



# St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

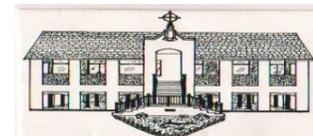
2017 Term Two

Week One

Newsletter Date

Wednesday

19 April 2017



## Principal's Letter to Parents

Hi everyone,

Welcome back from the Easter holiday period. I hope that the past couple of weeks have been ones of enjoyment, relaxation and quality family time between mowing that beautiful green grass that we have shooting up at the moment. It's great to be back after my short period of leave at the end of last term. I'd like to say thank you to Mr Wren and Mrs Glisson and all of the staff for their support during my absence, the time to be with my family is priceless and I'm pleased to say that Brooke and all three girls are doing well and loving life as a family of five! Thank you also to our parent community for accommodating the difficult situation at the end of term with the severe weather, I know it can be extremely difficult when such occasions arise due to work and other commitments, so your support was greatly appreciated.

### Safety to and from school

As a community it is always important to stay across the best safety practices in and around our school. Each term we take time to reinforce with students the key messages relating to travel to and from school each day. Elements of road safety, bus etiquette and safe before and after school practices are at the forefront of what we want our students to have a clear understanding and awareness of. If parents could take a moment to affirm before and after school safety with their children where applicable, that would be greatly appreciated.

With the increased use of the **Gayndah Arts and Cultural Centre** this year I would ask that aside from any outside school hours activities, parents avoid parking in the back carpark. I will be encouraging students who have used that driveway previously to move through the front gate. This year we have experienced some close calls with cars and bikes and it's in everyone's best interest to keep that space limited to staff parking and any members of the community accessing the GACC building.

### Cross Country

With the poor weather at the end of last term, the annual cross country was postponed until this Friday April 21st. Attached to the newsletter today are the approximate start times for the races. On the morning of the cross country students will walk the course so that they are familiar with where they are running and parents and extended family are encouraged to attend. St Joseph's would like to thank the Gayndah Golf Club for the hospitality in allowing us to host the event on their grounds. If there are any parents who would like to help on the day, please make contact with the school office or see any member of staff over the coming days. Students are able to be collected after all races have finished and presentations have been made (a reminder that all students must be signed out through Mrs Doyle who will be in the timing tent before departing by a parent or guardian).

Ben





# From the APRE

Hope you are all safe and well after the extended holiday break! It was strange to end the term so abruptly, and I hope that the rain at the end of last term didn't cause too many issues for you.

Our first week back is a short one but filled with lots of great events to start off Term 2.

On **Thursday**, we celebrate **Go Blue for Autism Day**, as the official day for this fell during the holidays. We ask our students to wear blue on Thursday, in support of those who have autism. Autism (also known as ASD or Autism Spectrum Disorder) presents differently in different people, but people with ASD can find it difficult to communicate and interact with others. They may show emotions in a different way to others and can find it hard to show empathy. At St Joseph's, we are inclusive of all students, regardless of their abilities or behaviours, and so we work to support all our students to interact positively with each other. Supporting days like Go Blue for Autism is just one of the many ways we do this. We look forward to seeing lots of blue clothing on Thursday!



We will conclude the day on Thursday with the remaining **Holy Week** performances that we didn't get to see at the end of last term. Year 3 will re-enact the moment when Mary and the women discovered Jesus' empty tomb, and Year 5 will tell the story of Jesus' resurrection. We invite you to join us for these performances from 2:15pm on Thursday.



On Friday, we will hold our **Cross Country carnival**, which was postponed at the end of last term due to the rain. This will begin at 9:30am at the Gayndah Golf Course. Students will run with their age group as with athletics. Times will be distributed with the newsletter today. Students need to wear their sports uniform and hat, and bring a water bottle, sunscreen and lunch. We will transport students to and from the event on the bus. Parents and family members are warmly invited to join us and support our students.

The celebration of Easter fell at the end of our Term 1 holidays this year, and I hope you were able to spare some time to reflect on the joy of the resurrection during this time. While it is nice to have a four day weekend and feast on chocolate, the real purpose of these days is to commemorate Jesus making the ultimate sacrifice for humankind and dying on the cross for our sins, and ultimately rising from the dead three days later. This period of time immediately following Easter Sunday is also called 'Easter' in the Catholic Church, as we take time to acknowledge all that took place over the Easter Triduum (Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday) and reflect on Jesus' actions during his 50 days on Earth after his resurrection.

Next Monday, we will commemorate **ANZAC Day** with a special assembly at 9am, led by Year 3. All are invited to attend. Tuesday is a public holiday for ANZAC Day, and on this day our school will march in the annual ANZAC Day parade. Any students who are available to participate should meet at the Court House at 9:45am next Tuesday. Students should wear their formal uniform and if they wish, any badges or medals they may have. We will supply a ribbon for each student.

