



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 1

Week 5

22 February 2017

THE WEEK AHEAD

Term 4

<i>Week 5</i>	<i>Thur 23</i>	<i>Open Afternoon/ February Evening John Paul II</i>
	<i>Fri 24</i>	<i>Swimming February Diocesan Carnival</i>
	<i>Sat 25</i>	<i>Open Day 10:30 February -2:30 Family Picnic 12:00-1:00</i>
<i>Week 6</i>	<i>Tue 28</i>	<i>Shrove February Tuesday / Pancake Day</i>
	<i>Wed 1 Mar</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday Whole School Assembly Stage 3 Gold Hosting</i>
<i>Week 7</i>		<i>Catholic Schools Week</i>
	<i>Tue 7 Mar</i>	<i>Open Classrooms 11:30-1:00</i>

This Weeks Newsletter

From the Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Sports Updates

From the Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

What a shame that the weather was so stormy on Friday and the welcome picnic had to be cancelled. We have another opportunity to picnic together this Saturday as it is the first of our open days and we have hired a jumping castle for the day. It seems a shame to waste a good jumping opportunity- we after all the Jumping Joeys! I hope to see you then along with many of our teachers who will be there too. Your child may also like to be an ambassador on the day, either before 12 or after 1. Ambassadors will have some practice greeting visitors and showing them an example of how we learn at St Joseph's. All Ambassadors will wear a special lanyard and be rewarded for their school spirit. They won't need to wear uniform. They will be supervised by an adult and you are welcome to join them in the classroom too. It looks like the weather will be fine on that day.

A letter is also going home today to ask for volunteers to drop a flyer about our open days into letter boxes in your street and we also have been given permission to hand out flyers at the Ponds and Stanhope shops on Thursday afternoon.

Thankyou to our parents in Kindergarten and Year 1 who are helping support the teachers settle our youngest students into their morning routine. A friendly reminder to all that children must be at school by 8:30. If you arrive after that time your child is marked partially absent for the day as learning begins right from the beginning of the day. In most classes this is a chance to practice independent reading in a quiet settled atmosphere. I know it's hard to park!!! A good idea because of the parking is to arrive with plenty of time to walk from the car. Don't forget our Kiss and Drop which is supervised every morning by a friendly teacher and is a quicker way to drop the kids off once they are independent.

I hope you have been receiving your Skoolbag alerts about the notes that have gone home- as there are many at this time of the year. Lisa our wonderful new secretary now has the clearance needed to put notes on the website and slowly but surely our communication will improve. Please let us know of any black spots in our communication and we can work together to improve it. Feedback is always a good thing.

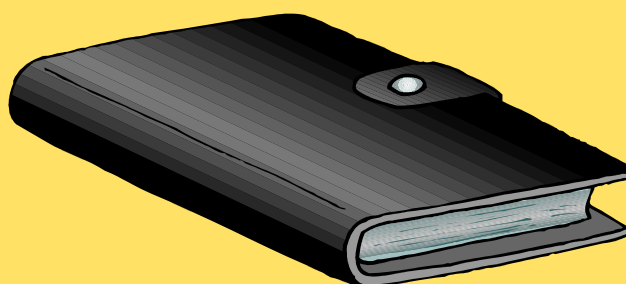
Kind regards,
Lesley Studans
Principal

CALENDAR OVERVIEW

2017

Term 1

Week 5	Thurs	23 February	Open Afternoon/Evening John Paul II
	Fri	24 February	Swimming Diocesan Carnival
	Sat	25 February	Open Day 10:30-2:30 Rescheduled Family Picnic 12:00-1:00
Week 6	Tues	28 February	Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day
	Wed	1 March	Ash Wednesday Whole School Assembly Stage 3 Gold Hosting
Week 7			Catholic Schools Week
	Tues	7 March	Open Classrooms 11:30-1:00
Week 8	Wed	15 March	Whole School Assembly Year 3 hosting
	Fri	17 March	St Patrick's Day in class Liturgy
			School Cross Country
Week 9	Tues	21 March	St Joseph's Feast Day Mass 12noon
	Fri	24 March	Annunciation in Class Liturgy
Week 10	Wed	29 March	Whole School Assembly Stage 3 White Hosting
	Fri	31 March	School Easter Disco (4.45-6pm) (6.15-7.30)
Week 11			Holy Week Activities
	Mon	3 April	Palm Sunday—1.30
	Tues	4 April	Last Supper— 1.30
	Wed	5 April	Praying in the Garden— 1.30
	Thurs	6 April	Good Friday—1.30
	Fri	7 April	Easter Hat Parade / Easter Raffle



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

How was your day at school today?

