



# St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



**Term 1**

**Week 4**

**17 February 2016**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Week 4	Thurs 18th February	Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival
	Fri 19th February	Whole School Assembly 1.30pm Community Space
Week 5	Tues 23rd February	Parent Helper Information Session 1.30pm Community Space
	Tues 23rd February	Enrolment 2017 Information Evening 7pm Mary Immaculate Parish
	Fri 26th February	Diocesan Swimming Carnival Welcome BBQ new families 6.30pm

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lk 11:29-32

While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment, the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."

*Something greater than Solomon here.*

Solomon was known for his wisdom in administration and prowess for the building of the temple in Jerusalem. Jonah's preaching brought conversion to the Ninevites.

Jesus claims that he is greater than Solomon and Jonah, Solomon built the temple of Jerusalem, but Jesus himself is the temple ( cf Jn 2:21 ). Jonah preached repentance, but Jesus brings salvation by offering his life for the forgiveness of our sins.

"Son of Man" signifies Jesus' nature: he is a human being like us and at the same time he is divine, to whom dominion, glory, and kingship are given; all nations and peoples serve him, his dominion is everlasting, and his kingship shall not be destroyed ( cf Dn 7:13f ). Jesus himself, the Son of Man, is the sign of God's love for us, the sign of God's presence among us. Jesus should indeed be the Lord of our life.

*List down some signs of Jesus' presence and manifestations of his love in your life.*



Source: 366 Days with the Lord 2016

**Week 5 GOSPEL ACTION—Listening to Jesus**



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Last Friday, Fr Ruben celebrated the Beginning of the School Year Mass. In his homily he talked about the importance of being merciful to others, particularly in this year of Mercy. Fr Ruben emphasized three (3) ways to help us to be merciful to others:-

***Be Kind.*** He encouraged us to act tenderly, joyously, helpfully, gently and be a good natured person.

***Be careful with your actions.*** If we are carrying anger, stress, worry for example, be careful not to take it out on others. The holy Scripture tell us to love others. Love does no harm to its neighbor. We are not to hurt others physically or emotionally. Words do hurt people. Think before you say something to hurt someone's feelings. Not only words said directly to the person, but words said when that person is not around.

***Give everyone the benefit of the doubt.*** When we hear something negative about others or we're suspicious about the motive for their actions, let's stop before we judge their intentions as wrong or bad. Let's give them the benefit of the doubt.



Pope Francis declared this year to be a Jubilee Year of Mercy, a time to extend mercy to others through both acts of forgiveness and care for those who are poor or most in need. We also know ourselves to be in need of mercy as sinners. My favorite definition of mercy is that of my colleague Jim Keenan, SJ, who says that mercy is the willingness to enter into the chaos of another.

In this **Year of Mercy**, we are being asked to work for reconciliation in our families, friendships, and communities.

What, though, can we do when another refuses to reconcile despite our best attempts? While the situation is imperfect, it can still be an opportunity for growth and for love. Here are a few ideas for how to respond.

### **1. Let go and hand over the situation to God.**

We can never control another person's actions. Part of genuine reconciliation is to recognize the dignity of another person and their freedom to respond or not to respond, as she or he sees fit.

### **2. Accept God's forgiveness.**

As good as it might be to hear expressions of forgiveness directly from a person whom we have offended, God is always waiting to extend forgiveness and love. Going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation can help to restore peace to our souls. God's love is unconditional even when human love is conditional.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### 3. Let the land lie fallow.

Among the practices associated with the jubilee year in the Hebrew Scriptures was allowing fields to lie fallow, i.e., not to plant so that they could have some rest and produce better in another year. Perhaps everyone involved in a damaged relationship needs time to process and to heal. Genuine reconciliation cannot be rushed and may take a very long time. In prayer, God can help us see what we need to see, and to heal where we need to heal.

### 4. Forgive yourself.

Sometimes seeking **forgiveness** from another is really about an inability to forgive oneself. I regularly visit a prison, and while I find it relatively easy to believe that God forgives others even for the most serious of crimes, forgiving myself is much harder. Yet it is often only when we can love ourselves with our faults and failings that we love the way that God loves us, as we already are: human. We are broken and sinful, but also beautiful in our brokenness. Sin does not make us unworthy of love.

