



Joey's Matters

Weekly Newsletter of St Joseph's Primary School Quirindi

Inclusive Catholic Education

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*"We strive for more
than 12 months growth
in 12 months for all
students"*

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Administration Officer
Mrs Kate Thompson

Finance Officer
Mrs Tracey Klitsch

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School Office Hours

Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:00pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BIG WRITE PARENT NIGHT - Mon 17th June

In week 8 we will be holding another **Parent Evening on Mon 17th June commencing at 6:00pm - 7:00pm** to revisit VCOP strategies but more importantly prepare for our first 'Big Write' which will commence across the school in term 3.

The Tradition Continues

It's always great to celebrate traditions and history of our school and parish and next week will see a huge milestone for Gayus Donoghue who turns 100 next week. The great great grandfather of Charles (Yr 3) and Rosie (Yr 1), Gayus was born and raised in Quirindi and attended St Joseph's, making all his sacraments at St Brigid's Parish. Gayus often shares stories with the family about his days at Joey's and fondly remembers the time he and his mate sketched their names into the brickwork of their classroom (don't get any ideas children). He will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends this weekend. The whole St Joseph's School community wishes Gayus all the best on his 100th Birthday!

First Eucharist 2019

Congratulations to our first Eucharist candidates Abbie Coghill, Charles Lee, Bill Flett, Clancy Flett and Ayden Coward who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 2nd June. A special thank-you to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Canham and our Parish catechists who prepared the children for this Sacrament. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.



**Pupil Free Days next Tuesday 11th June
and Wednesday 12th June as all staff
attend Development days in Tamworth.
Enjoy your 5 day long weekend.**



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Mrs Sarah-Jane Canham - REC scanham@arm.catholic.edu.au

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion recipients who received this special Sacrament for the first time on Sunday. Well done Abbie Coghill, Ayden Coward, Charles Lee and Bill and Clancy Flett. Thank you to the families who were able to join us at this lovely Mass.

Our Confirmation lessons commence on Wednesday 26th June at 3.50pm in the Church Hall. All families with a Confirmation candidate should have received a letter from the Parish regarding this Sacrament. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 11th August at 9.30am. Please contact Miss Bernie Press if you have any questions regarding this Sacrament. Thank you in advance.

SPORTING NEWS Mrs Amanda Bartholomew mbartholomew@arm.catholic.edu.au Mrs Robyn Wilson rwilson3@arm.catholic.edu.au

- Dio Rugby notes will be going home today for children who play and who are interested in attending.

OFFICE NEWS Mrs Kate Thompson - Administration Officer quiadmin@arm.catholic.edu.au Mrs Tracey Klitsch - Finance Officer quifinance@arm.catholic.edu.au

Infants Headlice Alert: Please check your children for head lice and treat accordingly.

A Little Housekeeping

- Please send all administration emails to quiadmin@arm.catholic.edu.au and not to Kate or Tracey's school email addresses. If one of us is away, we can not access change of travel arrangements etc and they may be missed.
- **Finance:** Mrs Klitsch generally works on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 - 3.00pm in her new office next to the front desk, so if you have financial enquiries you can contact her on these days or email quifinance@arm.catholic.edu.au.
- **Staff Meetings:** We usually have our weekly staff meeting on Monday mornings from 8:30 until 8:50 AM.
- All **permission notes** must be returned **2 full days** before events. Any child who does not have permission by the date on the permission note will not be able to attend. We will no longer send reminder notes or sms messages.
- All money must be sent in to school in a clearly marked envelope/zip lock bag with name, activity and class. *All notes/money are to be put into the classroom note trays by your child, first thing in the morning.* School fees **only** may be handed in at the front desk if you are sending cash in.
- Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker collection is on again so please send in any tokens you may have.
- The due date for this Term's fees is Friday, 28th June, 2019 - Week 9.
- All children are to be in full winter uniform now. Please ensure they have a tie on each day. Ties are available from the front office for \$18.00. You can pay via Qkr or cash.

PARENT, TEACHER & FRIENDS sjptfquirindi@gmail.com

The next P,T&F will be held tonight Tuesday the 4th of June.

St Joey's Fundraising events! Please support as many of these events as possible.

All money raised, helps make improvements to our school for your children.

Annual 'Mystery' Movie Night is on **Friday the 14th of June**, at the Royal Theatre with a 6pm start. Tickets are \$5.00 each, available from the front office. The Sutherland family has kindly offered a load of wood as a raffle prize which will be drawn during the movie night. There will be a lucky door prize for one of our mums as well so please make sure you fill in one of these tickets at the door as well. Raffle Tickets have gone home to all families but there are more books available if needed.

