



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2017 Term Two

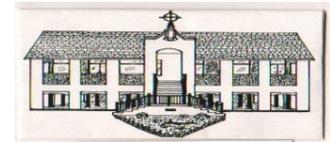
Week Eight

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
7 June 2017



Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi everyone

A weeks ago I talked to the importance of students enjoying the experience of learning and highlighted how I intended to showcase when that is happening in our classrooms on a regular basis. This week I want to take some of the images shared on our P and F Facebook page and elaborate a little more in order to bring our parents even closer to the action.

Family Feud – School Rules Edition. On assembly last week we spent time looking at our school rules as part of a Family Feud Game. The opportunity was made to look at how we 'Respect Ourselves and Others' as well as 'Right Place, Right Time, Right Task'. At this time of the year it doesn't hurt to review such elements within the school because as the term moves on students do become tired, there is always elements of sickness around and poor judgement starts to creep in. In place of reacting to situations I find it much more beneficial to be proactive and look at the benefits of following our rules and supporting ourselves and our peers.



The thought of using shaving cream, water and food colouring with children under 6 is one that would send most parents into a fragile state. Prep however was a hive of activity last week when they explored just **how clouds and rain work**. The experience of creating their own storm had students champing at the bit to learn and create their own. You could see the excitement on their faces as they dropped the colouring into the glass. Fortunate for me there was no shortage of volunteers who wanted to unpack with me what they were learning about with the weather. NOTE: All prep parents are encouraged to come along for an **Open Morning in Prep** following the assembly on Friday. The morning is an opportunity to come in and see more of what your child has been

learning this term and participate in a few activities together.

Ni Hao, měi gè rén dōu. (Hello, everyone) This next picture captures our Year 3 and 4 students engrossed in their Chinese language lesson. Learning how to greet people in front of the group, sharing the language with their peers and building their understanding of Chinese culture is all part of the learning experience. Our teachers are based overseas and work with the students through our interactive whiteboards, webcams and speakers. I'm sure you have heard of the fun filled Chinese lessons and if you haven't today is the perfect opportunity to ask.



Learning is fun, however not all learning is subject based. Sometimes the most important learning happens outside of the classroom in the way we treat one another, the way we get along or even just how we can have fun together by remembering to share and be positive. The school officers who support structured play, do an amazing job and this picture captures the real joy of being at school. **Learning when you don't even realise it.....**

Have a great week

Ben

#laughingkidslearn



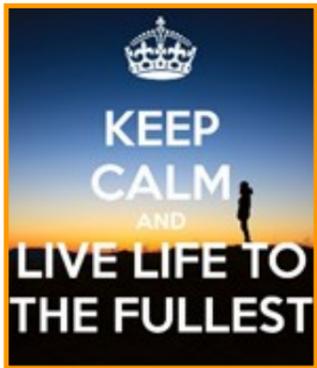


From the APRE



I've recently been fortunate enough to attend some professional development sessions about leadership within Catholic schools, and the goals of Brisbane Catholic Education. One of the speakers asked a poignant question that made me, and many others in the room, pause and reflect. His question was: Why is it that you do what you do - why work in education?

The standard answer for most is something to do with the enjoyment one derives from working with children, and the sense of purpose for educating the next generation to be able to contribute effectively to society. At its heart



though, the purpose of many, including myself, for working in education is to educate children to enable them to live life to its fullest and achieve their potential. When Jesus was asked about his purpose, his response was, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10: 10) This quote captures the essence of what it is we hope to achieve in our schools – teaching children to enable them to live a fulfilling life. This is why we as educators spend many hours preparing, teaching, marking, reporting etc and is the reason we come to school each day – there is no greater gift we can give than to teach children so that they can live a life with purpose and enjoyment, that contributes to the betterment of society.

All that we do here at school works towards this goal, and we are lucky to be part of such an important mission. So next time you wonder about what brings us together each day, remember the greater purpose we are working towards!



This Sunday, the Catholic Church celebrates the Most Holy Trinity, which falls on the Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Trinity refers to the notion of three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) that are united as one God. Catholics acknowledge the Holy Trinity each time they make the sign of the cross in prayer, and the Trinity itself is one of the most significant attributes of the Catholic faith. A short prayer is included below that forms part of the Rosary, and is one of the ancient prayers of praise.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end,
Amen.*

Don't forget to join us for the *Year 4 class mass on Thursday at 9am*, and for the *Prep assembly on Friday at 9am*.

God bless,
Amy.



In The Classroom.....

Year 5/6 have been tapping into multiple methods of learning with their Lyrics to Learn program. Each day, the students use their laptops to access an informative text that is in the form of a song. After listening to the song (and singing along of course) the students answer some comprehension questions. They've covered lots

of interesting topics, including the Great Barrier Reef, Ancient Egyptian Pyramids and famous people from history such as Martin Luther King Jr and Thomas Jefferson. Not only are they learning lots, but it's giving them a great opportunity to use their new headphones that were

sponsored by our P&F. *Well done Year 5/6!*



HERE'S THE NEWS

TUCKSHOP: Thank you to this week's volunteer helpers in Tuckshop! Natasha Roth, Maria McCosker, Kylee Ross, Sarah Webster, Jacqui Kirk and Lisa Baker.

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: Keep up to date with school events with our school calendar. If you didn't receive one at the start of the year or would like one for a family member, please contact the office!



UNIFORM SHOP Stock up for winter! Most sizes of winter uniform are currently in stock. Kym will have the uniform shop open next Wednesday 8:15 - 9am. Please contact the office on **41611889** or **Kym Baker on 0409 961 490**. Payment can be made via cash, EFTPOS direct deposit or cheque.

P & F: Our next P & F meeting is **next Tuesday 13th June at 7pm** in the staff room. New faces are always welcome!

Student of the Week



Week 7

Year 5- Jacob Smith
& Levi Roth
Prep - Riley Kirk
Year 6 - Holly Ahern
Year 3 - Poppi Chambers
Year 4 - Zoe Baker



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**“In All Things
Glorify God”**

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

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

ICAS Writing - Monday 12 June

**P & F Meeting - Tuesday 13
June**

**ICAS Spelling - Wednesday 14
June**

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**



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**

School Holiday Ideas!

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.

Activities include Archery, craft, orienteering, dampers, flying fox plus more!

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

Bus departs each morning at 7.45am sharp!

Please contact the school office for registration forms

KIDS KINDNESS CRAFT WORKSHOP - Gayndah Arts & Cultural Centre (art room)

Saturday 24th June at 12:30pm - 2:30pm

\$6 per child, Grades 1-6 (only 40 spots available)

Bookings to **Rachel 0427551973**



KIAH PARK - 7-DAY HORSE RIDING CAMPS

For school-aged children. All riding abilities are welcome – from brand new to advanced riders. Includes full accommodation and supervision, arena lessons, trail rides every day, a gymkhana and fun night activities.

Winter Horse Riding Camp Dates: **24 June – 1 July & 1 – 8 July**

Children have the opportunity to develop independence in a safe environment and enjoy a wonderful outdoor holiday doing what they love - riding horses!

Call us: 5486 6166

Find reviews on Facebook:

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Complete your registration form:

www.kiahpark.com.au