



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

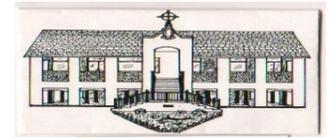
2017 Term Four

Week Three

Newsletter Date

Wednesday
18 October 2017

Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi everyone

Well the rain continues to fall and the grass is only getting greener which is the perfect way to kick into another week.

In my piece this week I just wanted to unpack with you one of the connections our school currently is developing as part of system wide approaches within Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE).

Over the past decade BCE have been working with a range of educational researchers and specialists to develop greater consistency across all of their schools. In particular, BCE has focused on reading and writing development with an emerging consideration in numeracy. Our journey alongside Brisbane Catholic Education has focused particularly on the Concepts of Print, Sound Letter Recognition and reading development of students in Prep to Year 2. Our NAPLAN and other forms of regular assessment of student understanding point to the fact that by the end of Year 6 our students are achieving on average at or above national and system levels. However, when we compare where our students are earlier in their education, there is a narrowing gap between us and the rest of the state, system and nation. Brisbane Catholic Education has requested that every school sets an overarching goal in literacy or numeracy to aim to be achieved by the end of the year.

Knowing that reading and writing are interconnected, our goal has been to develop more specific processes that link to reading, writing and spelling on a daily basis, firstly within our early years and then extending into the upper years. As a system the expected levels within reading have increased over the past three years and it is our intention that with the correct practices in place our students have the potential to reach those increased levels. We aren't about to push, rush or become goal orientated as every good educator and parent would know that the skill of teaching is putting effective practices in place to ensure that students engage and 'click' in their learning when they are ready.



What does this mean for your child? Regardless of grade, staff are working together on a weekly basis as part of professional development, staff meetings, learning support meetings and in general teacher conferencing to ensure that they are all on the same page. Developing consistency is always an ongoing practice and one that in my opinion will never be fully finished or achieved. It is intended that by moving towards an increased level of capability in our early years, the outcomes for our students in years 4, 5 and 6 will only be amplified further.

As they move from this year into next you can come to expect that the same structures and processes that your child has become accustomed to, will be enacted again on a daily basis. In doing so it puts both the learner, parent and the teacher in the prime position to start the year on the front foot.

If you would like to know more about the specifics of literacy across the school I encourage you to pop into the classroom and speak with your child's teacher. Some of the practices they implement are very transferable to home and would be very useful come the end of year break.



Best wishes to our parents in Year 4 while their children are away this week. However I'm not too sure who was excited more for camp, the students or the parents???

Have a great week everyone.

Ben





From the APRE

While it's been a different start to the week with the wet weather and student free day, I hope you enjoyed the break from routine on Monday!

We saw our Year 4s off on camp this morning, with the hope that the weather will improve for them as the week goes on. We are fortunate that the camp at QCCC Mapleton has wet weather provisions and continues to run activities safely, even in the rain, so Year 4s should still have a fantastic time away. I've included a blessing for them below, and we will keep them in our prayers this week. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates about their trip!

*God our guiding light, you are protector of us all.
Bless Year 4 as they experience new things on camp.
Bless them all as they enjoy camp and keep them safe.
We make this prayer through Jesus, our loving friend. Amen.*



Our St Joseph's Garage Sale is this **Saturday morning from 7am** (weather dependent). We hope to be able to sell some of the many bits and pieces that have accumulated over the years, so please come along and grab a bargain or two!

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, and is a reminder of those less fortunate all over the world who we strive to assist through our fundraising efforts. We are currently working to provide gifts to children in need around the world through our Samaritan Shoebox appeal. Thank you to those who have already begun bringing in donations. We would love to send off as many shoeboxes as possible, so please continue bringing in donations until October 27. I encourage you to have a look at the video at this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FREURYIYmg> which is also on our Facebook page, to see how happy our gifts could make children living in poverty!



We have some exciting news to announce on behalf of one of our students! As a school, we were asked to nominate a student to possibly carry the Queen's Baton as part of the relay in preparation for the Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast in 2018. The Queen's Baton Relay is a Games tradition that celebrates the Commonwealth's diversity, inspires community pride and excites people about the world-class festival of sports and culture to come. The Queen's Baton carries a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II that calls the Commonwealth's athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition.

I have great pleasure in announcing that we nominated Miss Shelby Rowles in Year 5, and that she has been successful! This is a great honour for both Shelby and our school, as there were a large number of nominations received and not all were selected. The selection criteria stipulated that the student must be 10 years or older at the time of the games next year, and must have made a significant contribution to their community and inspire others to do the same. We believe Shelby is an excellent example of this, and we are proud to have her representing our school and country. Shelby's leg of the relay will be in Maryborough on Sunday 25 March 2018, so save this date for a trip to Maryborough to support her!

Hope to see you at Year 3's class mass on Thursday morning at 9am, and at Year 1/2's assembly presentation on Friday at 9am.

God bless,
Amy.

TUCKSHOP:

Tuckshop orders went home yesterday. Please return with payment by **Monday 23rd October** to allow sufficient time for ordering stock.

OFFICE NEWS

- If you still have a **yellow** sports shirt at home, please return ASAP washed and labelled.
- Prep and new enrolments for 2018 are open. Please contact the office for an enrolment pack or further information.
- If your child's bus requirements have changed, please let the office know on 4161 1889
- **Fete preparation meeting Tuesday 24th 3:15pm** in the staffroom. All are welcome to help organise and be a part of this great event for our community.

