



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 1

Week 9

22 March 2017

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Term 1

*Week 10 Tue 28 March Year 3 Liturgy at 11am
Year 4 Liturgy at 12pm*

Wed 29 March Whole School Assembly S3W hosting

Fri 31 March Easter Disco & Raffle

Week 11 Holy Week Activities

Mon 3 April Palm Sunday— 1.30

*Tue 4 April Last Supper— 1.30
Mission Fundraiser*

Wed 5 April Praying in the Garden— 1.30

Thur 6 April Good Friday— 1.30

Fri 7 April Easter Hat Parade

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

How are you going at home with all the wet weather? Day after day of being inside, cancelled family, sporting and outdoor events. Now imagine life back at school with 20 plus children all feeling frustrated by the weather.

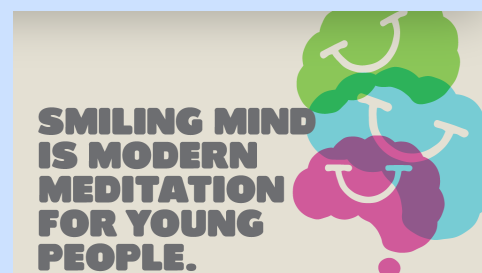
Time to learn to relax!

Last week we introduced to the children the “Smiling Minds” Program. It is a free app that you can use at home too. The children are taught mindfulness and relaxation techniques that will impact on their well-being, resilience and concentration. It was recommended to us by the CEDP Behaviour and Well-Being experts as a program that has been proven to be effective. Most classes use the program in the middle of the day, after we pray the Angelus together. Kindergarten and Year 1 also use another program called Go Noodle, which is also an app that parents can get. They use it for fun lesson breaks but it can also be used at home for those stressful times when you are trying to cook dinner. There's even a bedtime component and this app too has some relaxation exercises.

You may have noticed that our gate is being closed more promptly this year. All children need to be at school by 8:30 because this is when learning begins. The weather has played havoc with morning traffic, to avoid the morning rush aim to have the children at school as early as possible. Playground supervision begins at 8:00 and the Kiss and Drop is usually very quiet between 8 and 8:15.

Yesterday we had a beautiful mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St Joseph. For those new to the school we are named after Jesus' father on earth, St Joseph was a hard-working tradie who stood by a vulnerable woman and gave his stepson a loving family to grow safely within. You may know someone who is like St Joseph. He is in many ways a saint for our time.

Kind regards,
Lesley Studans



IN THIS WEEKS NEWSLETTER

From the Principal

From the Assistant Principal

From the REC

Joey's Sports Updates

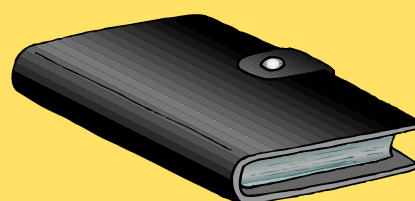
From the Media Team

CALENDAR OVERVIEW

2017

Term 2

Week 1	Mon	24 April	Staff Development Day
	Tues	25 April	ANZAC DAY
	Wed	26 April	ANZAC Day Liturgy 12pm Stage 3 Resurrection Liturgy 1:30pm
	Thurs	27 April	Stage 3 Overnight Camp Yarramundi
Week 2	Tues	2 May	Diocesan Cross Country
	Wed	3 May	Whole School Assembly—Year 1 Hosting
Week 3	Tues	9 May	NAPLAN—Language Conventions & Writing
	Wed	10 May	NAPLAN—Reading Parent Group Meeting 7pm
	Thurs	11 May	NAPLAN—Numeracy
	Fri	12 May	Mother's Day Liturgy 8:50am & Morning Tea
	Sun	14 May	Mother's Day
Week 4	Wed	17 May	Whole School Assembly Stage 3 Blue Hosting
Week 5	Thurs	25 May	The Ascension of the Lord—in Class Liturgy Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Week 6	Wed	31 May	Whole School Assembly Year 2 Hosting
	Thurs	1 June	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Week 7	Mon	5 June	Pentecost Liturgy 12noon
Week 8	Mon	12 June	Queens Birthday
	Wed	14 June	Whole school Assembly K-6 Gold Hosting
	Fri	16 June	Athletics Carnival
Week 10	Wed	28 June	Whole School Assembly Kinder Hosting
	Thurs	29 June	Stage 2 Girls & Boys Soccer Gala Day



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition

The annual Dorothea Mackellar poetry competition is on again. This year's optional theme is ALL OVER THE WORLD. Students from Kinder to Year 6 are invited to participate in this competition by writing an original poem about the theme or whatever they like. See attached poster for more details and great monetary prizes to be won. The school will cover the cost of the entries. Please submit all entries electronically to the school office.

PBS4L (Positive Behaviour Support for Learning)

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

I am safe
I am respectful
I am a learner

These rules are continually reinforced and monitored by teachers each day. To ensure that students know the expected behaviour in all areas of the school and what it looks like to be safe, respectful and a learner in each of these spaces, teachers have outlined a behaviour matrix that explicitly outlines these expected behaviours and are taught to the students. I have attached the St Joseph's Behaviour Matrix.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING and STUDENT LEARNING IN OUR SCHOOL

ACTION PLAN

Each year the schools in the Parramatta Diocese are required to identify a learning goal in Literacy, Numeracy and Formation (Religious Education). These goals are identified based on the needs of the students in the school and project where we would like the students to be at the end of the year.

