



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

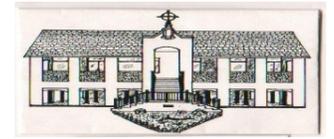
2017 Term Four

Week Six

Newsletter Date
Wednesday
8 November 2017



Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi everyone

Some of you may have noticed the new addition at the front of our school in the form of a fence wrap that celebrates the remarkable students within St Joseph's Primary and as a result the remarkable moments we share on a regular basis. This celebration is a system wide initiative to acknowledge the wonderful work our students, staff and parents are doing to support the learning growth of our students. Brisbane Catholic Education has been very proactive in developing system wide practices and as we approach the end of the year they are keen to take time to acknowledge everyone's efforts in 2017.

The best part of my role is that I have the pleasure of experiencing first-hand the numerous remarkable moments that occur on a daily basis. Be it the way in which a senior student walks a younger student up to the office to make a phone call home, or the way that our upper year students set up activities at lunch time for the junior school just because they value being a leader. I love hearing the way so many of our students care and support one another both in and outside of the classroom because I know full well that it will be through that support, that they can achieve their best in the classroom across various subjects. On Friday we will take the opportunity to celebrate the many remarkable moments that happen on a daily basis with our Year 4 students as part of their class assembly. As always parents, grandparents and extended family are encouraged to join us for the morning.

Swimming

We are two days into our swimming lessons and I can safely say that this year has been by far and away the best start we have ever had to swimming at St Joseph's. The students are trying their very best to put into action the support offered, giving their very best to each task and overall representing the school in the highest order. The weather has been perfect and I would like to extend a big thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have come along to assist. If you haven't had the opportunity but would like to come along, please don't hesitate to let the school office know.

REMINDER: SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL NEXT FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17th!

Gayndah Gallop

AND THEY'RE OFF The Gayndah Gallop was run and won by the 'Flying Preppie' yesterday in the sport centre as part of Melbourne Cup celebrations. It was a star studded field with all sorts of colour and fan fair surrounding the horses and their jockeys. At the end of the day there could only be one winner but overall much cheering and celebrating was in order. The photos below tell the story of the glitz and glamor which saw 11 staff members and their student jockeys roll their way down the track in search of the covenant Gayndah Gallop glory (better known as ice-blocks for the winning class). I would be surprised if you haven't heard already about this wonderful event, however if you haven't, I encourage you to ask your son or daughter just how the race played out.



Date Reminders

Heading into the end of the year, there are a couple of key dates and times that might need to be popped into your own personal diaries.

Fete - November 24th

Volunteer Morning Tea – November 27th

Parent Teacher Interviews – November 20- 24th

P and F Meeting – November 14th (Grand Hotel)

Swimming Carnivals – November 17th St Joseph's November 29th Combined GSS and ST J

Awards Night – November 21st

Graduation Mass and Dinner - November 28th

Last Day of School – December 1st



Have a great week

#laughingkidslearn

Ben





From the APRE

We are over half way through the term now, and time seems to be speeding up! We've got a lot going on over these final weeks, so strap in and enjoy!

Thank you to Mrs Colvin, Mrs Roth, Year 3 and our school officers for their organisation and support of our **Grandparents' Assembly and Morning Tea** last Friday. It was lovely to have so many family members in attendance, and a great opportunity for people to enjoy each other's company. Thank you to all the grandparents in our community for all the wonderful things they do.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

This Saturday is Remembrance Day, where we acknowledge the armistice that ended World War I. There will be a memorial service in town near the town hall, beginning at 10:30am on Saturday. It would be wonderful to see some students and families in attendance, so please consider being part of this if you are able.

As we get to the busy end of the term, here are a few of the key events coming up:

Friday 17 November – St Joseph's Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 21 November 6pm – St Joseph's Awards Night

Friday 24 November 9am – Year 5 and 6 Leadership Handover Assembly

Friday 24 November from 5pm – St Joseph's Parish Fete

Tuesday 28 November 6pm – Year 6 Graduation Mass

Wednesday 29 November – Combined Swimming Carnival

Friday 1 December 11am – End of Year Mass

We will have our final **P&F Meeting for the year next Tuesday evening at 7pm**. All are encouraged to join us, as we celebrate the year that was.

Year 4 will lead us at assembly this Friday, where we will celebrate a '**Remarkable Moments' Day**, as part of a Brisbane Catholic Education initiative. For more information about this event, see Mr Gray's piece. Parents are warmly invited to join us for this presentation at 9am.

Have a wonderful week!

God bless,

Amy.

