Hi everyone

As I said to my staff on Monday, I can’t believe that it’s five weeks down and yet our attention now focuses on the four very hectic weeks to go. With that in mind I would like to get some feedback this week relating to how you feel 2016 has gone for our school community. Your feedback will help us to make effective decisions through the remainder of this year and in the future.

I know that our vision is always on providing the best possible learning environment for your children, however in the day to day business of education, some aspects can be missed or overlooked. The questions that I have put into the feedback sheet (found inside the newsletter) look at areas that I feel might need further attention in the year(s) ahead. If you don’t have an opinion on any of the questions contained in the survey, please feel free to leave them blank.

I’d ask that you refrain from putting your name on the survey as the goal isn’t to seek out individual opinions, but to gauge the feeling in the community. The results of the survey will be published before the end of the year, alongside any recommendations or actions that may come as a result. On the back of the survey there is a space for parents to make a comment about anything else they feel may be important for the leadership team to be aware of. If for any reason you don’t feel comfortable putting your thoughts on paper please make contact with me via the school office for the opportunity to discuss your thoughts and feelings further.

I encourage you to take time when filling out the survey to talk with your children and seek their input, as the results and feedback received will have an impact directly on their growth and development.

Thank you to all the parents who helped to make last Friday a wonderful success at the Swimming Carnival, and I hope that where possible, parents and other family members may be able to assist in some way at the District Carnival this Friday.

Have a great week everyone.

Ben
It’s been another great week so far, with swimming lessons continuing and students working hard to finish off lots of different activities in the classroom.

Last week, our school was successful in having our Religious Education Program validated by Brisbane Catholic Education. We presented some of the wonderful things that happen in our school to a panel, and were pleased with the commendations and feedback we received. For further information about our Religious Education Program, please check the Curriculum section of our school website, or feel free to catch me for a chat.

Our annual Swimming Carnival was a great success last Friday, and the students are to be commended on their wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship. Many of our older students have qualified for the District Swimming Carnival this Friday, and we wish them all the best.

Congratulations to Mrs Oppy and Mrs Evans on a successful entertainment night last Thursday night. The students performed well and shared great information about their learning this year. Year 5/6 then went on to hold a very profitable cake stall on Saturday morning, to raise funds for the Tom Hoey School stationery packs. Well done to all involved!

This Friday is also Remembrance Day. We will pause at school and at the District Carnival at 11am to honour those who gave their lives for us, and parents are most welcome to join us for assembly after second break, which will be led by Year 4.

Next week, Year 4 will embark on camp from Wednesday to Friday, accompanied by Mrs Bernie and Miss Lancaster. We wish them all a wonderful time at QCCC Mapleton, and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

We will have the Life Education van in town next week, and each of our classes will be visiting the van and learning from Healthy Harold next Monday and Tuesday. It’s always a great experience to be inside the Life Education van, and we hope our students learn lots!

I have included a prayer for the sick and injured in this week’s newsletter, as there are a few students in our community who have been quite ill recently. We hold them in our prayers and hope that they recover quickly.

Thank you to all our parents who have been part of P&F Meetings this year, and especially those who have taken on the various roles in the P&F. We held our final meeting for 2016 last night, and look forward to continuing their tremendous work next year. Special thanks go to Laura Parr, for the wonderful job she has done as P&F President this year.

God Bless,

Amy
LOST: A small amount of money was found in the playground last Friday. Please contact the office if you think it may belong to you.

P & F NEWS:
• Sports uniforms are still discounted. Limited sizes available only.
• Our next tuckshop is tomorrow Thursday, 10th November. Thank you to this week’s helpers: Kylee Ross, Leanne Bryant, Amanda Imhoff, Hannah Sturgess, Jacqui Kirk.

BOOKCLUB: Issue 8 of Bookclub was sent home last week. This will be the final bookclub for the year. If you would like to place an order, please return forms and payment to the school office by Wednesday 16th November. Please make cheques payable to St Joseph’s School.

NEWSLETTER PHOTO: If your child appears in the newsletter and you would like a copy of that photo, please contact the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
• Friday 11th November—Remembrance Day Assembly and District Swimming Carnival
• 16-18 November—Year 4 Camp
• Tuesday 22 November—Awards Night
• Friday 25 November—St Joseph’s Parish Fete
• Tuesday 29 November—Year Six Graduation Mass & Dinner
• Friday 2 December—School finishes at 12pm, last day of school for 2016.

LOST PROPERTY
• There have been various items left over from the swimming carnival. Please see the office if you are missing anything.

Snack pack forms were sent home last week. The snack pack meals can be collected from the tuckshop at the conclusion of the students’ dances on the night of the fete.

Ride bands are now available at the school office.

If you are able to help on a stall on the night, please let us know at the office.

If you are able to help with fruit packaging on Thursday 24th November, or with food preparation on the Friday morning of the Fete, please let us know.
**ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016**

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

**Diary of Coming Events**

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

**GAYNDAH ART GALLERY:** Gayndah Art Gallery invites children to make Christmas Decorations for our Christmas tree in Gallery (supplied by Rachel Koster). Drop them in when completed. Decorations will be donated to Gunther Retirement Village when we close for the Christmas break 17th December.

**SHRED PT: Together with Dave Holleran Fitness:** **ULTIMATE FITNESS CHALLENGE CLASS**  
Join us in testing your personal limits in a safe environment. This will be a timed event, to see who is the fittest person in the North Burnett Area. Money raised will be donated back to the community—St Joseph’s Catholic School.  
Date: 20th November 2016  
Start: 7am  
Venue: Gayndah Sports Ground  
Entry Fee: $15  
Format: (this is an indication only and format could change)  
1. 1.2Km Run/Walk  
2. Crossfit Challenge—(to be completed 3 times) - 20 x push ups, 20 x sit ups, 10 x burpees  
3. 100 x step ups  
4. 1.2km run/walk  
5. Obstacle Course—(may include: tyre drag, crawling etc)  
6. 2.4 km run/walk  
Entry fee needs to be paid by the 17th November. Please contact Kirsty Robertson for details, 0429 628 432.

**ANGLICAN MONSTER GARAGE SALE:**  
Sat 19th November  
Outside selling begins at 8am, hall opens 8:30am  
Collectables, furniture, household goods, jewellery, books, toys, clothes—Something for everyone!