



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 1

Week 8

16 March 2016

THE WEEK AHEAD

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Jn 8:31-42

Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. A slave does not remain in a household forever, but a son always remains. So if a son frees you, then you will truly be free. I know that you are descendants of Abraham. But you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room among you. I tell you what I have seen in the Father's presence; then do what you have heard from the Father." They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works of Abraham. But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this. You are doing the works of your father!" So they said to him, "We are not illegitimate. We have one Father, God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; I did not come on my own, but he sent me."

If you remain in my word.

Jesus now addresses the Jews who have believed in him. For them to become his disciples, they have to remain, be with him, and accept his word. But these Jews cannot understand Jesus when he speaks to them about the truth that will set them free. They believe they are free because they are descendants of Abraham. But Jesus is referring to freedom from sin. Sin in this context is the refusal to accept Jesus as the Son of God. The Jews cannot accept the truth that Jesus came from the Father, that he is divine. The paradox in the Gospel is that it starts with the Jews believing in Jesus but concludes with unbelief: they want to kill Jesus (v40).

Our faith in Jesus must grow from being a "dormant faith" to an "active faith"; we can do this only by remaining in Jesus' word, being faithful to his teachings. Accepting the salvation offered by Jesus will free us from our enslavement to self-righteousness and self-centeredness; then we will experience the joy of being his true disciples.

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*Freedom does not mean we can do whatever we like,  
True freedom is manifested in doing what pleases God.*

Source: 366 Days with the Lord 2016

**Week 9 GOSPEL ACTION—Be like Jesus**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome to Week 8. It is so wonderful to see all the students and families enjoying the St Joseph's School community. The St Joseph's Open Day was a great success, our school community was visited by **twenty (20)** new families throughout the day. All the staff of St Joseph's was so impressed by the Stage 3 students who conducted the 'School Tours'. The student's welcomed our visitors with pride and continued to escort the parents and children around our school giving them a comprehensive information session about the learning in every environment of our school.

Congratulations to all the Stage 3 students. Thank you to the Stage 3 teachers, Mr Atkins, Miss Dennett and Mr Parnis for facilitating the student learning experiences where all student interviewed staff, investigated each grade's learning and created a iMovie to present to the visiting parents.

### **St Joseph's School Tours**

It is enrolment time for all schools in the area and I would like to encourage you to talk to your friends if they are considering schools for 2017. School tours can be arranged at any time during school hours. So I invite you to share this option with your family and friends and book a 'School Tour' by ringing the **School Office on 9626 1326**.

### **2017 Enrolments**

I am very excited to advise that St Joseph's is receiving enrolments for Kindergarten 2017. Mrs Delvecchio and myself will be conducting kindergarten enrolment interviews early in Term 2. If you are wishing to enrol a sibling child in Kindergarten next year, please collect an enrolment form from the School Office, complete and return as soon as possible.

### **'Kiss and Drop' and Car Park area**

A very special thank you to all the parents who are using the 'Kiss and Drop' facility in the morning.

I wish to remind parents of the guidelines in using the School Car Park.

There is NO ENTRY to the Car park between 8.00 – 9.30 unless you have a school parking permit, are an Aspect driver or have a disabled parking permit. The same applies in the afternoon between 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

I am asking all parents and friends of St Joseph's to respect the guidelines for the use of the School Car Park

### **Quality Catholic schools Survey**

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be once again participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) survey.

The QCS survey provides information from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community, and assists us in our focus on continuous improvement.

Between 21 March and 1 April 2016 all staff and *Years 5 & 6* students, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete. This year we will again be able to get even more information about the link between student wellbeing and learning outcomes. To do this we will need to include a student identifier in the student survey. The survey will still remain confidential and individual survey responses will not be accessible by the school or the Catholic Education Office.

An independent survey consultant (Insight SRC) who manages the data collection will ensure the survey data is kept strictly confidential. Each school will receive a de-identified information report at the end of May to help them to develop strategies for further improvement. This will definitely help us in working with all students to improve their learning. If you have concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs Joanna Delvecchio.

As a parent if you are randomly-selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

If you have any questions please contact *Mrs Joanna Delvecchio*

*Yours sincerely*

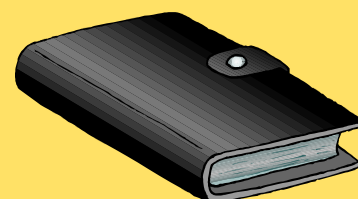
*Cheryl Brown*

## CALENDAR OVERVIEW

**2016**

**Term 1**

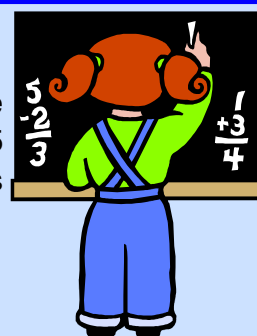
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|              | Wed   | 23rd March | Year 2 Praying in the Garden 1.30pm                                               |
|              | Thurs | 24th March | Year 3/4 Good Friday Liturgy 1.30pm<br>Easter Raffle drawn                        |
|              | 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                                    |
| Week 11      | Fri   | 8th April  | Last Day of Term 1                                                                |



## 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 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### **PBS4L (Positive Behaviours Support for Learning)**

Over the last 12 months, the school has been preparing for the launch of the PBS4L in our school. Lisa Bow and Anoushka Houseman, who have been working with the staff, spoke at the P&F meeting the other night about this project. This project aims to put consistent and positive behaviour management in the school around our three main rules; I am Safe, I am Respectful and I am a Learner. The students have been engaging in lessons on these three rules and what it looks like when students are following these rules across the different areas around the school. We have also put into place a consequences flow chart and a reward system to reward positive behaviours. We are still in the early stages of implementation and we are also in the process of trialling and refining these as we lead up to the launch next term. Once we have the consequences flow chart and reward system finalised and in place, we will update you with information through the newsletter.

