Hi Everyone

This week I want to share with you a new document that our staff are currently unpacking that seeks to encompass how we view learning and teaching at St Joseph’s. It stems from the philosophy that we are a ‘Community of Learners’. Many of you would have seen the signage that surrounds the sports centre which unpacks each of the key stake holders in our community; Parish, Students, Parents, Staff and Wider Community. If you haven’t had the opportunity, I encourage you to take some time before the end of the year to walk down that way and have a look.

This distinction of the key parties who make up our community forms the basis for our vision for learning and teaching. I am sharing this with you so that you can offer your thoughts and suggestions. As part of reviewing our first draft, I would love for you to ask yourself the following questions; Is this what I see when I come into St Joseph’s? Does this capture some of the reasons why you have chosen St Joseph’s? Does this hit that mark for you in how your child is educated?

Send me a text, give me a call or catch me in and around the grounds, I would love to hear your thoughts.

Finally, this week the new Parish Priest has been announced. Fr Biju will be joining us from the Caloundra Parish, and is set to come and visit us later this term. An announcement will be made when the date is confirmed.

Have a great week everyone.

St Joseph’s new resident bus driver
Ben Gray
Welcome to Week 2! We have already hit the ground running and are well into the swing of a busy but fun term. Today, we thanked the extraordinary people who work as School Officers at St Joseph’s. We are so fortunate to have a group of such dedicated, enthusiastic people who care so much about the children in our school. We all appreciate everything they do, and know how much they contribute to keep our school running the way it does. This poem below is dedicated to each of our wonderful school officers. Please join us at assembly on Friday to also acknowledge their efforts.

Valuable is the work you do.
Outstanding is how you always come through.
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer,
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year.
Notable are the contributions you make.
Trustworthy in every project you take.
Eager to reach your every goal.
Effective in the way you fulfil your role.
Ready with a smile like a shining star,
Special and wonderful – that’s what you are.

Author Unknown

This Friday is also the Mission Mosh disco. Students are invited to come along to the Parish Hall from 6-7:30pm, wearing their craziest socks to ‘Rock their Socks Off’. Cost is a gold coin donation per child, to be donated to the Catholic Missions. Children will receive a popper and chips, and there will be dancing and games for the duration of the event. Parents are asked to stay to help with supervision, and can enjoy the ‘Chill Out’ zone that will be set up in the Sports Centre.

**Next Monday is a student free day**, while the teachers meet with other schools from around the region to moderate student work samples. This is one of the ways in which we ensure consistency in marking across Brisbane Catholic Education schools, and is a valuable experience for our teachers. We hope you are able to enjoy some time at home with your children on this day.

Some other important events that are coming up this term include:
- Grandparents’ Day Friday 21st October
- World Teacher’s Day Friday 28th October
- St Joseph’s Awards Night Tuesday 22nd November
- Parish Fete Friday 25th November
- Year 6 Graduation 29th November

Be sure to keep reading the newsletter and checking our website for information about each of these events.

October is a time dedicated to praying the Rosary more often. I’ve included a bit of information below to help you pray this important prayer at home with your children. Even if you don’t have a lot of time to spare, you could focus on just one of the decades.

Have a wonderful week!
God bless,
Amy.
BOOK CLUB: Issue 7 of Book Club was sent home last week. If you would like to place an order, please return the order form and payment to the school office by Wednesday, 19th October. Please make cheques payable to St Joseph’s School.

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 Breakkie Club. At present we would love some donations of: milo, jam, honey, promite, margarine, eggs and juice.

LIBRARY NEWS: READ ALL ABOUT IT! BUY ONE GET ONE FREE BOOK FAIR: Week 2 already! This term is going to fly by! Book Fair dates have been moved forward and the books have already arrived, so we thought that we would run it early, before life becomes even more hectic! The books are set up already but unfortunately there are too many Sticker Books (your children may not agree with that opinion) and insufficient non-fiction books. I will be contacting Scholastic to rectify for next year.