Here are two more questions that you can ask your child to prompt a great conversation about their day.

1. When did you feel proud of yourself today? What made you feel so proud?
2. What is something you did today with your friend that you really enjoyed?

PBS4L - Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

St Josephs is a PBS4L school. Each fortnight I will give you some information about PBS4L and updates about what is happening in our school.

What is PBS4L?

PBS4L stands for Positive Behaviour Support for Learning. PBS4L is a framework for schools to build a safe, consistent and positive learning environment for students, staff and parents.

At St Josephs we have three overarching school expectations or rules:

- I am safe
- I am respectful
- I am a learner

Each of these expectations/rules have been defined in terms of what the behaviour looks like in all school settings when a student is being safe, respectful and a learner. Once these behaviours have been identified, they are explicitly taught to the students through short lessons that are designed to teach these behaviours.

As indicated in the name, PBS4L encourages a positive supportive environment for students to learn and demonstrate expected behaviour. When students demonstrate expected behaviour, they are rewarded. At St Josephs, we use a Joey reward system where students can earn 'Joey Tickets' for demonstrating expected behaviours.

Earning Joey Tickets

Students can earn Joey tickets anywhere in the school by any staff member when they are seen to be demonstrating the school rules. Teachers give out 3 Joey tickets during each class session each day. Our main focus is reinforcing and rewarding positive behaviours. We are looking at including incentives such as Double Joey reward days.

Once students have collected 10 Joeys, they get a stamp on their Joey Card. There are three levels of Joey Cards and Awards – Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Once Students get 10 stamps on their bronze card they will get a Bronze Principal's Award.

After achieving a Bronze Award, students will receive a Silver card and work towards collecting 15 stamps (10 Joeys per stamp) to get a Silver Principal's Award.

Following this the students get a Gold Card and work towards collecting 20 stamps (10 Joeys per stamp) to get a Gold Principal's Award.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

UNSW COMPETITIONS

A note is attached to the newsletter 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

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|---------------|---------------------------------|
| • Science | Tuesday 30 th May |
| • English | Tuesday 1 st August |
| • Mathematics | Tuesday 15 th August |

The cost for each assessment is \$9.00. Please return your note with payment to the office by MONDAY 27th MARCH

HOUSE COLOURS

The students at St Josephs are organised into house colours for sporting activities and events. These house colours were officially launched last year. Below is some information about the names of the house colours and why they were selected.

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

Penola 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.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



In our Roman Catholic Church, **Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

We invite you to celebrate Ash Wednesday with us.

Date: Wednesday 1st March 2017
Time: 12noon
Location: School community space.

To help prepare your child for Ash Wednesday, click here:
<http://www.lovolaress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/ash-wednesday/whats-with-the-ashes>



Finding God in Ash Wednesday

by Julianne B. McCullagh



The black ash is wet and cold. A practiced thumb stamps us with two intersecting lines of burnt palms from last year. Those gathered at Mass walk back up the aisle to their places as we await the dismissal. Looking around, I see so many faces: young, old, teens, mothers, fathers, and single people. Some faces I recognize from Sunday Mass; some faces I don't recognize. We join in singing the recessional hymn as Father progresses slowly toward the doors of the church.

Then we go out into the morning air to start our day, marked with the sign of Christ. School and work will begin now that this liturgy is over, and the black marks on our foreheads will be a cause for discussion, for double takes, and for witness.

So Lent begins.

Every year in the middle of a week in late winter we go to Church and have the ashes smudged upon our clean foreheads. Every year the churches are filled to overflowing with the regulars and the not-so-regulars. Why do we still undergo this ritual of ashes that is centuries old, as old as the prophets who pleaded with God's people to turn back from sin and toward God? We go because we need to go, because at least once a year we need to be reminded that our deepest hunger is the hunger for God.

