



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 1

Week 6

2 March 2016

THE WEEK AHEAD

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From the Principal

The Term Ahead

From the Assistant Principal

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mt 5:17-19

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven. But, whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

I have come... to fulfill.

For the Jews, "the law and the prophets" stand for the entire Old Testament. For them, the law has a kind of saving value. "I have come" expresses the self-consciousness of Jesus to be the messenger of the heavenly Father with all the necessary authority, Jesus comes not to do away with the Old Testament but to fulfill it. Jesus fulfills the law not in the sense of obeying all the little prescriptions in the Old Testament, but by bringing its preparatory character to an end. The Old Testament foreshadows Jesus Christ who is to come. Jesus fulfills the law because he gives the true meaning of its norms and commandments, and he gives us the grace to fulfill them.

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*What are the laws in our country that promote and nourish life?  
Which are those that are life-threatening*



Source: 366 Days with the Lord 2016

**Week 7 GOSPEL ACTION—Show Love  
forgiveness and Healing**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome to Week 6.

Everyone at St Joseph's have been very busy in ensuring our school has a good start for 2016. Below is a list of many events and items that have been achieved in such a short period of time since the beginning of the school year.

- Whole school **MAI assessments** completed Week 2
- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 **Early Years Assessments** (EYA) completed Week 5
- Completion of in-class assessments in reading, writing, spelling etc
- **Meet and Greet meetings** on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, a great night for all!
- **Phase 1 of Personalised Plans** to be completed and posted by the end of Week 6.
- **Phase 2 of Personalised Plans** will be finalised by the end of Week 8.
- **Diocesan and Zone Swimming Carnivals.** A team of students attend the Zone with Mr Liam Adams and Mrs Crane in Week 4 and a number of students qualified for the Diocesan Swimming Carnival last Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.
- **St Joseph's Chess Club** – continues for 2016.
- **Games Club on Tuesday** – Students are able to attend the Games Club on Tuesdays in the School Community Space.
- **Beginning of School Year Mass** – a very positive experience for all, especially the new Leaders of St Joseph's. Fr Ruben talked so much about the Year of Mercy.
- **2017 Enrolment Evening** at Mary Immaculate Parish Church held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Over 19 families attended the information evening to find out more about enrolling at St Joseph's for 2017.
- **New Families Dinner Evening** 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. - Thank you to all staff who attending the evening. It was great!
- **2016 Reading Recovery Program.** Mrs Delvecchio has finished 'Roaming the Known' with Year 1 students and she now has a finalised group of 4 students who will be engaged in the Reading Recovery Program.
- **Targeted Learning Program.** Mrs Denise Chircop continues in 2016 to work with students to improve literacy skills with the Targeted Learning Program.
- We now have a **designated Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Specialist Area** where Mrs Anne Watson and Mrs Sarah Bartolo works with students each day for approximately 45 minutes with an intense Numeracy program. Mrs Anne Watson is working with three (3) Stage 3 students and Mrs Bartolo with three (3) Year 1 students.
- **World Youth Day 2016 Krakow and Philippines Pilgrimage Assembly Presentation and Fundraising Venture.** The roll out of the Fundraising FUN BOX Chocolate Drive was completed last Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The process ran very smoothly thank you to a great team of staff – Mrs Delvecchio, Mrs Farhat, Ms Sara Ghazi and Mrs Chircop.
- **BYODD program** is progressing along with the support of Mr Daniel Parnis, Learning Technology Support Teacher, Mrs Farhat and Matthew O'Neill, IT Technician.
- **The Launch of the 2016 Sport's Program and School House Teams.** Every Thursday the student engage in specialist sport activities and our School House Teams have officially been launch.

**Even last night, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2016...**

- **Meet, Greet and Set Goals** for all the new Kindergarten students. All our new parents met with their respective child's teacher to share their hopes and dreams for 2016 and beyond.

Just look at all the great things we have done so far....

I wish to express my appreciation of all our dedicated staff members, and for the hard work and energy they put into their job. When visitors walk through our school, they see children learning, working, smiling and laughing. High expectations for assessments, data analysis, compliance, teaching standards and test scores have now become an integral part in the world of education, however, our staff continue to create an environment where wonderful moments and memories happen each and every day. Those memories are because of the wonderful staff and their dedication to commitment and hard work in ensuring that St Joseph's is a 'Great School' for all – parents, students, teachers and the wider community.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES DINNER

Last Friday night was a very successful evening in welcoming our new families to St Joseph's Primary School, Schofields. The Parent Group catered a very scrumptious dinner for all our new families across all the grades for 2016. It was a great opportunity for new families to meet new people and make connections for the future years at St Joseph's. The children were very pleased to be running around playing with their friends while their parents were mingling with other new parents.