TUCKSHOP: Thank you to our wonderful tuckshop helpers this week: Amanda Imhoff, Jo McCosker, Sarah Webster, Sam Rowles, Rebecca Holden and Lisa Baker

OFFICE NEWS

- Prep and new enrolments for 2018 are open. Please contact the office for an enrolment pack or further information.
- Book club orders are attached to the newsletter. This is the final one for 2017 and a great opportunity for Christmas presents! Orders and payment are due **next Friday 17th November**.
- Fete ride tickets are available now from the office: \$25 school age and \$15 kindy/pre-school age



In The Classroom.....

Mrs Oppy recently had a wonderful trip to China where she learnt lots of amazing facts about their vibrant culture. Stay tuned as next week as the journey continues to The Great Wall

The Temple of Heaven

The Temple of Heaven is an extraordinary place in China. The Temple was constructed between 1406 and 1420. It was named the Temple of Heaven because of the sacrifices held and prayers sent to heaven. The roofing has 3 layers. The bottom layer represents people, the middle layer earth and the top layer heaven.

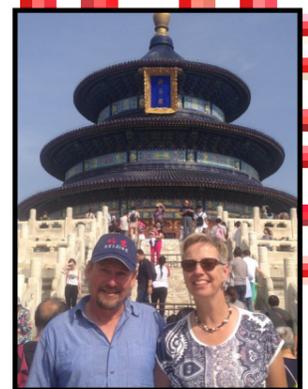
Every year the Emperor would fast for 3 days before the time of prayer, 2 days in the Forbidden City and the 1 day at the Temple of Heaven. The Emperor would then parade through the streets escorted by officers and public servants. These were the only ordinary civilians allowed to watch the parade the others had to hide within the walls of their houses so they couldn't participate.



The Temple of Heaven has a place in which they slaughter animals for sacrifice. These cut up pieces were then placed on 72 plates and carried by 72 servants to the ovens to be cooked and a prayer given for a good harvest for the summer solstice. This ritual repeats itself at the winter solstice part of the Temple of Heaven and this is done as a thanks giving prayer for the plentiful harvest. If the harvest was not good the people would blame the Emperor for saying something offensive to the Gods.

As you can see the Temple of Heaven is an amazing place for all things prayer and sacrifice.

James Parr, Sophie Doyle



Students of the Week!

Week 5

Year 3-Poppi Chambers, Year 6-Bridie Worland, Year-1/2 Bella Roth, Prep-Mia Holden, Year 4-Indianna Hitchcock, Year 5-Levi Roth





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**“In All Things
Glorify God”**

Community Notices

GAYNDAH SWIMMING CLUB SIGN ON Swimming Club is back!

Thursday nights from 5:30pm. Membership is free for 7yr olds and under. All ages and abilities welcome. Enquiries ph. 0455237177 or follow us on our

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

BURNETT STATE COLLEGE – LAPTOP OPTIONS 2018 - SURVEY

Burnett State College is a laptop school for all students from Years 9 – 12. This means that all students in Years 9 – 12 are required to have a laptop for school work every day. For years 9 – 12, families can opt to use a College laptop under the same conditions as the current scheme (cost is \$250 per year). Under this scheme the College owns the laptop, and provides onsite technical support and the laptops all have onsite warranty and accidental damage cover. Students in this scheme can access a loan laptop when theirs is broken or being repaired. Under the BYO option, families supply their own laptop and software, ensure it is kept up to date, and are responsible for any repair or damage costs. There is an annual cost of \$75 for the licences and support to connect to the College network for Internet, printing and file storage access. For Year 7 and 8 students, some curriculum materials will be available digitally and online, and students will have the option of completing some of their class and assignment work using a computer. Survey Forms are available so please contact the school office if you did not receive one.

TENNIS HOT SHOTS:

Vacancies exist each Friday afternoon for Term 4, 2017 at the Gayndah Tennis complex, Barrow Street, for players, 8 years and over, to come and join Tennis Australia's National program, conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Tennis Professional, Kevin Banner, with lots of fun & games to suit all levels. Registration is essential. Phone Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753



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

Parish Fete - 24th Nov
Volunteer Morning Tea - 27 Nov
Year 6 Graduation - 28 Nov
Town Christmas Tree lighting - Thur
16 November



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

Date Claimer

**Carols by
the River**

Saturday, 9th December
5.30pm to 8pm
St Joseph's Primary School Oval

A Contemporary Christmas Carols Evening Not To Be Missed!

Guest Appearance by Santa • Fireworks
Food Stalls • Dessert • Coffee
Children's Entertainment
Local & Visiting Singers & Musicians

5.30pm - 6.45pm Children's entertainment, food stalls etc
6.45pm - 7pm Rides shutdown, ready for carols to start
7pm - 8pm Carols

Hosted by Gayndah Churches with support from local sponsors