



# St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 1

Week 6

4th March 2015

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Gospel Action: Being respectful and reverent

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

*Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.*

This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!

Source: Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help

### Reflection Questions

- Q. In what ways is this a 'difficult' story about Jesus?*
- Q. What was Jesus' dream of the way people should be able to relate to God?*
- Q. Are there Church practices today that may be seen as unjust or discriminatory?*
- Q. What everyday forms of injustice exist in your local community?*
- Q. How can you challenge injustice?*

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Joseph's,

Welcome to Week 6. The weather has been beautiful and the children are coming to school very happy and enjoying the learning. It is wonderful to walk around the playground and be welcomed by all the children as they play with their friends. Monday morning assembly is well attended by parents. It is so important to the children if their mum, dad and/or grandparent can come at some time during the year. There have been a few changes to the assemblies in relation to Award's presentation. I thought it would be good to advise parents of the changes in this week's Newsletter:-

Monday Assembly - include the Gospel Action of the Week Awards  
and acknowledgement of Birthdays with Birthday Certificates.

Friday Assembly - Student Weekly Awards (x 2 weeks)  
(Fortnightly Principal Awards  
even weeks)

Photographs are taken of the group of students for each award and included in the Newsletter.

## St Joseph's Schofield's Tea Towel

There is exciting news about a Fundraising venture that Mrs Opdam has been organising over the past few weeks. All the students and staff have drawn their portrait to be included in a St Joseph's Schofields Tea Towel. Communications have been sent out to parents if you are interested in ordering the Tea Towel. If you haven't received the paperwork please contact the school office. An example of the Tea Towel product is currently being displayed in the glass cabinet on the wall as you enter the school playground. A very special thank you to Mrs Opdam for her great idea, gratefully appreciated by all the members of the St Joseph's Community.

## 2015 and 2016 Enrolments

Last Tuesday evening Mrs Delvecchio, Mrs Farhat, Miss Mizzi, Miss Fodra and myself attended the Mary Immaculate Parish Enrolment Information session at the Parish Centre. We were very excited to meet new families and current families wishing to enroll their child at St Joseph's.

St Joseph's Schofields is looking forward to offering a number of opportunities for prospective parents to visit our wonderful school and see how we can contribute to their child's life long learning. We couldn't have planned a better time than 'CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK' to share our learning story.

This year, St Joseph's Schofields will join Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) from 8-14 March.

The theme for CSW 2015 is 'Educating for Today and Tomorrow'. The theme ties in with the 50th anniversary of the Declaration on Christian Education, 'Gravissimum Educationis.' The document recognised the continuing need for the Church to support parents in the education of their children.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing what happens in our classrooms every day.

It is for this reason that I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at St Joseph's Schofields to celebrate with our school and parish community.

Our school will be celebrating by hosting the following events:-

## Catholic Schools Week Liturgy -

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00 pm in the community Space, followed by open classrooms

## St Joseph's Open Day

This is our first 'Open Day', on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

The Open Day will include a number of sessions so parents interested in enrolling at our school can visit the school during learning time.

If you are interested in attending the sessions details are as follows:

Session 1 : 9.30 – 10.30 am

Session 2 : 11.00 – 12.00 pm

Session 3 : 12.00 – 1.00 pm

Session 4 : 1.30 – 2.30 pm

Session 5 : 4.00 – 7.00 pm

Stage 3 students will be tour guides for our Visitors.

To book into a session please ring the **School Office on 9626 1326.**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Engage in Learning Evening

St Joseph's staff offers an opportunity for current parents and parents who are interested in enrolling at St Joseph's to engage and learn strategies in Literacy, Numeracy and Religious Education. Parents will engage in learning experiences that will provide insights to student's learning and curriculum areas. There will be three (3) workshops offered in a rotational basis so all parents can attend all workshop by the close of the evening.

We encourage you to attend the evening on **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March between 6.30pm to 8.00 pm.**

## 2016 Enrolments

Today, Mrs Bowden and myself visited the local Preschool and Day Care centres in the Schofields/Quaker's Hill areas. We delivered pamphlets and posters advertising our first 'Open Day' and additional events offering opportunities to visit our school and see how great our school is for their child.