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Lent is a gift that the Church in her wisdom celebrates every year. It is a gift of time, a gift of contemplation, and a gift of quiet so that we may listen to the Word, who whispers to us to come back to the God who created us. It encourages us to turn away from the noise and over-indulged appetites so that we may understand the hunger that can be filled—with the grace of God—only by prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor.

So we go to our parish churches once a year to have crosses signed upon our faces. It is in this same manner that, when the Gospel is proclaimed, we take our right thumbs, trace three crosses, and pray: may the word of God be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart. The prayer of the whole Church, the Body of Christ, is that each year the sign of the cross penetrates a little deeper and moves us toward fuller conversion toward the light of Christ.

Coming Important Events:

Parents are welcome to attend our Liturgies, Masses and Holy Week Celebrations.

Wk6 1/3 Ash Wednesday Liturgy 12noon	
Wk7 8/3 St 3 Reconciliation	Stage 3
Wk8 17/3 St Patrick's Liturgy 12noon	
Wk9 21/3 St Joseph's Feast Day Mass @ 12 24/3 Annunciation In Class Liturgy	
Wk10 28/3 Year 3 Class liturgy @11am 28/3 Year 4 Class liturgy @12am	Year 3 Year 4
Wk11 Holy Week Celebrations @ 1:30 3/4 Palm Sunday 4/4 Last Supper 5/4 Praying in the Garden 6/4 Good Friday	Kindy Year 1 Year 2 Year 3&4

Anne Watson
Religious Education Coordinator

SPORTS UPDATE

TERM 1	
Fri 24/02	PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN Swimming Carnival
Fri 17/03	SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
TERM 2	
Tues 2/05	PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN Cross Country
Thurs 25/05	S3 GIRLS SOCCER GALA
Thurs 8/06	S3 BOYS SOCCER GALA
Thurs 22/06	SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Thurs 29/06	S2 SOCCER GALA

Calendar dates: Please note that from time to time there may be unavoidable circumstances that may occur and dates advertised for events may need to be changed. Every effort is made to give as much notice as possible when changes occur. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Dates for Parramatta Diocesan District Trials

<http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/rep-selections>

PLEASE NOTE: All 2017 TEAM SPORT NOMINATIONS ARE CLOSED EXCEPT GOLF & DIVING WHICH NOMINATIONS ARE COMPLETED ON THE CSSS WEBSITE.

<https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au>

Students in Years 5&6 whose parents have nominated them to trial, will receive notification of their submission shortly.

For those whose nominations have been approved, further information about the trials will be given closer to the relevant date.

THURS 2/3 SOCCER

MON 6/3 HOCKEY

TUES 14/03 NETBALL

WED 15/03 RUGBY LEAGUE (Open & 11 yrs)

WED 29/03 TOUCH FOOTBALL

FRI 28/4 RUGBY UNION

The School Cross Country will be held on Friday 17th March in the morning for children 8 years old and above. The carnival is a fun event and all students are expected to participate to earn a point for their house colour. Competitive runners can participate to qualify for the Zone Cross country next term. A separate permission note will be sent out shortly.

We would very much appreciate parent support and assistance on the day with marshalling and supervising the students running the track.

Congratulations to Noah McGaughey on being selected to trial for the MacKillop boys Softball team on Friday 3rd March

Congratulations to Tyran Brown

on being selected to represent Parramatta Diocesan and participate at the NSW CPS MacKillop Trial held in Wagga Wagga on Friday 31st March 2017.

Soccer Gala day trials

Trials will be held later this term and early in Term 2.

Permission notes to trial to play for St Joseph's school team will be sent out prior.

Stage 3 Girls trials - week 9 & 10 (Term 1)

Stage 3 boys trials - Week 1 & 2 (Term 2)

Stage 2 soccer trials - Weeks 3 & 4 (Term 2)

JOEYS SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM

A team from Stage 3 has been selected to represent St Joseph's in the **Mark Taylor Cricket Shield**, which is a knock-out competition run over terms 1 and 4 2017

Coached by Mr Adams, our first match will be played later this term against Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill (details TBC shortly)

Good luck Team Joeys!!