### 5. Be the prodigal father.

When we think of mercy, it is easy to want to be the prodigal son or daughter who receives mercy. But Henri Nouwen, in *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, writes that we are also called to be the prodigal father. Part of Christian maturity is to learn that we are also the merciful parent, and not only the needy child. We are called not only to receive mercy, but also to be its bearers. Who is in need of our forgiveness? Who yet needs our mercy? And we may find in extending **mercy** to others that we find the very love and mercy for which we were looking.

How else can you work for reconciliation in your family, friendships, and community?

*Image: "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Rembrandt van Rijn [public domain], via Wikimedia Commons. View the [Arts & Faith: Lent video reflection](#) on this artwork.*

Last week, the St Joseph's School community gathered together to celebrate the Beginning of the School Year Mass and induction ceremony for the 2016 School Leaders.

School Captains	Lyacristabel Outschoorn	Darcy Lynch		
Vice Captains	Juliana Murace	Maddison Cauchi	Jai Ellims	Aaron Rillera
House Captains	Penola MacKillop Tenison Fitzroy	Sharmaine Santos & Daniel Lizzio Samuel Griffin & Jasmine Chidgey Matthew Cremona & Amber Bagaric Eddie Watts & Natasha Grima		

Congratulations to all student

Regards

Cheryl Brown  
Principal

### Parent Helper Information Session

Tuesday 23rd February 1.30pm Community Space.

If you wish to help out in the classroom or around the school you will need to come along to this session.

### School Photo Day—Wednesday 16th March

Envelopes are coming home this week. Please complete and return to school with correct money prior to Photo day. All students to be neat and tidy in full summer uniform.  
Sibling envelopes are available from the office.



## CALENDAR OVERVIEW

**2016**

**Term 1**

Week 4	Thurs	18th February	Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival
	Fri	19th February	Whole School Assembly 1.30pm Community Space
Week 5	Tues	23rd February	Parent Helper Information Session 1.30pm Community Space
	Tues	23rd February	Enrolment 2017 Information Evening 7pm Mary Immaculate Parish
	Fri	26th February	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
			Welcome BBQ new families 6.30pm
Week 6	Fri	4th March	Whole School Assembly 1.30pm Community Space
Week 7	Tues	8th March	St Joseph's Open Day Enrolments for 2017
	Wed	9th March	School Cross Country
Week 8	Wed	16th March	School Photos
	Thurs	17th March	St Patricks' Day in class liturgy
	Fri	18th March	St Joseph's Feast Day Mass 12noon
			Whole School Assembly 1.30pm Community Space
	Sun	20th March	Palm Sunday
Week 9	Mon	21st March	Kindy Palm Sunday Liturgy 1.30pm
Holy Week			
	Tues	22nd March	Year 1 Last Supper Liturgy 1.30pm
	Wed	23rd March	Year 2 Praying in the Garden 1.30pm
	Thurs	24th March	Year 3/4 Good Friday Liturgy 1.30pm
	Fri	25th March	Good Friday Public holiday
	Sun	27th March	Easter Sunday
Week 10	Mon	28th March	Easter Monday Public holiday
	Tues	29th March	Stage 3 Resurrection liturgy 1.30pm
	Thurs	31st March	Stage 3 Canberra Trip
	Fri	1st April	Stage 3 Canberra Trip
			Whole School Assembly
Week 11	Fri	8th April	Last Day of Term 1



### School Fees Statement

Term 1 School Fees statements were posted to your home last week. Due to Australia Post's delivery times changing, there may be a delay in some parents receiving their Term 1 statements later than usual. This could be an extra 1-3 business days in most cases.

Parents should be reminded that all fees are due 7th March 2016.



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### UNSW COMPETITIONS

A note went home last week regarding the UNSW competitions that are run each year. This is an optional assessment that you may like your child from Year 3 – 6 to complete. We are holding the following assessments on the following dates at 7.30 am in the Library.