## Road and Traffic Conditions

This week I met with a representative from the Blacktown Council. I discussed the following concerns:-

arrival and dismissal conditions of traffic in the morning and afternoons.

availability of parking in Alex Avenue

signage – no parking etc

the current and previous pedestrian crossing

The Blacktown Council representative will be investigating the above matters, and contacting the development department at the Council. I look forward to further discussions and will advise our parent community accordingly.

Good luck this week to the students engaging in the Cross Country event at St Joseph's. Many thanks to Mrs Watson and sporting team in preparing the grounds and organisation of events for all students, including opportunities for the infants to be involved in the day.

## Colour Sports Captains

Over the past 18 months there has been some discussions on creating new roles for Sport's Captains and sourcing names for the colour teams. For this year only we have asked students in Year 6 to nominate themselves to be considered to be a Colour Sport's Captain by writing a persuasive letter to the Principal. The letters were received over the last week and the leadership team, Mrs Delvecchio, Mr Atkins, Miss Mizzi and myself discussed the student's letter applications. The letters were well written and each student raised convincing reasons for them to be chosen to fulfil the role of Sport's Captain. The qualities of applications were of a high standard, hence the decision making was a very challenging process.

The students will be inducted in the Catholic Schools Week Liturgy next Monday at 12.00 pm in the Community Space.

## House Names

It is envisaged now that we have Colour Sport's Captains that our school consider names for the colour teams. As a school community we will be investigating the colour team names. It is intended that we investigate names for the colour teams that depict the MacKillop tradition that our school holds dearly to our identity and charism.

## Professional Learning

Over the past two (2) weeks a number of staff have attending Professional Learning in the following areas:

K-2 Reading - attended by Mrs Bates & Mrs Earl.

Early Years Assessment – An observation Survey Session 4 – 6 pm – attended by Miss Fodra.

New Leader's Meeting – Mrs Delvecchio & Mrs Farhat.

Principal's Network Meeting – Mrs Brown

Reading Recovery Training – Mrs Delvecchio

Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Specialist Teacher – Mrs Watson

Ready, Set Go with 1-1 iPads in the Classroom : Online Course - Mr Atkins, Mrs Slater, Mr Adams

On behalf of the students and parents of St Joseph's I wish to thank the above teachers for supporting the school goals and implementation plans in participating in professional learning to improve the learning outcomes for all students and for building their professional learning repertoire.

*Be safe,*

*God Bless*

*Cheryl Brown*

*Principal*

# IMPORTANT DATES

Check out the new calendar on our website!

2015

Term 1

|           |       |            |   |
|-----------|-------|------------|---|
| Week 6    | Fri   | 6th March  | St Joseph's Cross Country   |
|           | Fri   | 6th March  | School Assembly 1.30pm Community Hall S3G Hosting   |
| Week 7    | Mon   | 9th March  | Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 12noon Community Hall followed by lunch with your child and Open classrooms |
|           | Fri   | 13th March | St Joseph's Open day—Welcoming 2016 enrolments  |
| Week 8    | Thurs | 19th March | St Joseph's Day Liturgy 11.00am Community Space   |
|           | Fri   | 20th March | School Disco  |
|           | Fri   | 20th March | School Assembly 1.30pm Community Hall S3B Hosting   |
| Week 10   | Mon   | 30th March | Kindergarten Palm Sunday 1.30pm   |
| Holy Week |       |            |   |
|           | Tues  | 31st March | Year 1 Last Supper 1.30pm   |
|           | Wed   | 1st April  | Year 2 Praying in the Garden 1.30pm   |
|           | Thurs | 2nd April  | Year 3 & 4 Good Friday 1.30pm   |



## Kindergarten 2016

We are now accepting Enrolment application forms for Kindergarten 2016. Interviews are being arranged for May & June. If you have a child or know of a child who will be 5 or turning 5 by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and the parents are interested in becoming part of the St Joseph's community, you can pick up an enrolment package from the school office.



