



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2017 Term Two

Week Seven

Newsletter Date

Wednesday

31 May 2017



Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

It's hard to believe that we are already 7 weeks into Term 2. Before we know it the holidays will be on upon us again. This week there are two key aspects I wanted to share with you relating to a more connected community and bringing the classroom learning experiences to our families.

Connected Community

Within our school community there are several occasions that we celebrate purely with the students, staff, parents and relatives of St Joseph's Primary. On occasions we have the opportunity to bring the two primary schools together for the chance to foster friendships, learn together, celebrate milestones or simply just to have fun.

Late last week Mr Goldie (Principal of Gayndah State School) and I felt it was time to explore additional opportunities for our students to build upon the foundation that already exists. The inspiration came from the recent Under 8's Day and we both felt that NAIDOC Week (to be celebrated on the first week back in Term 3) would be the perfect follow on. Collectively, the two schools aim to take one morning in that week to celebrate our Indigenous culture through a range of games and activities. To open proceedings students will experience a formal welcome and acknowledgment of country before moving into a rotation of three different activities suitable to age and year level. Parents of both school communities will be welcome to attend the celebration to be held at St Joseph's. Dates and times will be confirmed prior to the end of this term.

One other opportunity that has presented itself is the Family Colour Run that we have set down for the 17th of June. Recently, Gayndah State School advertised a similar event for the end of Term 3 so the opportunity presented itself to work together on such an exciting initiative. Mrs Trott and I are currently looking at the potential for the two schools to come together and pool resources and create an enjoyable experience for the primary school students of Gayndah. If the opportunity comes to fruition we will publish information through the two schools simultaneously. Watch this space.....

Laughing Kids Learn – Part 2

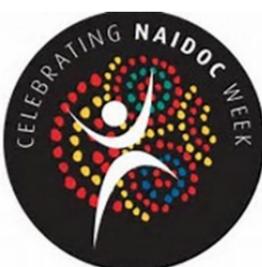
The second phase of 'Laughing Kids Learn' is to focus on celebrating the wonderful experiences students are having each day at school. Throughout the month of June I aim to post at least one or two images of some of the learning experiences happening across the school. This is the perfect time for anyone who may not be a member of our St Joseph's P and F page to join so that you can follow the journey of how laughing kids learn. If you don't have access to Facebook, I will be making the images shared online available in the newsletter each week.

The conversation of an afternoon with children (particularly as they get tired towards the end of term) can be limited. I encourage parents to kick off conversation about school by using the images as inspiration to hear about their day and to learn more from the experiences shared at school.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Sincerely

Ben

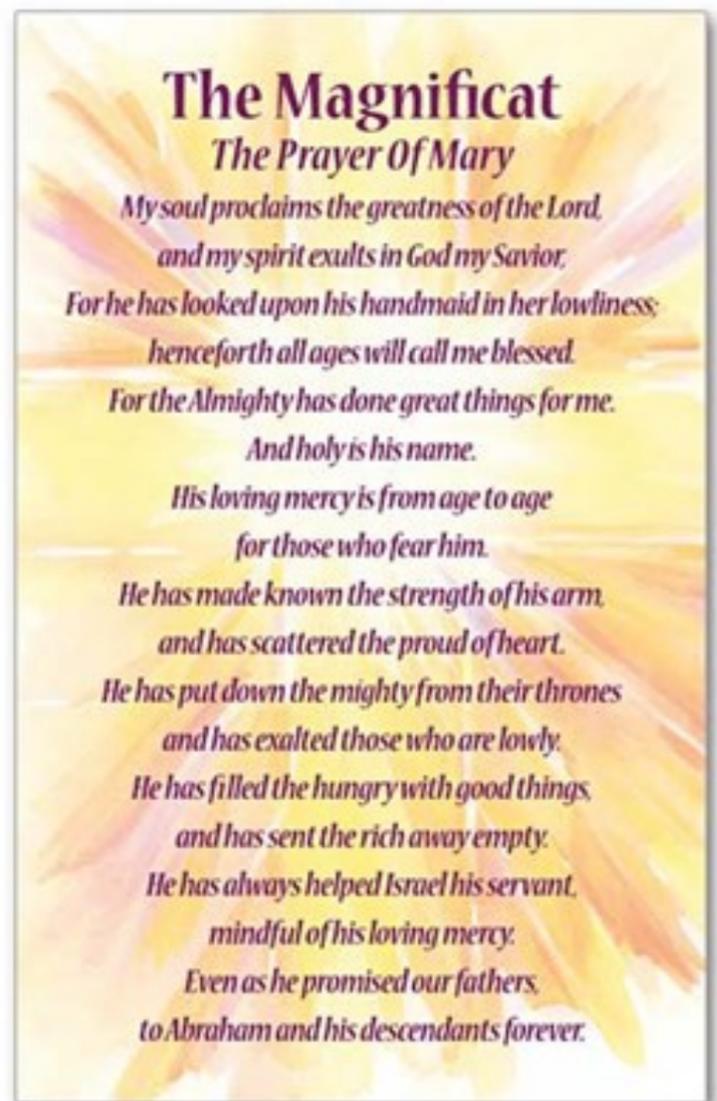




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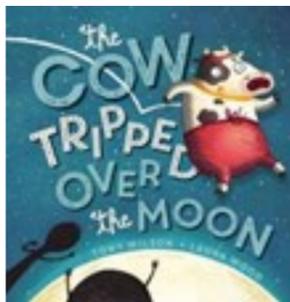


It is coming to the time of year where we begin preparations for the Sacramental Program. In line with the Archdiocesan policy, there have been changes in the last few years to the order that children receive the sacraments. Last year, a group of students received the Sacrament of Confirmation and this year the invitation is open to them to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist, and begin some informal preparation for the Sacrament of Penance. Families of these students have been sent a letter this week with information, and the invitation is also extended to any other students who are aged 9 years or older, and who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation previously to join us in the preparation for Eucharist. The Sacrament of Eucharist is the first time that a person receives the host (communion) and the wine, which represent the Body and Blood of Jesus, who sacrificed himself for humankind. The preparations for this will begin next term, with an information session on Thursday 27 July at 5pm in the Church. If anyone would like further information, please contact either Father Biju or me.