#### Competition Dates

Digital Technology	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Science	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
English	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August
Mathematics	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August

The cost for each assessment is \$8.00. If you didn't receive your note, there is one attached to the newsletter. Please return your note with payment to the office by MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH.

### ATTENDANCE

School attendance is not only mandatory, it is vital to student learning. Students who are absent from school, whether it is a full day or part of the day, may be disadvantaged in their learning progress and ongoing development. To maximise the benefits of education for all students, schools are required to follow legislative requirements of the Education Act 1990, to monitor student attendance effectively. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part and whole day absences.

At St Josephs we will be monitoring school attendance each week. Please ensure that you send in a note explaining your child's absence any time they are away. Failure to do so after 7 days means that your child will be marked absent without reason. The teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal may contact you if we are concerned with your child's attendance at school.

If you require longer leave, please follow the following guidelines.

**1-9 days absence:** Parents **must** notify the school principal by **mail or email (in written form)** .

**10-99 days absence:** Parents must complete and submit the **Application for Extended Leave** form prior to commencing leave OR apply for extended leave in writing to the principal directly. If approved, the Principal issues a **Certificate of Extended Leave**. If the principal declines this application (i.e it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming from the school. The certificates are attached to the letter of extended leave or application form .

### CASE MANAGEMENT

At St Josephs we provide opportunities for teachers to bring forward a student that is concerning them after they have tried out different strategies in the classroom. Case Management is a forum for the discussion of student work as data, in a case-by-case approach. The focus of the conversation is on providing the teacher with support to best meet the needs of that student. The teacher, learning support teacher, Literacy or Numeracy lead teacher and the principal or assistant principal collaboratively work together to problem solve and find the best strategies for these children. Learning needs are identified and goals are set with strategies to meet those goals. The teachers meet every fortnight to monitor the progress of the student.



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### HOUSE COLOURS

At the last Assembly, the house colours captains officially launched their house colours and its significance to St Josephs. I have included some information as to why the following house colours have been selected at our school.

St Josephs is a Josephite school. Mary Mackillop started the Sister's of St Josephs, also known as the Josephite Sisters, named after St Joseph, Jesus' earthly father.

To honour Mary Mackillop, we have chosen our House colours based on Mary Mackillop, significant places and people in her life.

**RED – MacKillop** – As a Josephite School, we Honour Mary Mackillop who started the Sister's of St Joseph and opened the first St Joseph's school in Penola in 1866.

**BLUE** - Penola is the name of the Blue house colour. This is the place where Mary Mackillop and Father Julian Tenison Wood, co-founded the Sister's of St Josephs in 1866. Mary Mackillop started her mission as a Sister of St Joseph and opened her first St Joseph's school with Father Tennison Woods in his Parish of Penola so that the poor children could get an education.

**YELLOW- TENISON** – Father Julian Tenison Wood helped Mary Mackillop start the Sister's of St Josephs and worked with her to open the school in Penola for the poor children.

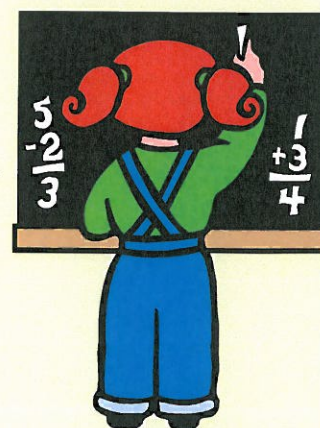
**GREEN – FITZROY** – This is the place in Melbourne where Mary Mackillop was born in 1842.

Joanna Delvecchio

Assistant Principal

### 2017 Enrolment Information Meeting Tuesday 23 February, 2016 - Mary Immaculate Parish 7:00pm

If you are seeking enrolment for 2017 please come along and if you know of any other families who may be interested in enrolling at our school, please bring them with you. An enrolment package will be handed out at the meeting.