As next Monday is a Pupil Free Day, we will start Book Fair on Tuesday the 18th October, and pack up Wednesday the 26th of October after Snack. The Fair will be open before and after school every day EXCEPT Monday the 24th, and also on Tuesdays and Thursday it will be open in the afternoon after 5.00pm if you need to visit after work hours.

You are also welcome to send an order and payment to school via your child if you wish. There are Wish List forms here at the library should your child wish to complete one.

It is a great Fair to purchase presents for Christmas. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind Regards,
Karen Madden and Suze McGregor

Term 4 Week 2

Prep: Hunter Roberts
Y1/2: Shyloh Terry
Y3: Zoe Baker
Y4: Josh Ung
Y5/6: James Parr
Shardai Chapman Sturgess (Wk 1)

Food Safety Course

Our school will be hosting a Food Safety Course, run by the North Burnett Regional Council. The course is free to attend, and covers topics such as:

• Preparing and Cooking Food
• How to Label and Provide Information about Food Sold at Fundraising Events
• Health and Hygiene for Food Handlers
• Temperature Control
• Food Safety—Salmonella
• Campylobacter: What you Need to Know
• Notification of Food Event Form

The course will be held in our school staffroom, Tuesday 18th October, starting at 3.15pm. It will run for approximately two hours. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the school office by Friday 14th October.
Diary of Coming Events

**ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016**

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

**GAYNDAH LITTLE ATHLETICS:** Every Friday night, 5.30pm at the Gayndah Sports Ground.

**GAYNDAH ART GALLERY:**
Maurice Mickelo—The Art of Emu Egg Carving Workshop. *Sunday 16th October,* 10am—1.30pm. Cost $75 tuition, plus $25 materials (including emu egg). Maurice will guide participants in the traditional skill of emu egg carving.

**GAYNDAH SWIMMING CLUB IS BACK!**
Are you ready for swimming club? We are! Gayndah’s first club night for the new season will be tomorrow, *Thursday 13th October* 6pm at the Gayndah Swimming Pool. Come along and try, see for yourself how much fun swimming is. Join us for our FREE sausage sizzle after the kids swim. For more information on joining Gayndah Swimming club please contact Jayne Evans, mob 0402 088 026 a/h or Sam Rowles, mob 0428 734 022. Every swimmer matters in our club and our community is important to the success of our club. It’s not just swimming, it’s fitness and fun for everyone. Try it...you will love it.

**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 Moffatdale 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 Thursdays or Fridays or by contacting Raquel Hetherington on 0400 096 391 or Bec Holden on 0417 272 816.

**AGM CENTRAL BURNETT BRUMBIES**
at Gayndah Sports Oval 6.30pm, *Tuesday 25 October.*
ALL POSITIONS WILL BE VACANT.
Please come and make the 2017 season great for the kids.
Any enquiries please contact Sandra Kenny 41612116.

**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.

**ARE YOU ABLE TO OFFER A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME FOR THE LONELY?**
Then please consider joining the Community Visitors Volunteer Program.

CVS is an Australian Government Initiative

Many aged people are lonely and isolated. They just want a friend to visit them, which gives them something to look forward to each week.

The Community Visitors Scheme is a friendship program, and links volunteer visitors with lonely and socially isolated people. This valuable volunteering opportunity offers genuine companionship to elderly so they may lead a more enriched lifestyle.

There are residents at Gunther Village who would greatly benefit from a regular visit. If you have a little spare time, would like to make a new friend and change someone’s life for the better, please talk to us about volunteering in the Community Visitors Program. All that is required is one hour per week or fortnight. It could involve a friendly chat, a game of cards, watching a movie together or anything around the interests of both the resident and the visitor. Your time in this program would be greatly valued. If you are able to commit to this valued activity, you are also able to claim for travel to and from the facility when volunteering.

For enquiries, please email - hhinsbey@impact.org.au or phone 41504654. If Heather is not available to speak with, leave a message and she will return your call.