Holiday Raffle - \$3000 worth of Travel Vouchers! Drawn on Presentation Night in December.

Tickets are \$5 each and are available from the front office in books of 5 or 10. Please support this fundraiser by collecting a book and selling to family/friends/work colleagues.

CANTEEN will NOT run this week.

Patty Cakes: When making patty cakes or packing food for school please remember we are a **nut free** school.

We also ask that you please refrain from putting lollies etc on cakes.



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TERM 2 DATES

Mass is usually held on Fridays at 9:30am

June

Week 6 - All children to be in Full Winter Uniform

- 3rd Library for all classes
Patty Cakes; Rachel Coward
- 4th Pre-School Visit Y6
P T & F Meeting tonight- Change of date!
- 5th Pillowcase presentation for Y3/4 @ 2pm
- 6th Gymnastics for sports each Thursday
- 7th Mass at 9:30
No Canteen

Week 7

- 10th **Queens Birthday Long Weekend**
- 11th **Pupil Free Day**
- 12th **Pupil Free Day**
- 13th Gymnastics for sports
Year 6 RE Test
- 14th Chess Day at McCarthy
Canteen: Jenni Hird
Movie Night - P T & F fundraiser 6:00pm

Week 8

- 17th Patty Cakes; Jenni Hird
Library for all classes
PARENT BIG WRITE INFORMATION NIGHT 6pm
- 20th Gymnastics
Mrs Klitsch will be in the front office
- 21st Dio Rugby Trials Tamworth
Mrs Klitsch will be in the front office
Canteen - Laura Marheine

Week 9

- 24th **Principal's Tour:** 9am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm, 6pm
Patty Cakes; Laura Marheine
Library for all classes
- 25th **Principal's Tour:** 9am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm, 6pm
- 26th **Principal's Tour:** 9am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm, 6pm
- 27th Gymnastics
- 28th School Fees Due
No Canteen

Week 10 July

- 1st Patty Cakes; Rachel Aspinall
Library for all classes to return books
- 3rd P,T&F Meeting
St Joseph's Got Talent 2pm in the hall
- 5th End Term 2
No Canteen

22nd Term 3 commences

26th Athletics Carnival

Upcoming Pupil Free Days for our School

Tue 11th & Wed 12th June All staff to attend CSO Conference in Tamworth (NB: these two pupil free days are directly after the long weekend.)

Mon 21st Oct- Staff to be trained in Compass



Good for Kids good for life

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Children should be getting a least **60 minutes** of moderate to vigorous activity (that makes them 'huff and puff') across the day.

Limiting the use of small screen recreation to **less than 2 hours per day** can increase the time for children to be physically active. Small screen recreation includes using the computer, small screen games or watching TV.

Some tips to decrease the amount of small screen recreation use include:

- Work out a TV viewing schedule with your child.
- Limit the use of computers during the day time, where your child could be having fun playing outside.
- Lead by example and reduce your own screen time.
- Break up long periods of small screen use as often as possible.



Source: Healthy Kids



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23 May 2019

Rev Vic Ignacio
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Dear Fr Vic,

I am writing to inform you that Sr Therese Conroy will leave Saint Brigid's Parish Quirindi in August 2019 to retire in Tamworth. Sr Therese has been in ministry and resident in the Quirindi Parish for the past 23 years. As you can imagine she is reluctant to leave, however, given her age the time has come for her to have some 'free' time.

This is a challenging time for the Church as the numbers of priests and religious diminish and age. We seem to be constantly faced with increasing needs and the lack of capacity to respond, so it is with deep regret that I need to inform you that we are unable to replace Sister and that the Sisters of St Joseph will need to withdraw from the Quirindi Parish where we have maintained a school or pastoral presence since 1887.

We thank you for your ongoing support of Sr Therese and our Sisters and ask God to grant you every blessing in your Parish and the wider community.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Ellen O'Donoghue rsj
Regional Leader

Reflections on the Gospel

JESUS ASCENDS TO THE FATHER

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he had opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

☞ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

While blessing them, he rose taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / C

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FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you staring here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near

them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

☞ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

(or Alleluia!)

1. All peoples, clap your hands. / cry to God with shouts of joy! / For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear. / great king over all the earth. R.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; / the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. / Sing praise for God, sing praise, / sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.
3. God is king of all the earth. / Sing praise with all your skill. / God is king over the nations; / God reigns on his holy throne. R.

SECOND READING

Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ has entered heaven.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Brendan Byrne, SJ



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Friday 9.00am - 12:00pm

2 June 2019 - The Ascension of the Lord

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Doug Knappion; Barry Hird; John Taylor (New Zealand); Bill Perry; Don Crossman; Esmerita Ignacio (New Zealand).