Thank you to Mrs Kylie Smallacombe, Mrs Belinda Grima and the St Joseph's staff for supporting the new families with their hospitality and conversation.

### STAFF NEWS

Please keep Mrs Leanne Fairclough and her family in your prayers as her mother passed away last weekend. Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember our dearly departed. May the love of family and friends comfort Leanne during these difficult days, we send our most heartfelt condolences.

Mrs Margaret Slater continues to recover from surgery, please keep her in your prayers. We look forward to Margaret returning soon.

Please pray for the Constable Family at St Joseph's. Mr Craig Constable is unwell and is in need of your prayers. He is in hospital at the San Hospital at Wahroonga. Mr and Mrs Constable's daughter, Ruby is in Year 3.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic schools enrol about 20 per cent of Australian school students. There are 615 Catholic Primary and Secondary schools across NSW and the ACT, providing quality education in a faith-centred environment.

Catholic schools teach the same curriculum as government schools. Expectations of achievement and conduct are high. With a strong focus on the individual, a broad curriculum caters for a wide range of interests and abilities.

Catholic schools offer highly qualified and professional teachers who cater to the diverse learning needs of our students.

For Catholic School's Week at St Joseph's you are invited to come to the ***St Joseph's Cross Country*** event on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. The Cross Country begins at 8.45 am when the children start running and the infant's students will be engaged in activities on the centre of the oval. Please come and watch your children have fun and volunteer your time.

I would also like to invite you to our **Parents & Friends meeting on Wednesday 9th March 6.30pm in the Library**. We are having 2 guest speaker to discuss Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) framework for about 20 minutes. There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

For new parents wishing ***to enrol at St Joseph's for 2017*** we have planned an OPEN DAY between ***9.30 – 1.00 pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March*** where visitors participate in School Tours directed by our Student School Leaders. If you are interested in enrolling please contact the school office on 9626 1328 to book a session.

Regards

Cheryl Brown  
Principal

### School Photo Day—Wednesday 16th March

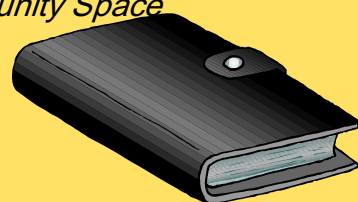
Envelopes are coming home this week. Please complete and return to school with correct money prior to Photo day. All students to be neat and tidy in full summer uniform.  
Sibling envelopes are available from the office.

## CALENDAR OVERVIEW

**2016**

**Term 1**

|              |       |            |                                                                                   |
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|              | Sun   | 20th March | Palm Sunday                                                                       |
| Week 9       | Mon   | 21st March | Kindy Palm Sunday Liturgy 1.30pm                                                  |
| Holy<br>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<br>Whole School Assembly                                    |



### 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.

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Parent Helpers

Thank you to all the parents that came along to the Parent Helper information session last week. It was so wonderful to see so many parents willing to give up their time to be a part of our school community in a voluntary capacity to support their child's teacher in the classroom. If you are interested in working in your child's class or any other class in the school, you must complete the Child Protection Module on-line at the Catholic Education Website - <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training> and get a Working With Children Check number at the following website - <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check> (this is free as you are applying for it as a volunteer). Anyone working with or near children require this number. When you have your Working with Children Check Number, please give a copy to the office.

### UNSW COMPETITIONS

A note has gone home 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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| • 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 |

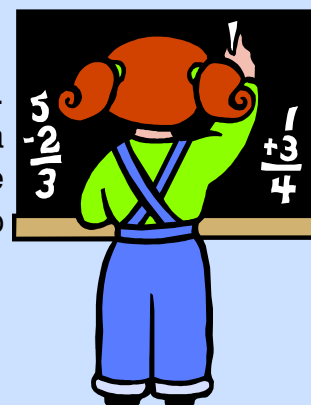
The cost for each assessment is \$8.00. If you didn't receive your note, there is one attached to the newsletter. Please return your note with payment to the office by MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH.

