Dear Parents/Carers and Members of St Joseph’s Community,

What a whirlwind! It’s hard to believe that my six weeks of leave have come to an end. We had a fabulous family holiday, visiting many different places across America and some of Canada. Travelling to other parts of the world and seeing how others live, really makes you appreciate how lucky we are to live in Australia.

I was very excited to meet my twin at Disneyland!

It was also great to be welcomed back with the smiles and “Hello Mr Cran” from the children and staff.

Yesterday, our teachers joined with the staff of St Patricks Nanango, St Joseph’s Gayndah and St Mary’s Kingaroy, in order to work through the CTJ process. The aim of the day is to ensure that teacher based judgements of student progress are compatible and in line with other schools. I am very proud to say that the work samples from the students of St Joseph’s were at the same standard as other students in Catholic schools in our area. I thank the teachers for providing great teaching and learning opportunities for our students.

It was great to be able to offer our School Officers professional development this year. Our School Officers worked with Ms Tessa Hobbs from Brisbane Catholic Education, who provided them with information on the differences between working with students who have Learning Difficulties and Learning Disabilities.

We are currently enrolling students in all year levels for 2016. If you know of any families looking to enroll at St Joseph’s, could you please encourage them to contact the office to arrange an interview.

We are looking forward to greeting and meeting our 2016 Prep students on Thursday November 12. Our Orientation morning gives them a chance to get to know the school a little better and become familiar with some of the staff members who will be part of their school days next year. We will also welcome the families of these students as we share with them some of the important aspects of life at St Joseph’s and assist them to be prepared for the start of a big adventure with their children.

Planning for 2016 is well under way. A crucial part of this planning is current and future enrolments. If you are currently planning to leave St Joseph’s, could you please let the office know asap.

I look forward to the busy term ahead!

Greg Cran
Principal
Dear Lord,

Look upon our school family: those with whom we journey each day, and all with whom we wish to unite and work together for the Christian education of the young. We pray that we have the courage and faith to be the water, sun and wind that nourishes our learners, so that they may grow to reach their full potential - as bright and beautiful as blooms. We pray for our students - the future leaders of our world. May they become people of compassion and faith. Lord, extend our vision and work in us each day the miracle of touching hearts amongst all to whom you send us.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

CTJ Day

Welcome to Week 3. This prayer was part of our beautiful gathering on the St Joseph’s Gayndah oval yesterday as we began our CTJ Day. To echo Mr Cran’s newsletter article, I would like to extend my thanks to all teachers and school officers for their dedication, high expectations for our students, and willingness to engage in reflection and feedback with the purpose of helping our students to grow, to nurture their spiritual, intellectual, social and emotional needs, as part of the CTJ Day.

It is an important day of moderation, networking and professional learning which we engage in every year. The Consistency of Teacher Judgement Day (CTJ), where teachers and school officers from schools in our region gathered to share professional practice, to reference our students’ achievement against the Australian Curriculum Standards, to network, to share professional practice and to learn with others. Staff at St Joseph’s Gayndah extended a warm welcome to us and their hospitality was wonderful.

NAP Science Literacy Trial

Future Naplan testing will be delivered in an online mode, and many trials of such a format have begun across Australia. St Joseph’s was selected as a trial school, for our Year 6 students to participate in an online assessment this year. Approximately 14,000 students across Australia have participated in the sample online assessment in October and November 2015. Our thanks to our Year 6 students for their participation in the online trial.

Buddy Mass

Buddy Mass this Friday 23rd October will be with Prep and Year 2.

Wishing everyone a wonderful fortnight,

Celia O’Connor
Acting APRE/CST

Prep and Year 3 had an enjoyable morning at Mrs Dunn’s farm entertaining the residents from Castra with songs and their fete dances. The special guest of the day was Councillor Kathy Duff. Councillor Duff judged the students doing the obstacle course and sashed the winners. Students also completed an orienteering course at the farm.

Also, Last Tuesday Year 3 learnt a new game from the residents at Castra. They can now play carpet bowls and score.
This fortnight in Program Achieve, students continued their study of Persistence.