### St Joseph's Open Day for 2017 Enrolments

Principal Presentation and School Tours

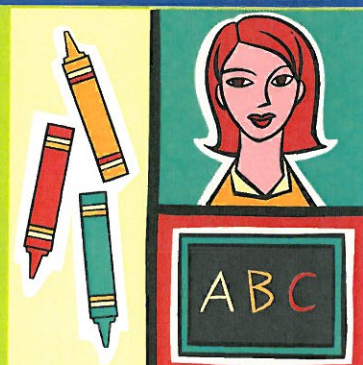
Tuesday 8th March

Session Times 9.30-10.30

11.00-12.00

12.00-1.00

Book your session through the School office ph 9626 1328





## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

### Student of the Week—Week 2

Cooper Barnsley
Sehansa DeAlwis
Lexie Beacroft
Noah Blanchard
Luke Sultana
Leah Lowe
Jessica Khov
Callum Ritchie
Jasmine Chidgey
Charlotte Feather
Cristiano Petrocco
Charlotte Grima
Corey Ritchie



### Gospel Value —Week 3

Rachel Elias
Charlie Carrier
Ryan Thomas
Ashlee Gosling
Suhanee Patel
Kyah Morris
Fraser McLaughlin
Nicholas McAuliffe Turner
Jade Lennox
Rhys Sultana
Laurie Spiteri
Taeya Hogbin
Madison Ozman

### Gospel Value— Week 4

Antonia Bonilla
Carly Powell
Evangeline Cvetanovski
Joseph Blanchard
Angelique Goupy
Cameron Attard
Sierra Griffin
Samira Alcasas
Billy O'Brien
Ishita Sreepathi
Cameron Brooks
Malcolm Pujado





## NEED TO KNOW

Book club— -Has closed no further orders can be accepted.



Playgroup cancelled due to water damage hopefully all will be repaired soon.  
Watch this space for updates...



Student Banking Wednesday mornings 8.30

Reminder Welcome dinner for New Families— Rsvp's need to be returned for catering purposes.

Please do not enter the car park if you do not have a parking permit



Baulkham Hills Hawks AFL -Are looking for New Players to join there successful club. Open to all girls and boys from ages 3-17 years old. All games are played on Sundays and uniforms are provided. Hawks will also be hosting a GWS ( greater Western Sydney Giants ) afternoon at the home ground Charles McLaughlin Reserve, Crestwood this Thursday 18th February 3:30 till 6pm with players from the team coming down to kick with the kids. If you would like to register please contact Kylie Stanmore 0406 270 372 or Kylie Small 0415 311 752.

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Thursday mornings 8.30-9.00am or contact Tina on 0417457417 we have plenty of stock and would be excellent as a spare uniform or one to place in your child's bag in case of an accident.



### Meal Deal - \$5.00

Deal 1	Deal 2
❖ Egg & Lettuce Sandwich	❖ Chicken Fingers
❖ Bottle of Water	❖ Juice Popper
❖ Piece of Fruit	❖ Torpedo Ice Block





Available from 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 11<sup>th</sup> March





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10<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

## ICAS – International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

For over 20 years, Educational Assessment Australia of the University of New South Wales has been conducting the International Competitions and Assessments for schools. ICAS form the largest independent assessment program for schools in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, India, South Africa, Hong Kong, China and the Pacific region.

St Joseph's would like to invite students from Years 3-6 with interest or skills in any of the following subject areas to participate. These competitions provide challenge and enrichment for students and comprehensive feedback for parents and teachers. Children who receive a Credit grade or above will be presented with their certificates at assembly. There is a small entry fee of \$8.00 for each competition. The competitions will also be held **before school commencing at 7.30am** to minimise disruption to class lessons.

### Competition Dates

- Digital Technology Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Science Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May
- English Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August
- Mathematics Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August

To enter your child, please complete the slip below and return with payment to the office by **MONDAY 21st MARCH.**

Kind Regards,

Joanna DelVecchio  
Assistant Principal

Cheryl Brown  
Principal

### ICAS

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
to enter into the following competition(s). Please clearly mark which competition your child will be entering.

Please tick	Competition	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	\$8.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mathematics	\$8.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	English	\$8.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Technology	\$8.00
Total Cost		

I have enclosed the total amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_