Joanna Delvecchio  
Assistant Principal

## ENROLLING NOW FOR 2017

### KINDERGARTEN 2017

We are now accepting Enrolment application forms for Kindergarten 2017. Interviews are being arranged for Term 2. If you have a child or know of a child who will be 5 or turning 5 by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 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.

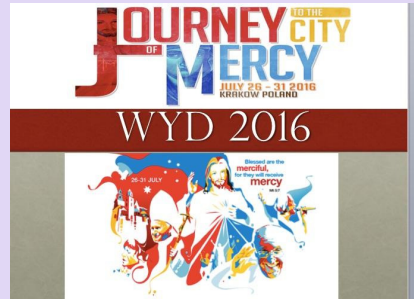




## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

### **ST JOSEPH'S DAY—Friday 18th March**

We would like to invite you to attend a whole school mass to celebrate the Feast day of St Joseph in the Community Space on Friday 18th March at 12:00pm.



### **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 –**

**“Blessed are the merciful  
for they will receive mercy”**

**MT 5:7**

Later this year Miss Chircop will be a World Youth day pilgrim. During her pilgrimage she will be going to the Island of Bohol in the Philippines. She will have the chance to work with teachers and children in parishes, schools and orphanages. Also she will have the opportunity to paint and complete repairs to a learning centre in Bohol, which the Parramatta Diocese has raised money to support. Following this mission experience, she will travel to Krakow, Poland to participate in and celebrate the World Youth day week, with millions of young people ready to pray in unity with Pope Francis at World Youth Day.

To support Miss Chircop in her pilgrimage and fundraising efforts, each family has received a box of Cadbury chocolates. We ask that each family sell all the chocolates in their box and return the money to the school office by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. If you are unable to sell all your chocolates please return the money and unsold chocolates in their box as soon as possible to the office as other families are willing to sell the remaining chocolates.

We have some great prizes to give away: The first two hundred children in our families to return their money for fully sold boxes will receive a wrap around watch. As each family sells a box they will have their name go into a draw to win a 4.5kg block of Toblerone chocolate. The first class that brings in all their money will receive a free pizza lunch



Thank you to each family for supporting Miss Chircop and participating in our Cadbury chocolate fundraiser.

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

| Student of the Week —Week 3 | Student of the Week– Week 4 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Krish Pandya                | Gabrielle Moussa            |
| Jenna Stojanovski           | Justin Malinao              |
| Pranav Lalji                | Cohen Gregory               |
| Olivia Hogbin               | Eden Alderson               |
| Mia Macdonald               | Ty Opdam                    |
| Charlie Kresan              | Michael Butjerevic          |
| Georgia Parfum              | Mustafa Hashim              |
| Aiko Granada                | Sienna Junkiewicz           |
| Charlie Liddicoat           | Alejandro Ocampo            |
| Sophia Ling                 | Seth Williams               |
| Chloe Hodgson               | Joel Webb                   |
| Aidan Gosling               | Evangeline Cvetanovski      |
| Lya Outschoorn              |                             |



| Gospel Value —Week 4 | Gospel Value– Week 5 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Emma Gerke           | Jeimiel Ambanloc     |
| Olivia Peroni        | Addison Judson       |
| Pranav Sajja         | Blaize Va'a          |
| Jayden Farrugia      | Lincoln Junkiewicz   |
| Madeline Scott       | Thomas O'Brien       |
| Cameron Grima        | Zach Hoarau          |
| Kayla Apap           | Nikisha Rogers       |
| Hannah Cvetanevski   | Olivia Murace        |
| Matthew Martelli     | Chantelle Gatt       |
| Kaitlyn Chapman      | Stephanie Attard     |
| Eamonn Saunders      | Montana Wright       |
| Samuel Griffin       | Rhys Macdonald       |
| Christina Marinovic  |                      |

Isabella Pafumi

2015 Student Excellence Award



Zone Swimming Representatives







# St Joseph's Primary School Open Day



Date: 08/03/2016

Session Times

9:30am-10:30am

11:00am-12:00pm

12:00pm-1:00pm

Location 78 Alex Avenue  
Schofields

Principal Presentation

Student Tours

Classroom visits

Information

Enrolment Packages

Tea and Coffee provided

Children welcome

To book your session 9626 1328



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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 \_\_\_\_\_