



St Joseph's Primary School Gayndah

2017 Term Four

Week Nine

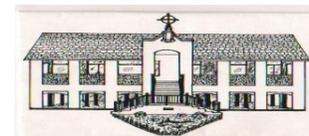
Newsletter Date

Wednesday
29 November 2017



Hi Everyone

Principal's Letter to Parents



Well I don't think we could fit much more into two weeks but overall I have loved every minute. It is normally at this time of year that students find it difficult to maintain the high level of effort and support for one another given just how busy everyone has been. However I can't thank the students and their parents enough for the way in which we have finished the year in fine form!

Below I have placed our Annual Goals for 2017. I have highlighted the elements yellow that we have accomplished throughout the year. Based on feedback from staff, students and parents the goal setting processes has been developed for 2018 so that when the new leadership team begins there will be a structure in place that can be refined and developed heading into next year. While I am really happy with the progress our students are making in Mathematics, I haven't highlighted the goal relating to Mathematics given that we haven't had the opportunity to fully invest in a review and realignment of school wide mathematical practices.

Excellent Learning and Teaching	Strong Catholic Identity	Building a Sustainable Future
<p>St Joseph's Long Term Goal</p> <p>Our Community Model for Learning and Teaching drives the successful implementation of effective teaching practices across the whole school. Ensuring we uphold the highest standard of learning experiences for all students.</p> <p>St Joseph's Goals for 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Attain goals set as part of the School Critical Challenge relating to reading. ❖ Continue to review and develop mathematical school wide practices. ❖ Develop consistent school wide practices relating to writing through pre and post assessment, professional development in the writing tool and regular moderation in school and with St Joseph's Childers. ❖ Link the 'Learning Mountain' language of learning holistically to each area of learning as a 'Journey'. 	<p>St Joseph's Long Term Goal</p> <p>As a community of faith built upon the foundations of the Good Samaritan tradition, the Benedictine values will be embedded throughout the school.</p> <p>As a community of believers staff and students are engaged in spiritual formation and professional development that is cohesive and driven by the best practices and processes.</p> <p>As a community of learners staff and students embrace an embedded religion curriculum that that promotes knowledge, deep understanding and skills about the Catholic and broader Christian tradition.</p> <p>St Joseph's Goals for 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Develop a school wide program that unpacks the Good Samaritan Sisters, The Benedictine Values, Lourdes and Fatima and the history of our school to be taught at the beginning of each year. ❖ Continue to involve staff in the Catching Fire Program. ❖ Further develop our school wide scope and sequence for learning and teaching of Religion. 	<p>St Joseph's Long Term Goal</p> <p>St Joseph's has established contemporary, management, learning environments and use of resources that enable the best learning experiences to exist for all students as a result of long term planning. Ensuring that all members of our community are well informed and supported in the decision making processes relating to technology, school systems, health and wellbeing</p> <p>St Joseph's Goals for 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Share the St Joseph's Educational Brief with all key stakeholders. ❖ Begin planning with Bloc Architecture around school Master Plan and building phases and classroom environments ❖ Laptop 1 to 1 for students from year 3-6

Finally Brooke, the girls and I would love to take some time to say thank you for the way in which the school and wider community have come to make us feel so at home. I realise that school holidays are busy time and families often shoot away however we couldn't leave without one last chance to catch up (no Brisbane conversations though). We would love to invite everyone in the community to join us for the afternoon on Sunday the 10th at 2pm at 5 Fielding Street. Everyone is welcome and we will take care of the snacks and nibbles if everyone could bring a chair and drinks that would be greatly appreciated. If I don't have the opportunity to see each of you on Friday I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable break. I won't say goodbye, just see you soon.

Many thanks

Sincerely

Ben



From the APRE

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of the year already! The last few weeks have been a whirlwind full of wonderful events and activities, so I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break.

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, which is the Church's season to prepare for the birth of Christ. A common practice in the Catholic Church for this season of preparation is the Advent Wreath that includes four candles. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays of Advent. The colour to symbolise Advent is purple, and Advent is seen as a time for preparation, anticipation and hope.