### Second Hand uniform Shop

Open Monday and Thursday mornings 8.30am or contact Tina on 0417457417

### Important Information

**EMAIL.** The school sends most notes and all newsletters home via email. Newsletter and updates are sent weekly. If you do not receive an electronic copy of this newsletter today then you will miss out on receiving important information in the future. You may also need to check your spam folder in case we are delivered to it. Should your email change or you stop receiving weekly newsletters please contact the school office immediately.

**SKOOLBAG APP.** Please take the time to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just look for our school name "St Joseph's Primary, Schofields" in the Apple App Store for iPhone" or Google Play Store for Android. This is an important form of our communication that is used regularly.

**FACEBOOK.** Like us on Facebook to follow what's happening in the St Joseph's community.

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## **Writing**

Last week at our Professional Learning meeting, the teachers brought along their students' writing samples to be analysed. The writing sample was about 'My Favourite Things'. All students in the school K- 6 had to write about their favourite things. Each teacher had to select three students' writing samples from their class that they will be tracking all year across a literacy continuum in terms of writing, vocabulary and phonics. This is done each term.

This gave the teachers a great opportunity to see where their students are working along the continuum and where they have to take their students to meet the criteria for their grade or beyond. It generated great discussion about what the students were doing well and what areas we need to focus on in our teaching.

This week, the teachers will track a larger sample of their class to get a snapshot of where their class is working along this continuum of learning and what areas of need they will need to target.

## **Early Years Assessment and Reading**

Over the last week our Kindergarten and Year 1 teachers have been involved in a range of courses on reading and Early Years Assessment. Many teachers attended these courses during school hours and after school hours.

At these sessions, the teachers looked at administering and analysing aspects of the Early Years Assessment which gives them valuable data about the students' reading. This data is used for planning and for our data wall.

As a staff, we are continually looking at writing, reading and mathematics data on our data wall as a way of tracking students progress and the effectiveness of our teaching. If we notice that a student is not making expected progress, despite all efforts by the teacher, they are referred to Case Management in which a team of teachers, specialist teachers and leaders discuss the student and provide useful strategies that the classroom teacher can implement. These students are monitored over a 6 week period.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education is a subject that is taught each day in Catholic Schools. It is considered an academic subject and treated with the same intensity in terms of planning, teaching and assessing as all other Key Learning Areas.

As part of our formation goal - To deepen the student's knowledge of scripture, the teachers have been looking at ways of modifying their teaching so as to deepen that the students' knowledge and understanding of scripture and its implications in our life.

To support the teachers, Carmen Cassar our Religious Education Teaching Educator will be working with our staff during their planning time over the next two weeks.

## **i-Learn**

Last week the Year 3 and Stage 3 teachers attended a one day Professional learning session on effectively integrating the i-pads in the classroom as part of the Bring Your Own Nominated Device project. They will also be completing an on-line course to further develop their skills and knowledge.

Regards

Joanna Delvecchio  
Assistant Principal

# FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR



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*Quakers Hill - Schofields*

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## Sacramental Program First Eucharist 2015

### *Children Year 4 and Older*

\*Enrolment forms will need to be collected from the Parish Office prior to the Information and Registration Evening, and submitted with payment on the night.\*

26<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday Information and Registration Evening

23<sup>rd</sup> April 7:30pm – Thursday Parents Only Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May - Saturday or Sunday Enrolment Masses (Sat 6pm and Sun 9am ONLY)

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May - Saturday or Sunday First Class

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May - Saturday or Sunday Second Class

14<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm - Thursday Practice Evening

16<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> May - Saturday to Sunday First Eucharist (Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 11am and 6pm ONLY)

23<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> May - Saturday to Sunday Certificate Masses (Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 10.30am and 6pm ONLY)

