of the Journey*

- Let me go into this day
  knowing that you walk with me.

- Every moment of my existence:
  Amazed that you attend to me,
  And thankful for the gifts that you have shared with me.

- I carry with me this day
  and every day
  your gifts of fragility, beauty, uniqueness
  and the ability to grow and learn.

- Help me to appreciate the uniqueness of each person,
  to be gentle with myself and the people I hold in my hands.

God bless,

Amy

Amen.
DATE CORRECTION!! YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS: The dates for our Year Six transition days next term are Thursday and Friday the 20th & 21st of October.

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.

BREAKIE CLUB: Thank you to all of our wonderful helpers who serve our students breakfast on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Thank you also to everyone who donates items to Breakie Club. At present we would love some donations of: milo, jam, honey, promite, margarine, eggs and juice.

SPORTS SHIRTS: A reminder that if your child has participated in North Burnett Sport they need to return their Gayndah shirt as soon as possible after the event to the school office. Thanks for your assistance.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!
Just a quick message to say thank you for your support of our Book Week Dress-Up Parade. The children all looked fantastic and we appreciate the time and energy invested in getting costumes ready. We had a very enjoyable morning thanks to your efforts!
Overdue Books: Overdue Notices were sent home last week. If you receive one could you please have a thorough search at home for the book. If you cannot locate it please let the Office know, or send a note in with your child, or email me at smcgregor@bne.catholic.edu.au; and we will search for the book here in the Library. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
Lastly, Scholastic has published the “Australian Kids & Family Reading Report”. Part 2, (Read Aloud: Start Early and Keep Going) is attached to today’s newsletter.

Have a happy day!
Kind Regards Mrs Madden and Mrs McGregor
### Community Notices

**GAYNDAH STATE SCHOOL P & C:** Family Fun Softball Day.
When: **Saturday 29th October** 10am.
Where: Peter Dunn Sports Oval
About: Games will be based on the Social 7s rules where games are quick (approx. 1hr) and high scoring due to runs for each base.
Teams of 7: Each team must include 2 children (12 or under) and 2 females. $10 per player.
Canteen and bar available.
Enquiries or to register a team: Paula Wilkinson 0429 408 001 or School Office: 41603 333.

**TENNIS HOT SHOTS:**
Do you want to become a Tennis Hot Shot? Friday afternoon at the Gayndah Tennis complex, Barrow Street, is the place to be. Come and join Tennis Australia’s National program conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner at Gayndah Tennis Association, Barrow Street, with lots of fun & games to suit all levels. Term 4 commences **Friday 7th October 2016.** **Registration is essential** so to guarantee your spot, phone Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753

**GAYNDAH KINDY FUNDRAISER:** It’s time to “Unwine”, with a wine tasting tour of the South Burnett Region. **Saturday 22 October.** Tickets are $55, this includes the bus fare and a pizza & pasta smorgasbord lunch. Payment with booking is essential as there are limited seats available. The trip will include wine tasting at Moffatale Ridge Winery & Clovely Estate Winery, followed by a wine tasting & lunch at Bridgeman Downs Cellar and finishing off with a final wine tasting at Dusty Hill Vineyard. Payment with booking can be made at Kindergarten on Thursday or Fridays or by contacting Raquel Hetherington on 0400 096 391 or Bec Holden on 0417 272 816.

**SOFTBALL COME & TRY DAY:** Interested in Softball? Looking for some school holiday fun? Waves Softball Club Bundaberg will be hosting a School holiday Softball Come and Try Day. No experience needed. For all interested players in the North Burnett.
Venue - Mundubbera Sports Ground
Date – **Friday 23rd September**
Time – 12pm start
What to bring – Hat, Water, sunscreen
Open to all boys and girls
Sausage sizzle provided. Contact 0428931151

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Public Holiday - Mon 3 October
Pupil Free day - Mon 17th October

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**Sleep...Eat...Play...Softball**

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**Gayndah Junior Cricket Season Sign-on**

**Tuesday 4th October 4PM**

**Ages 5-16**

**Peter Dunn Oval**