SPORTS UPDATE

ZONE SWIMMING REPORT

Wednesday 15th February

Our Zone team did us proud both in the pool and support in the stands!



A huge congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 24th February, in the following events. GOOD LUCK!

Beacroft, Isaac — 10 Years

50m Butterfly

Chapman, Kaitlyn — 11 Years

50m Freestyle

Constable, Rubie — 10 Years

50m Freestyle

50m Breaststroke

Kim, Ashell — 10 Years

50m Freestyle

50m Backstroke

50m Breaststroke

50m Butterfly

Liddicoat, Charlie — 11 Years

100m Freestyle

50m Freestyle

50m Backstroke

50m Breaststroke

50m Butterfly .

Lowe, Leah — 9 Years

50m Freestyle

Jnr boys Relay Isaac Beacroft, Isaac Wilson,

David Elias and Kai Kim

Snr boys Relay Cooper Ellims,
Brayden Cauchi, Joel Webb and
Charlie Liddicoat



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Student of the Week — Term 1 Week 2	Student of the Week— Term 1 Week 3
Sofia Petrocco	Allira Dyer
Sienna Kim	Xanthe Brenton
Natalie Edwards	Yashasvi Attreya
Hunter Judson	Meera Dave
Evangeline Cvetanovski	Kiarna Kong
Keon Pires	Sienna De Jesus
Emma Smith	Isabella Ianello
Ryan Khan	Jessica Power
Fareid Smith	Arnold Foppen
Jessica Khov	Brock Richmond
Crisiano Petrocco	Sophia Ling
Shannon Sheeny	Lachlen Hawkes
Olivia Svarc	Stephanie Attard



Gospel Value — Term 1 Week 3	Gospel Value — Term 1 Week 4
Kyrah Kotli	Charlotte Wang
Georgie Carrier	Joshua Pollard
Justin Malinao	Jake West
Astrid Gella	Gabrielle Moussa
Isabella Howlett	Kassandra Gella
Ashlee Gosling	Amelia Vincent
Narishqa Pascual	Leah Lowe
Robson Carrier	Gabriella Borazio
Fareid Smith	Sophie Sultana
Kayla Apap	Ekroop Deo
Joel Webb	Ella Stewart
Alezandra Ocampo	Chloe Hodgson
Brayden Gauchi	Chelsea Smith



NEED TO KNOW

Car Park

Just a reminder that the car park is for staff parking only. A request can be made for permission due to special circumstances. This is to ensure the safety of all children using the pedestrian walkways.

If you have a Term 4 Car park pass please come to the office and apply for a Term 1 pass. The pass is to be displayed on your dashboard.

The current modes of communication are:-

Subscribe via St Joseph's Website and receive our Weekly Electronic News Communication

Odd week – Official Newsletter

A paper copy of the Newsletter is available in the foyer of the school for parents convenience



Skoolbag App - download the School Bag App and search for the St Joseph's Primary School, Schofields

St Joseph's Primary School – Community Facebook Page. This is our school's official Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Primary-School-Schofields> This page is updated regularly and is a site for information regarding the school events etc and celebrations of learning.

Playgroup

Playgroup meets every Monday from 8.30am .Come along have a chat and make some new friends for you and your children.

All Welcome



MEDICATION

All medication must be given to the office, so please do not put medication in your child's bag or lunch box. A note from the doctor and a letter from the parents must be given to the office for ADHD medication to be administered. Other medication will only be administered if a permission form has been filled out at the office

The Electronic Newsletter Online

To receive the newsletter electronically simply follow these directions:

- Download the skoolbag app
- Go to the school's website: **www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au**
- Click on "Subscribe to E-News" (bottom right hand side)
- Start the sign up process by completing all sections
- Leave the HTML ticked
- Tick "Receive Announcements"
- Click "Subscribe to E – News"

Then you're done!!!

Access Through St John Paul II Catholic College

If your child needs to come through from St John Paul II Catholic College into St Joseph's via the back gate, please provide a written letter requesting permission to do the same.



WHERE LEARNING HAS NO LIMITS

ENROLLING NOW

You're invited to come and join us
on our Open Days!