In The Classroom.....

Mrs Oppy recently had a wonderful trip to China where she learnt lots of amazing facts about their vibrant culture. We start this journey at Chengdu at the Chengdu Panda Reserve. Stay tuned as next week we head to Leshan and learn about the Giant Buddha.

Giant Panda

This Chinese celebrity is a tourism icon. The endangered species is a rare monument to China and China only. Pandas are very independent creatures. Starting their self-reliant lives at only 18 months! As rapidly as they leave their mother's arms it is survival of the fittest. Inheriting new responsibilities of mating and a possible chance of starvation due to the fast disappearance of their habitat.

However, the population is deteriorating dramatically, but there is something we are doing to prevent this from ever taking place. Over 90% of pandas are kept in a captive environment. In the future we desire to expand the poor 10% in their natural environment, by breeding this important species in captivity to boost the population.

These goliath omnivores thrive in thick majestic bamboo forests. They devour a shocking, yet impressive, 12kg of bamboo a day! A giant Panda's journey through life incredibly transforms from a minute microscopic 15cms, incapable of witnessing the fascinating world around, evolving into an outstandingly humungous 1.2m - 1.5m. Weighing at a hefty 75kg-135kg. This extraordinary bear is one of the most unique animals on the planet!

Did you know that this spectacular species do not hibernate? They are a precious gem to the Chinese culture and we should treasure them forever. Bridie Worland



Students of the Week!

Week 2

Madison Barbeler, Daelen Maddern,
Darcy Ahern, Hugo Baker, Levi Bryant, Layla Roth,
Jayda Maddern





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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

Year 4 Camp - 18-20 Oct
Garage Sale Trail - 21st Oct
World Teachers Day - 27th Oct
**Town Christmas Tree lighting - Thur
16 November**



Library News

**BUY ONE GET
ONE FREE
BOOK FAIR**
**Monday the 30th
Oct to Friday the 3rd
of November.**

Community Notices

C & K GAYNDAH KINDERGARTEN -

Taking enrolments for 2018!

C & K Gayndah Community Kindergarten is the perfect place for your child to start their lifelong love of learning. With beautiful and large outdoor play spaces, see how we can get your child school ready.

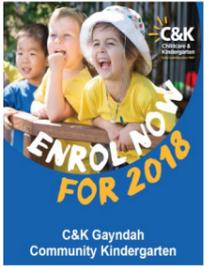
Enrol children for 2018 born between 1st July 2013 - 30th June 2014

Kindy Opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday, alt Thursday 8:45am-2.50pm

2018 Information Day for families: Thursday 19th October 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Subsidies available for concession card holders. **Get in touch:**

gayndah@candk.asn.au Ph. 4161 1244



NDIS INFORMATION SESSION The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will soon be available in Gayndah. To support the roll out of the NDIS in this area, a **FREE** information session is being held for families, carers and people with disability within the community, including service providers. The session will provide general information about the NDIS how it can be accessed and how to become a registered provider.

NDIS Information session – Gayndah Community Hall

Date: Thursday 26 October 2017

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Address: 36 Capper Street, Gayndah

Registration: Click this [link](#) or visit the Queensland [Events page](#) to register.

Alternatively, email engagement.qldcentral@ndis.gov.au noting numbers of attendance and any accessibility requirements. Children under adult supervision are welcome.



GAYNDAH SWIMMING CLUB SIGN ON Swimming Club is back!

Next Thursday 26th October from 5:30pm

Sign on for the 2017-2018 season with a free sausage sizzle, fun swim and games.

Membership is free for 7yr olds and under. All ages and abilities welcome. Club

nights are every Thursday evenings 5:30pm . Enquiries ph **0455237177** or follow us

on our [Facebook page Gayndah Swimming Club Inc.](#)



DRAMA GAMES 4 KIDS!

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS - 6 weeks on 24 & 31 Oct, 7, 14, 21 & 28 Nov.

Grade 1-6 aged students in Gayndah. Sign up for all weeks or just a selection.

3:15 start to 4pm - \$6 per child per session.

Super fun & interactive drama games, great for self expression, focus, teamwork, confidence building & imagination.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – Limited Spaces

Phone/SMS Rachel: **0427 551 973**

LAMR AUSTRALIAN MAJOR PLANT FAMILIES, RARE & THREATENED FLORA WORKSHOP -

LAMR principal Dr Mike Olsen is one of the most experienced field botanists in private industry. He will be conducting a specialist field botany workshop on the Major Australian Plant Families and the rare and threatened flora around Gayndah and Mundubbera . These courses are unique as they emphasize the development of field knowledge within the local landscape in the context of both current and evolutionary scales of time and space. **Locations and durations: Gayndah Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th November**

Cost \$110/person/day Students and Concession Card holders 50% discount. Places

Limited. Bookings and enquiries www.lamr.com.au/lamr@bigpond.com /Facebook Wild

Plant Outdoor Learning or ph 0407330781 - local contact Mark - 0409600860



*Blue Gum Farm TV Presents:
Young at Heart PREMIERE*

Where: Gunther Village - Conference Centre
When: Monday 11th December 2017
Time: 10:00am - 10:45am

Please RSVP by: Monday 4th December on
07 4161 3699

Gayndah Golf Club Hosts



Saturday 21st October
Pink & Blue
Golf Day
\$20 / Player
3 Ball Ambrose
Multi Draw
Gold Coin Sausage on Bread All day
Best Dressed Prize