



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2017 Term Four

Week Seven

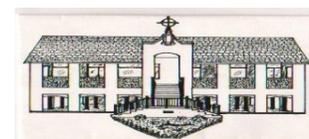
Newsletter Date

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Principal's Letter to Parents



Hi Everyone

Just over a fortnight ago I arranged for a member from Brisbane Catholic Education building services to come and review the steps taken in replacing the demountable classrooms long term with permanent rooms as part of our School Master Plan. At present Adam Perrier (Core Architecture) has developed a 3D design of where the new rooms may sit alongside our existing classrooms. In addition to the classroom replacement, the vision is to move the library from its current position into a more central location that is flexible in allowing multiple classes/groups of students to utilise the space.

Please keep in mind the consideration that this design is for layout purposes and the classrooms won't receive functional details (doors, windows) until the building application have been approved. The next stage in our redevelopment will be to submit an online building application before the end of this year with Brisbane Catholic Education before taking the opportunity to pitch our project to the Building Grants Authority in 2018. A project of this size isn't always approved in its first application and it should be noted that if the application is successful, building works wouldn't begin until approx. 2019. As I am sure you can appreciate there are still a number of steps to take but the opportunity to develop facilities that support our students learning is very exciting.

The process to arrive at this initial design is a result of hard work and contributions from staff, students, the School Board, the P and F Committee and BCE Building Services. At present, the learning and teaching practices that exist within St Joseph's align with the best processes outlined by our system and external specialists. Our goal in developing these new rooms is to ensure the classrooms that we create compliment the way our students learn. As we enter into 2018 I will share with you more the various ways in which your child is learning on a day to day basis and the importance of having facilities that complement that.

I am sharing this design with the investment in seeking further input from our parents and the wider community. If you have any ideas on how the design can be enhanced or other considerations relating to the replacement of our demountable classrooms please don't hesitate to contact the school office or speak with one our staff.

Have a great week,
Ben

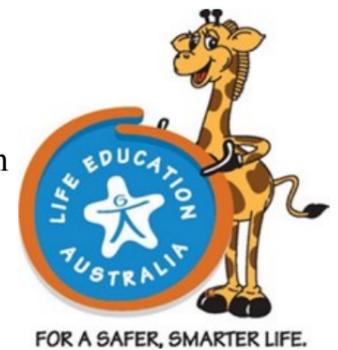




From the APRE

We are heading towards the downhill run to the end of the term, with busy and exciting times ahead!

This week, we had the **Life Education Van** visit for our Year 5 and 6 students as part of a two year cycle (in which the younger students will have lessons again next year). Year 5/6 were able to take part in two sessions to learn more about the effects of illicit drugs, smoking and alcohol. Of course, they also got to see Healthy Harold, which is always a highlight!



I was blown away by the number of donations that came in for the **Samaritan Shoebox** appeal, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community for their contributions. We were able to package up 30 shoeboxes to be sent to children in need all over the world. These shoeboxes have been sent off and are currently being processed. I will keep you updated with their progress but in the meantime, feel free to have a look at the tracking link [here](#).



Our **Parish Fete** is drawing ever closer, so don't forget to get ride wristbands from the office and spread the word. We would also love for donations of baked goods to be sent in next week to support the cake stall. If you have any questions or are able to assist in any way with the fete, please contact Bec Holden, Helen Smith or myself.

Throughout this year, the staff have been working on a series of small units that can be taught at the beginning of each year, which help the students to better understand our school's history and connection to the Catholic Church. This was one of our annual goals in 2017, after we identified that our students needed to deepen their understanding about our connection to the Good Samaritan sisters, the names of significant people within our school and our connection with St Joseph's Parish. We have now finalised these units and they will be taught in the first two weeks of each year, so that students start off their year by connecting and re-connecting with the historical foundations of St Joseph's. To provide a brief overview, the following will be covered in each class:

Prep – Connections between St Joseph's Church and St Joseph's School, learning who St Joseph is and why he is important to us, learning the school song and the name of the Sister of the Good Samaritan that the Prep classroom is named after

Year 1/2 - Connections between St Joseph's Church and St Joseph's School, learning the school song and the name of the Sister of the Good Samaritan that the Year 1/2 classroom is named after, learning about important historical events in the life of our school

Year 3 - Connections between St Joseph's Church and St Joseph's School (focusing on the convent), learning about the names of each classroom, learning about the Good Samaritan Sisters and their influence on the school

Year 4 – Investigating the 12 core values of our school and their meaning, exploring the school song in more depth, learning about the Sister of the Good Samaritan that the Year 4 classroom is named after, learning about Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Lourdes and their significance

Year 5/6 - Investigating the 12 core values of our school and their meaning, deepening understanding about St Joseph and his significance to the school, learning about the Sister of the Good Samaritan that the Year 5/6 classroom is named after, learning about Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Lourdes and their significance

If you would like any more information about these units, please don't hesitate to contact me.