There are a number of other important dates this term, both in the Church and School calendar. I have outlined below the dates for class masses, assemblies and Gunther Village visits. The online calendar on the Parent Portal and school website has all relevant dates for the year. As always, parents and family members are invited to be part of our school celebrations.

Class	Mass date (9am start)	Gunther visit date	Assembly date (9am start)
Prep	4 May (with Year 5/6)	22 June	9 June
Year 1/2	15 June	25 May	23 June
Year 3	25 May	8 June	16 June
Year 4	1 June	27 April	12 May
Year 5/6	4 May (with Prep)	11 May (Year 6 only due to NAPLAN)	19 May – Year 5 26 May – Year 6

Please note that the Year 6 Leadership Badge Ceremony, in which the Year 6 students will receive their ministry badges for the term, will be held on Friday 5 May at 9am.

Have a wonderful first week back!

God bless,

Amy.

# HERE'S THE NEWS

**SPORTS NEWS:** Cross Country is ***THIS Friday*** at the Golf Club, starting from 9:15.

***Softball training*** for North Burnett teams is Monday afternoon 24th April before ANZAC Day, 4pm at Mundubbera SS.

Wide Bay Carnival is next Wednesday and Thursday, 26th and 27th April in Hervey Bay

**TUCKSHOP:** Order forms for next Thursday 27th April are included with today's newsletter. Please return orders and payment by ***Monday 24th April.***



**ORANGE FESTIVAL CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION** Sponsored by the Gayndah Art Gallery, Entry is Free and open to all school students. Entries to be delivered to the Gallery by ***Sunday 23rd April.***

**GO BLUE FOR AUTISM DAY** World Autism Awareness Day was April 2nd. As this was during the holidays, the school will be going **BLUE** tomorrow ***Thursday April 20th*** to show our support for those living with Autism and their families. There is a range of merchandise including pens, bands and handballs available from the school office.

Prices range from 50c - \$5.00

**BOOKCLUB:** Order forms will be sent home with today's newsletter. Please return any orders and payments by ***Wednesday 3rd May***

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** School photos are back and will be sent home with students by the end of the week. Alternatively these can be picked up from the office. Music and Senior photo order information should have been received last term.

***With today's newsletter:***

- Tuckshop order form
- Address collection notice
- Cross country times
- Bookclub orders



## Cross Country 2016





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**“In All Things  
Glorify God”**

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL  
TERM  
DATES 2017**

<u>Term One</u>	<u>Term Two</u>
<i>Tues 24 Jan— Fri 31 March</i>	<i>Wed 19 April— Fri 23 June</i>
<u>Term Three</u>	<u>Term Four</u>
<i>Tues 11 July— Fri 15 Sept</i>	<i>Tues 3 Oct— Fri 1 Dec</i>

*Public Holiday—ANZAC Day  
25 April*  
*Public Holiday—Labour Day  
1st May*  
*Family Reading Morning—16th  
May*

# Community Notices

**TENNIS HOT SHOTS** - Learning - Bundaberg Tennis Academy, Tennis Australia Certified Advanced Coach, Kevin Banner is advising for new and existing children, the Learn n Play Tennis for Term 2, 2017 at Gayndah Tennis Club courts, commences **Friday 21st April 2017**. Also Cardio Tennis: 6.30pm - 7.30pm. All enquiries Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753

**JUNIOR NETBALL**

Training for all ages is weekly and will be held at the Gayndah Sportsground.

**Net Set Go** train on Mondays from 3.30pm (after holidays)

**Juniors 11-12yrs** train on Mondays from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

**Juniors 13-15yrs** train Thursdays 4pm start

**Fees** Juniors Playing in Senior Comp \$135 , Juniors 11-15 \$100,

*Net Set Go* (Under 10s) \$85

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?misc=p9s6tnff1bxLVMRI%2fJWq2VCzQVRu4MsJ7Wt%2fV8pbUq8%3d&entityid=39288&fl=1&id=24141>

**Regional Training: 11-15 year olds**

**Saturday 23rd April 2017** 9am – 11pm (Mundubbera Town courts)



**SOUTH BURNETT COWHORSE COMPETITION** Thursday 27th April has been postponed until further notice.

This postponement is necessary to allow time for issues concerned with public liability for competitors to be resolved. Further information about this matter and the prospect of running the event later in the year will be issued once the matter of liability has been satisfactorily resolved. We apologise for this late but necessary action.

Thank you, John Dalton, Saint Mary's Catholic College