This week in **Lower Primary**, students have been learning to:
- state the meaning of “persistence” and “lazy”.
- distinguish helpful from unhelpful thoughts.
- state the relationship between encouraging thoughts and persistence.
- explain the meaning of the “Giving Effort” way of thinking and how it can help them to be persistent and not lazy.

Next week the **Lower Primary** students will be learning to:
- state that tasks and activities vary in level of difficulty.
- define the word “impossible.”
- distinguish between difficult and truly impossible tasks.

This week in **Middle Primary**, students have been learning to:
- state the meaning of “persistence.”
- state the relationship between the “Giving Effort” Way of Thinking and persistence.
- the difference between “helpful thoughts” that lead to persistence and “unhelpful thoughts” that lead to giving up.

Next week the **Middle Primary** students will be learning to:
- categorise the difficulty level of different tasks (e.g., easy, hard, impossible).
- state that exaggerating or “blowing up” a task’s difficulty level can cause them to give up too quickly.
- realistically judge the difficulty level of schoolwork.
- state how the “I Can Do It” way of thinking can help them complete difficult tasks.
- state how the “Giving Effort” way of thinking can help them complete difficult tasks.

This week in **Upper Primary**, students have been learning to:
- state the meaning of “persistence.”
- explain that exaggerating the difficulty of a task makes it harder to do.

Next week the **Upper Primary** students will be learning to:
- explain that most successes are due to “effort” and not “luck.”
- explain how the “Giving Effort” way of thinking can help them be more persistent.
- give themselves credit for their successes rather than attributing their successes to luck or ease of task.
Dear Parents and Families:

Remember our Book Fair this Week

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

Hope to see you there!

Book Fair Dates: 20th to 23rd October 2015
Shopping Hours: 8.30am to 3.30 pm

Nell Gutteridge in the Library

Greetings to October Birthday Students

Year 4
Fletch Prendergast 25th
Tytrell Combo 28th

Year 3
Saffron Sandow 8th

Year 6
Jamie Atkins 7th

Students of the Week

Week 1
Prep Ta’Jaylah Willmot
Year 1 Justin Robinson
Year 2 Emily Palmer
Year 3 Kaliarni Button
Year 4 Damon Zelinski
Year 5/6 Tyla-Rose Ciranni & Sheldon Brown

Week 2
Prep Bessie Watcho
Year 1 Dylan Druery
Year 2 Jaime McEffer
Year 3 Sophia Purcell
Year 4 Tytrell Combo-Wragge
Year 5/6 All Year 5/6
STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 2, 2015

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $33/week* on fares to and from school (*$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2015. Late applications cannot be accepted.

MONDAY IS TUCKSHOP DAY
Check your last copy of the Menu to see what can be ordered

P & F
Next P & F Meeting October 22nd in the Administration Block 6pm All Welcome!

Prep Year - 2016 Orientation
To all eligible Prep 2016 children, come and join us for a special getting to know you morning!

When: Thursday, 12th November 2015
Time: 9.30am—11.30am
Place: Prep Building at St. Joseph’s School
What to bring: Something small to eat and drink and remember to bring a hat
Miss Harriet Clevens

Congratulations on
Reaching the Green Level
of your Sight Words.
Well done.

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith?

There will be an enquiry night for any person who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith.

When: Tuesday, 17th November at 7pm in the Parish Office.

Enquiries please contact Fr. Michael Carroll sm 41 681406

ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT FOR UNLICENSED FUNCTIONS PHONE 4168 1406

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Sporting News

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

**CRICKET**

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 3.15PM—4.15PM

(PLEASE BE PROMPT TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT 4.15PM)

FREE AFTERNOON TEA IS PROVIDED

THIS IS A FREE ACTIVITY COME AND JOIN THE FUN

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR A FORM

WANTED

POSTAGE STAMPS

To help the Mary MacKillop International Missions in Peru

All you need to do is send your used postage stamps to school

Cricket season has begun!

Come along and join the fun.

Thursday training from 4-5pm

and four hours of fun on Saturday mornings

**At cricket, we make friends for life**

Why don’t you join us?

Phone Michelle 0413 849988 or Leanne 0438 684705 for details.

Parish Mass Times

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