We have made a small change to our assembly plan for next Friday 24 November. It will no longer be a handover between Year 5 and 6, as this will occur at our final mass on Friday 1 December. We will have a short assembly on 24 November to distribute awards and final birthday certificates for the year, but a class group will not perform.

Have a wonderful week! Look forward to seeing you at our Swimming Carnival on Friday and Awards Night next Tuesday.

God bless,

Amy.



TUCKSHOP: Tuckshop orders will be attached to today's newsletter. Please return by **MONDAY 20th November** to allow time for stock ordering.



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 due **this Friday 17th November**.
- Fete ride tickets are available now from the office: \$25 school age and \$15 kindy/pre-school age
- Please return Fete snack pack orders by this **Friday 17th November**

In The Classroom.....

Mrs Oppy recently had a wonderful trip to China where she learnt lots of amazing facts about their vibrant culture.



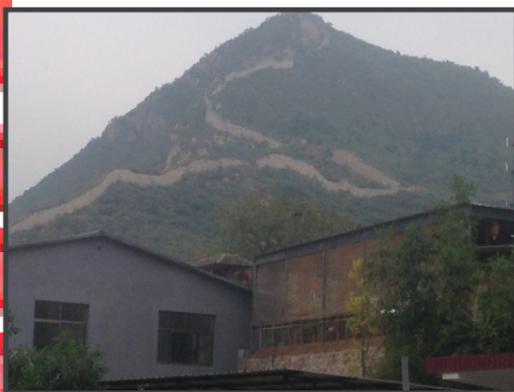
The Great Wall

A long time ago China was ruled by an emperor called Qin Shi Huang who was the instigator of the Great Wall of China. The wall was to protect China from any invasions from the neighbouring country of Mongolia. It is an amazing 20000km long and took of course many years to build, around 2000 years. Every emperor, except two would add to this amazing construction over the entire 2000 years.

300.000 people died while building the wall and these people were buried in the wall. The wall was during the times occupied by soldiers who would stand guard for 24 hours a day. In winter, the temperature could plummet to a -20 °C, so not very favourable conditions. If intruders were spotted they would signal with smoke to rally the troops and defend China.

Unfortunately, the wall wasn't effective during Genghis Khan ruling as the Mongolians were able to break through and claim part of China. This was later reversed by the Chinese as they claimed their land and more from Mongolia.

Currently the wall is falling to pieces and the government is now taken care as they would like to keep this historical piece of wonder alive.



It is amazing to climb the wall, it is not an easy path but worth the effort. This was the last chapter on Mrs Oppy's Chinese adventure.

We would like to thank Mrs. Oppy for all the wonderful stories and insights we now have on China. Our lessons have been much more fun and engaging.

Wyatt Martin, Trader Ahern and Mark McCosker

Students of the Week!

Week 6

Eli Roberts, Rex Messer, Lachlan Maxwell,
Zoe Hoskinson





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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>

*Town Christmas Tree lighting - Thur
16 November*
*Interhouse swimming carnival -
Fri 17th Nov*
Awards Night - 21st Nov
Parish Fete - 24th Nov
Volunteer Morning Tea - 27 Nov
Year 6 Graduation - 28 Nov

Community Notices

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**



Gayndah Rotary and Community
will launch
Christmas in Gayndah
Thursday, 16th November

- ★ Santa will make his first appearance of the season at 6pm
- ★ Lighting of the Christmas tree on the Court House lawn at 7:30pm
- ★ Launch of the 'Stop and Shop' Local Passport Competition Sponsored by Mundubbera Community Bendigo Bank
- ★ Businesses open for extended trading
- ★ Christmas Carols throughout the night
- ★ Bring your chair or picnic blanket and enjoy a family dinner. Food shops will be open to grab your take aways
- ★ First Ham Wheel of the year

It will be fun
It will be festive
Christmas time is here!

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FETE
FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER FROM 5PM

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

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**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