Saturday 25 February 10:30am - 2:30pm

Tuesday 7 March 11:30am - 1:00pm

You can take a tour of our school, meet our principal, Lesley Studans, as well as staff, students and parents. There will even be a jumping castle for the children!

To find out more, call 9626 1328 or visit www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au

Meal Deal \$5.00

Deal 1

- Pick & Mix Box
- Bottle of Water



Select any 5 items: 2 bread triangles, chicken, ham, tuna, cucumber, cheese, tomato, egg, beetroot, orange wedge

Deal 2

- Sausage Roll
- Flavoured Milk
- Zooper Dooper



Available from Monday 20th February – Friday 10th March

MakerSpace

This week will see the re-emergence of MakerSpace in the library at recess on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Any children who are interested in taking part, please put your name down on the MakerSpace sheets in the Student Entrance of the School Office.

We will be coding, knitting, constructing and building with lego!

Looking forward to having some fun.

Mrs. Joanne Neill

School Banking News

School Banking operates on Wednesdays 8:00am—9:00am outside of the community space.

Any students wanting to start a new account simply visit a Commonwealth Bank and open an Award Saver account or go online www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids. Bring the Account number and BSB details and the banking coordinators can show you how to get started.

St Joseph's Primary School

Shrove Tuesday

28th February 2017



Dear Parents/Caregivers



To celebrate the beginning of Lent and Shrove Tuesday, we would like to offer all children the following Pancake Day Lunch Pack.

With each order placed the Canteen will make a donation to Project Compassion.

This is available for this day only, and will be sent with the class baskets at lunch time.

Name _____ Class _____

Lunch Pack Combined Total \$4.50

- Plain Hot Cakes with Maple Syrup
- Juice Popper



2 ITEMS IN TOTAL



All orders MUST be pre-paid and handed to the Canteen by Friday 24th February.

Thank you, Canteen

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85 HAMBLEDON ROAD, SCHOFIELDS

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OPEN EVENING MONDAY 13 MARCH

4PM TO 8PM - SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS

Year 7 2018/2019 enrolment information, Year 7 & 11 subject stalls, tours, BBQ & more! Meet our welcoming College community & explore our educational opportunities.



VIRTUAL TOURS
AVAILABLE ON OUR
WEBSITE!



every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP



If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

Would you like to join the

Enrol now for 2017!

Cool Kids Music Co.

lessons at school



For more information please call or email our friendly staff on:

0457668742 or

enquiries@coolkidsmusic.com.au

If you wish to enrol or pay your fees please visit

www.coolkidsmusic.com.au

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Keyboard, Guitar, Recorder, Drums, Singing and Ukulele

Available for students in years 1-6

★

Perfect for beginners

★

Instrument provided for lesson

★

30 minute lessons, once a week

★

Maximum 8 students per class

★

\$12.50 per lesson paid by the term

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\$10.00 for purchase of own recorder

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\$20.00 book fee



Prep Course

Designed for Kindergarten

Back due to popular demand

\$12.50 per lesson

\$10.00 book fee per term

\$10.00 to purchase own recorder in Term 3 only

★

Term 2 Program:

Singing + Movement,

Melody Bells, Percussion + Rhythm

★

Term 3 Program:

Introduction to Bongos, Ukulele + Recorder

★

Term 4 Program:

Introduction to

Keyboard + Guitar

If you require any information regarding private tuition or instrument sales, service and hire, we would be glad to point you in the right direction!

8 Week Courses

Term 1 ★ School of Rock

Term 2 ★ Ukulele Club

Term 3 ★ Drum Division

Term 4 ★ Christmas Carollers Choir

Available for years 1-6

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Instruments provided for lessons

★

Each course held only once per year

★

30 minute lessons, once a week

★

\$8.50 per lesson paid by the term

★

\$10 book fee



What makes CKMC so Cool?

Music Olympics held once a Term!

★

Student of the Week, Encouragement and Certificate of Participation Awards

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Lessons held in the convenience of your own school with friends!

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Weekly homework charts and Progress Reports available on request!

★

Prizes for remembering your book!



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Room usage fee may apply at some schools*
Information and website are subject to change*
Not all programs available at all schools as minimum numbers are required*