### **PRACTICUM TEACHERS**

Over the next two terms we will have some Practicum teachers working at St Josephs. Over the last few weeks we have had Jessica Delaney working in Kindergarten under the supervision of Mrs Katie Bates. Over the next few weeks we welcome Rona Feraset, who will be in Year 2 and Clare Nguyen who will be in Year 3. They will begin this term and early next term with day a week visits with the class they will be working with and complete their practicum with a three week block at the end of term 2. We also welcome Fatima Llagin who will be working in various classes across the school as she is in her first year.

Joanna Delvecchio  
Assistant Principal

## 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.



### ***Holy Week Events – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.***

During Holy Week, the 21<sup>st</sup> March to 24<sup>th</sup> March each grade/stage will present a key event of Holy Week at 1.30pm in the Community Space.

Monday 21st March - Kinder present Palm Sunday

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 1 present Last Supper

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 2 present Praying in the Garden

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 and 4 present Good Friday

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Stage 3 Present Easter Sunday

Further information will be sent home with the children via their classroom teachers regarding particular clothing for these events if required.

Leanne Farhat  
REC



## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

| Student of the Week —Week 5 | Student of the Week– Week 6 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cara Fredericks             | Oliver Whiteley             |
| Jackson Cortez              | Sheani Patel                |
| Harley Lockeridge           | Mathew Every                |
| Lachlan Vella               | Isabella Howlett            |
| Jayden Feleo                | Jessica Power               |
| Gabriella Borazio           | Lucy Barnsley               |
| Brock Richmond              | Hayley Hogbin               |
| Sierra Griffin              | Jorja Bellet                |
| Marissa Thomas              | Jack Kresan                 |
| Rhys Sultana                | Mujtaba Kazim               |
| Andrew Butjerevic           | Kwadro Frimpong             |
| Sharmaine Santos            | Chelsea Oliver              |
| Maddison Cauchi             | Aaron Rillera               |



| Gospel Value —Week 6 | Gospel Value– Week 7 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Daniella Marinovic   | Chloe Ganchingco     |
| Carly Powell         | Keyandra O'Brien     |
| Pranav Sajja         | Amelia Vincent       |
| Kade Ellims          | Naomi Sultana        |
| Hussein Moussa       | Alaina Sreepathi     |
| Zac Vagas            | Isabella Pafumi      |
| Jessica Khou         | Brianna Grima        |
| Hannah Cvetanovski   | James Bessounian     |
| Jacob Zahra          | Marissa Thomas       |
| Alexander Whiteley   | Natalia Papallo      |
| Darcy Lynch          | Molly McGaughey      |
| Jarod Farrugia       | Brayden Cauchi       |
| Justin Alcasas       | Ella Judson          |



### Principal Awards Week 6– Sophie Sultana

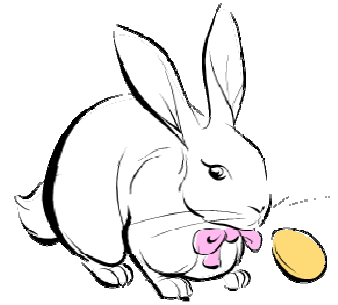


## NEED TO KNOW

### Easter Raffle

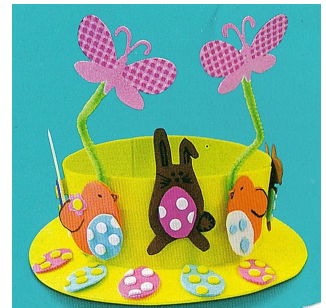
Tickets and money due back Monday 21 March.

Raffle will be drawn Thursday 24 March



### Easter Hat Parade

Monday 21 March after the Easter Liturgy



### Mufti Day

Friday 18 March Easter egg donation in exchange to wear mufti clothes. These need to be sun safe ie no singlets and students need to wear closed in shoes no thongs or sandals.

### Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

To make it easier for the parents of Stage 3 children to pay the Canberra Excursion, we have split the total cost (\$225) into 3 equal payments of \$75 for Term 1, Term 2, and Term 3. These are included in the School Fees.

### WYD Chocolates



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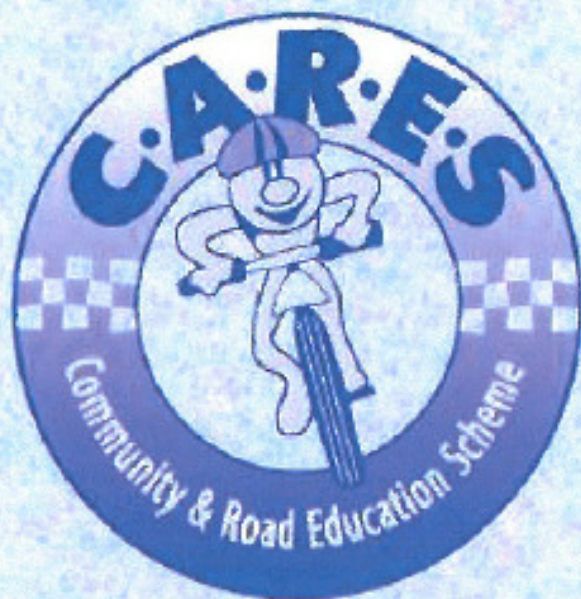


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**AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT**

**TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**

**10AM – 2PM**

Come along during the school holidays and ride in  
a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet

FREE Face Painting

Parking is on site and free

Bring a picnic

Sausage sizzle and drinks

Adult Supervision required

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