The Magnificat The Prayer Of Mary

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit exults in God my Savior,
For he has looked upon his handmaid in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
For the Almighty has done great things for me.
And holy is his name.
His loving mercy is from age to age
for those who fear him.
He has made known the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud of heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones
and has exalted those who are lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and has sent the rich away empty.
He has always helped Israel his servant,
mindful of his loving mercy.
Even as he promised our fathers,
to Abraham and his descendants forever.*



Last Wednesday, we participated in National Simultaneous Story time, where each class had the opportunity to read the story *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* by Tony Wilson. This is an annual initiative run by the Australian Library and Information Association, and we always enjoy the opportunity to read a good book together!



The Catholic Church celebrates two feast days this week. Today is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this occasion, we remember when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth upon learning that she was pregnant with God's son. Elizabeth was also pregnant, and the joy experienced in the exchanged between two women is captured by the prayer below. This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, which falls 50 days after Easter Sunday. This day marks the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the room where Jesus' disciples were praying, feeling confused and lost following his death. The Holy Spirit was with them, and gifted them with the confidence and wisdom to share Jesus' good news with the world.

With this week's newsletter, you have been provided with a booklet that outlines in more detail how we teach Religious Education at St Joseph's, as well as an overview of the content that we cover. All our Religious Education lessons are taught in line with the Brisbane Catholic Education Religious Education curriculum. This, plus more information, is also available on our website. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Have a wonderful week!

God bless,
Amy.

In The Classroom.....



There have been lots of great Science experiments going on around the school! Year 4 have been investigating the properties of materials and used various items to design a boat. They then tested whether this boat would hold the weight of several coins. Needless to say, there was a lot of laughter and some capsized boats, but also some great learning about how to manipulate materials to produce a solution!



Year 1/2 have been learning about materials and the way they can be used, and have been doing a variety of investigations. They did an experiment where they tested how different materials melted at different temperatures – chocolate was a key ingredient in this investigation!

HERE'S THE NEWS

TUCKSHOP: Tuckshop orders are due *Monday 5th June*. Orders placed after this can't be guaranteed as stock is ordered in limited quantities for that particular week's menu.

SPORTS NEWS: Please return any NB shirts or netball uniforms washed and clearly labelled with the student's name.

BOOKCLUB: If you would like to order from Issue 4, please return orders and payment by *this Friday 2nd June*.

FINANCE NEWS: School fee statements for Term 2 were sent out on 16 May. If you have not received your fee statement, please contact the office. Fees can be paid by either cash, cheque, direct deposit, or EFTPOS. If paying via Direct Deposit, please use student/family name as reference.

OFFICE NEWS:

- Please be aware there is information for parents and carers included with today's newsletter that outlines Data Collection practices for students with a disability or who receive adjustments with learning support.
- Information from BCE regarding the Federal Government's planned funding allocation
- Religious Education at St Joseph's information booklet

P & F - UNIFORM SHOP Stock up for winter! We also have plenty of new hats in stock currently. The uniform shop will be open *this Friday 8:15am - 9am* before assembly.

Student of the Week



Week 6

Year 5/6 - Lachlan Maxwell
Year 3 - Shyloh Terry
Prep - Mia Holden
Year 4 - Nick Meyers
Year 1/2 - Alyce Doyle





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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>

*National Sorry Day - Friday
26th May
ICAS Science - Tuesday 30th
May*

Community Notices

GIRL GUIDES

Vacancies exist for girls from 5-14 years. Learn Guiding in a fun, educational and self development program. Traditions, leadership and teamwork skills, outdoor adventure are incorporated while working towards goals and awards. Gayndah Girl Guides meet **Wednesday** afternoons at the guide hut at the top of the hill in Fielding St.

Junior Girls **3:45pm to 5:15pm**

Senior Girls **3:45pm to 5:45pm**

All guides and interested girls from 5 years to 14 years and their parents are most welcome. More information available at the school office or contact Irene (Roo) on **0409227355**



SOCCER: Gayndah Social Soccer - \$25 season

Fun and fitness for all school aged kids – boys and girls

Training Thursdays 4-5 @ Gayndah Sports ground

Looking for interested parents to help with coaching. Everybody welcome - See you there! For more details call **Laine 0428931151**

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 Carnival

Gayndah: 11-15 year olds 30th July

Central Burnett Challenge

Gayndah -

28th May

CENTRAL BURNETT DAY CAMP - Mundubbera

Day Camp is three days of fun and excitement within a Christian Environment. Campers will discover more about nature, themselves, God, learn new skills and yet have the security of sleeping at home each night.

Tuesday 27th-Thursday 29th June, Grades 1-7

Bus departs each morning at 7.45am sharp!

Please contact the school office for registration forms

COLLAGE WORKSHOP - ART GALLERY

Sunday 11th June 9am - 1pm \$25 per person

Marlies Oakley will guide participants through a fun, hands on workshop, learning the basic techniques of collage, from sourcing materials through to composition and layering. For more information contact **Gayndah Art Gallery on 41408057**

COMPLETE WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

Regular clinics are available in Mundubbera covering a range of women's and adolescent health areas. Contact 1800 791 332, info@completewomenshealthcare.com.au or contact your GP for further information.