Deceased: Kai Fitzpatrick; Terry Fitzpatrick.

Anniversary: Ron Carpenter; Connie Taggart; Jean Buckmaster; James Lawson; Pat Ryan; Graham Porter.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.

And for those who are ill:

Phil Williams; Stella Mckernara; Ian Gallagher; Michael Guyer; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigg; Barbara Moore; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Heat; Carmel Sanderson; Michael McCormick; Bill Norman Jnr; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; David Williams; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McLennan; Ivy Taylor; Judy Weston; Jim Lomax; Joan Greenlee; Rosalynn Chan; Julian Carson; and all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Rosters

8/6/19 R: S Canham
EM: Sister Therese, S Canham, P Considine
G: Canham Family
9/6/19 R: P Perkins
EM: Sister Therese, K Sweep, L Gunning
G: M & P Perkins
C: M & P Perkins
9/6/19 HC: Jan (Sister Therese)

Coming Events

Sun 2—9 First Holy Communion
Sun 2—9 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Tues 4 Mass at Eloura at 2.00pm
Sun 4 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 5.00pm at St Joseph's Centre
Sun 9 Philippine Independence Day - Mass at 4.00pm
Sun 30 Peter's Pence Special Collection

The Sacred Liturgy

Quirindi: Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm & Sunday 9.30am

Werris Creek: Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm Carcoona 2nd Sunday at 11.15am

Willow Tree: Mass at 8.00am Sunday Except the 5th Sunday of the Month where it will be 7.30am

Confessions: After Every Mass and Saturday 4.30 - 4.45pm

Weekday Mass Times: Mass at St Brigid's Monday & Tuesday 9.30am; Mass at Werris Creek Wednesday and Thursday at 9.00am; St Brigid's Friday & Saturday at 9.30am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

Before each Mass

Baptisms by arrangement with Parish Priest - any Sunday at 11.30am

The Rosary is said prior to Mass only when there is no Benediction. Anointing on the 3rd Sunday of the Month after Mass

First Holy Communion The Ascension of the Lord



Many blessings and Congratulations to the young, who this weekend receive Jesus Christ, Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. Many thanks to the Teachers, Catechists, Father Vic and the Sacramental Team, who have so generously given of their time and attention. Thanks to the parents who responded to our call to be with their children during this hugely important time of preparation. You are all invited to attend Morning Tea afterwards in the Father Stan Campbell Hall.

Saints to Remember

Charles Lwanga & Companions - Memorial - 3rd
St Boniface - Memorial - 5th
St Norbert & St Marcellin Champagnat - Memorial - 6th

Raffle of a Chemist Voucher will be drawn at Morning Tea on Sunday 7 July 2019.

Planned Giving Those of you who are not yet Planned Givers are invited to join. If you wish to use direct debit for your Planned Giving our Bank account details are as follows:

Account Name: St Brigid's Church Account
BSB No. 082 105 Account Number is 001001457
Please ensure that you write your name on the deposit or email the details to:
stbrigid3@bigpond.com

Philippine Independence Day You are all invited to attend Mass on Sunday 9th June at 4.00pm to Celebrate 121st Philippine Independence Day. Bishop Michael Kennedy and visiting priests will be in attendance.

Sister Therese Conroy RSJ - will be leaving St Brigid's Parish Quirindi in late August 2019 to retire in Tamworth. Sister Therese has been in ministry and residence in the Quirindi Parish for 23 years. The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart have been in the Parish of St Brigid's for over 130 years. Please see the letter attached to the bulletin. It is the end of an era for the Sisters. We thank Sister Therese for all she does in the Parish, noticed and unnoticed.

Father Vic - will be away from 15th June to 15th July 2019. During this time Fr Ross O'Brien will be supplying. Mass times are as follows:

No Mass at St Brigid's on Saturday Evenings
Werris Creek on Saturday Evening at 6.30pm
No Mass at Willow Tree Sunday Mornings
Mass Sunday Morning at St Brigid's at 9.30am

Prayer for Rain

God our loving Father, creator of our earth and of the universe, and all the wondrous elements of nature that sustain your living creatures, we humbly ask you to send us the rain that our country needs so badly at this time, to irrigate our fields, to provide water for our bodily health, to refresh our parched lands, and to extinguish the bush fires. Merciful and generous God, open our eyes to the richness and beauty of your creation and instill in us a deep love for all. Teach us to be wise stewards of your creation so that we may always use them responsibly and protect them from abuse and exploitation. At all times of crisis, dear Lord, move us to share more and to love more. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

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