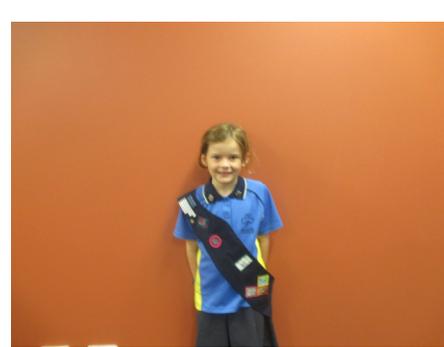
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## Assembly Awards

| Student of the Week—Week 3 | Student of the Week—Week 4 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kaiden Bryce               | Ashlee Gosling             |
| Daniel Prior               | Noah Blanchard             |
| Madeline Scott             | Cameron Grima              |
| Ty Opdam                   | Charlie Kresan             |
| Aiko Granada               | Taylor Bryce               |
| Michael Butjerevic         | Sienna Vella               |
| Ashley Ting                | Erin Whiteley              |
| Sophia Ling                | Braidyn Collins            |
| Ella Stewart               | Corey Ritchie              |
| Samuel Griffin             | Abagael Horvath            |
| Lily Platten               |                            |
| Lya Outschoorn             |                            |



| Gospel Values Award Week 4 | Gospel Values Award Week 5 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Matthew Every              | Lachlan Vella              |
| Hunter Sultana             | Cohen Gregory              |
| Kazika Jeyakumar           | Lucy Barnsley              |
| Alaina Sreepathi           | Fizah Razvi                |
| Imogen Tollis              | Elijah Rillera             |
| Maddison Saulle            | Hayley Hogbin              |
| Natalia Papallo            | Rhys Sultana               |
| David Elias                | Kaitlyn Chapman            |
| Justice Lowe               | William Hart               |
|                            | Jasper McLaughlin          |
|                            | Daniel Montebello          |
|                            | Sarah Said                 |



Justice Lowe  
2014 Mary MacKillop Award  
K-6 Gold

Jarrold Farrugia  
2014 St Joseph's Award  
Whole School

Isabella Pafumi in her  
Girl Guides Uniform  
Celebrating World  
Thinking Day

# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOFIELDS

STUDENT TOURS

MEET AND GREET

## OPEN DAY

CLASSROOM VISITS

## FRIDAY

BRING THE CHILDREN

## 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

B.B.Q AT 5.30 PM

## 10 AM

JUMPING CASTLE  
12.00 – 6.00PM

## TO

## 7.00 PM

Contact the school office to book in

Phone 9626 1328

|                |                 |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sessions times | 9.30 – 10.30am, | 11.00 – 12.00pm |
| 12.00 – 1.00pm | 1.30 – 2.30pm   | 4.00 – 7.00 pm  |

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# St Joseph's Primary School Schofields

Principal Cheryl Brown  
School Phone: 9626 1328 Fax: 9626 3066

27<sup>th</sup> February 2015

## St Joseph's Cross Country

Dear Parents,

We are having our annual Cross Country on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

The children will participate in their own age groups, except for 8&9 years as they will run together. The Infants ( Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2) will be at 12noon. Below is the timetable for the day.

| <b>Primary Timetable</b>   |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Beginning at 8:45  | 8/9 Years Girls |
|  | 8/9 Years Boys  |
|  | 10 Years Girls  |
|  | 10 Years Boys   |
|  | 11 Years Girls  |
|  | 11 Years Boys   |
|  | 12 Years Girls  |
|  | 12 Years Boys   |
| <b>Infant Timetable</b>  |                 |
|  | 12 noon onwards |
| Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their Cross Country on the oval. |                 |

In the Primary Cross Country, the age groups are made of the children who are turning that age in 2015.

To make sure the day runs smoothly, we need parents' assistance in the Primary Cross Country Only. The role of the parent helpers will be supervising the children as they run the Cross Country course around the school and to be a time keeper.

If you have completed the Child Protection Course in 2014 or 2015 and would like to help, please fill in the form below and send it back to the Office by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

All parents and friends are welcomed to come along and cheer on the students on the oval.

Thank you

Anne Watson  
Sports Co-ordinator

Cheryl Brown  
Principal

### **Cross Country**

I am able to assist at the Cross Country, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Please meet Mrs Watson at 8.30 am in the Community Space.

I have the Child Protection Course in 2014 or 2015.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

Anne Watson

Cheryl Brown