Christmas will be upon us before we know it! While it can be easy at this time of year to get caught up in the hype of Christmas trees, presents, food and parties, it is important to take the time to remember what the Christmas season is truly about – the birth of Jesus. We have captured this in our hay bale outside the school, which features a nativity scene. Thank you to the talented Mrs Colvin and Mrs Roth for their hard work in putting this together.

This week, we farewell 5 of our staff, four of whom are moving on to be closer to family members. Thank you to Mrs Colvin, Miss Melville, Mrs Warwick and Mr Gray for all that they have brought to our school community in their time here. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. In particular, I would like to personally thank Ben for his amazing work at this beautiful school. I have felt privileged to work alongside him for the past two years, and I am deeply grateful for all that I have learnt from him and for all he does each day for all of us.

All the best to our Year 6 students and their families, particularly those whose final child is leaving St Joseph's. May the spirit of St Joey's remain strong in you, and may you always treasure your time at this beautiful school.

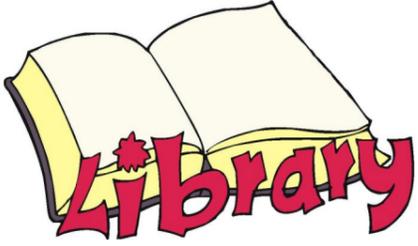
Please join us at mass tomorrow at 11am, to conclude the year and farewell those who are moving on. The school year will conclude at 12 noon after mass tomorrow, and school will recommence for 2018 on Tuesday 23 January.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your kindness, friendship and support over my two years here. I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of my time in Gayndah, and it is with great sadness that I move on from our beautiful school community. I wish all of you the very best for the future, and look forward to catching up when I come back to visit!



God bless,
Amy.

I hope that you have a happy and holy Christmas, and that 2018 brings many great things for each of you.



*A reminder that all home readers and library books are to be returned to the library by the end of the school year. We are having some big changes to the shelving so would appreciate all books be returned as soon as possible. Have a wonderful Christmas break and remember...
Keep Reading!!*

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**“In All Things
Glorify God”**

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

**Term 1: Tuesday
23 January to
Thursday 29
March (10
weeks)**

**Term 2: Tues-
day 17 April to
Friday 29 June
(11 weeks)**

**Term 3: Tuesday
17 July to Friday
21 September
(10 weeks)**

**Term 4: Tues-
day 9 October
to Friday 7 De-
cember (9
weeks)**

**Uniform shop will be
open on Thursday 18
and Friday 19 January
2018**

**From all the staff at
St Joseph's Primary
School
we wish you a very
Merry Christmas and a
safe and happy
New Year!**

Community Notices

Photography Workshops (School Holiday Fun) - By Hamilton-Barr Images

- Learn the techniques and skills of taking: Portrait and Nature Photos

Tuesday, December 19 – Grades 5/6; **Wednesday, December 20** – Grades 7/8/9

or

Thursday, December 21 – Grades 10/11/12

- Learn the techniques and skills of Landscape Photography

Tuesday, January 9 – Grades 5/6; **Wednesday, January 10** – Grades 7/8/9 or

Thursday, January 11 – Grades 10/11/12

Rose Hamilton-Barr has a Positive Blue Card for working with young people and parents are welcome to attend. Students will receive a hand out from the workshops.

Where: Back Garden, 17 Elliott Street, North Gayndah

Times: 3pm to 6pm for each workshop

Phone or Text: Rose on 0428 612 215; Limited places are available for each date.

Cost: \$20 per student

Please bring: A mobile phone, Point & Shoot or SLR or DSLR camera and lens



XMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP THIS SAT 12-2PM

Gayndah Art Gallery Verandah

\$10 per child - all materials supplied

Primary school to grade 10 age

cards, felt ornaments & other crafts.

Bookings by Friday to Rachel: 0427 551 973



Expressions of interest: - HOLIDAY DRAMA GAMES WORKSHOP

SAT 20 JAN - 6PM

GAYNDAH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE

AGES 8 TO 21

Cost \$10 per participant (or \$15 for 2 siblings)

Enq: Rachel 0427 551 973

ICE CREAM STALL!

Saturday 9th December an unimaginable, incredible ice-cream stall is coming to the Carols Evening on the oval selling for only \$2. This money will go towards granting access to students next year, who have the chance to go to Canberra.




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