Our School goals for 2017 are;

Formation Goal - To deepen our understanding of the sacraments within the scriptures.

Literacy Goal - For students to compose texts of increasing complexity with a focus on: sentence structure, vocabulary, spelling and ideas

Numeracy Goal - For students to use reasoning strategies to achieve accelerated growth in Multiplication and Division

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ATTENDANCE

The overall attendance level at St Josephs is improving and is now at 82%. The CEDP's campaign of 'Every Learner, Every Day' is aiming for a 90% attendance.

Extended Leave – if you wish to take leave of 5 days or more, you will need to complete an Application for extended leave. This is available at the school office or from our school website.

Absence Explanation Note - If your child is away from school, a note explaining their absence is to be given to the teacher within 7 days of returning to school.

UNSW COMPETITIONS

A note went out about 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

- Science Tuesday 30st May
- English Tuesday 1st August
- Mathematics Tuesday 15^h August

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

BEHAVIOUR MATRIX

Observable, Measurable, Positively stated, Understandable and always applicable

Area	I am Safe when I am:	I am Respectful when I am:	I am a Learner when I am:
All Envir- onments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - staying where a teacher can see me - keeping my hands and feet to myself - walking in indoor spaces and on hard outdoor surfaces - reporting unsafe situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - keeping all areas of our school clean - looking after my own and others equipment - using manners when I am with others - treating all others with care - wearing my uniform correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - following teacher instructions - actively participating in all tasks and activities - completing all my learning tasks - listening to others - cooperating with others
Learning Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - asking permission if leaving the learning space - using equipment safely - keeping exits clear and unobstructed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - taking responsibility for my actions and accepting consequences - waiting my turn - following the 5 L's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - having a go, challenging myself & taking risks - taking responsibility for my learning - following the KISSES
All Play Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - wearing my school hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sharing play equipment - following game rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - moving to learning space when music begins
Area 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sitting down and eating my own food - spending my own money on myself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - waiting my turn in lines at the canteen - eating Canteen food in Area 1 	
Area 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - playing big ball games or passive games if I am in Years K, 1, 2 - playing passive games if I am in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 		
Area 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sitting down and eating my own food - playing big ball games and quiet games if I am in Year 4, 5 and 6 - waiting for teacher permission before playing on the oval 		
Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - always with a buddy - flushing when I'm finished - washing my hands - keeping water in the sink 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - closing the door and giving others privacy - using toilet paper appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - using the toilet quickly and quietly
Bus Lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - following bus lines procedures - staying seated until I am ready to alight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - having my Opal card ready - sharing the seat 	
Office		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - waiting patiently for the office staff to attend to me - sitting on the seats quietly and sensibly 	

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2017

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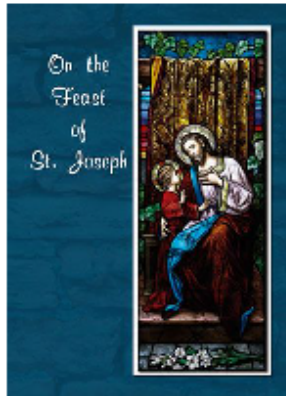


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FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

St Joseph's Feast Day 19th March



Today we gathered to celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint - Saint Joseph. He was known as Joseph, son of Jacob, to the people in the town of Nazareth in Galilee's southern hills. Outside of Nazareth he was called Joseph of Nazareth, the carpenter.

Saint Joseph, was the father of Jesus, his faith in God enabled him to trust the mystery of God's plan in the life of his son Jesus, and support him as he responded to God's call.

Today's celebration was an opportunity to give thanks to God for Saint Joseph and to pray to Saint Joseph for his special blessing upon our school.

Prayer:

Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church and our school community, as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect us and guide us as you did with your adopted son.

Amen

Family Prayers for Lent

by Andy Alexander, SJ, Maureen McCann Waldron

One of the real challenges that we too often find in our busy lives is finding time to be together as a family. It is especially difficult to find opportunities to pray together. Here are a few possibilities for praying as a family during Lent or at any other time of the year.



Prayer before Meals

Meals are a natural time to pray as a family. We can begin by simply saying, "Let's pray," or "Let's pause for a minute to give thanks." This can be a brief prayer. Brief prayer doesn't have to be without substance or power.

Praying at Other Times

In the Morning: It can be quite transformative of our family bonds, in faith, to pause very briefly to pray together in the morning. This might be a spontaneous prayer, such as while we are lying in bed. When we are rushing around one another in the kitchen and grabbing breakfast, it can be wonderful to pause to pray and simply ask the Lord to be with each of us in what we are about to do.

Other times: Such as cleaning up or in preparation for guests coming for dinner or for an overnight slumber party. We might share the responsibility for designing the family prayer for special occasions: birthdays, anniversaries, the

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Simple Rituals

We can easily add gestures that bring powerful prayer to our family life. One of the simplest and most natural gestures is to trace a cross on a loved one's forehead.

Praying for One Another

The most important part of family prayer is perhaps the easiest to overlook: how we hold one another up to the Lord. Even when we are not physically together as a praying family, we want to pray for one another.

May our Lord bless our praying, especially at home, in the community of our family, in these days of Lent.

Coming Important Events:

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

Week9 21/3 St Joseph's Feast Day Mass @ 12 24/3 Annunciation In Class Liturgy	
Week10 28/3 Year 3 Class liturgy @11am 28/3 Year 4 Class liturgy @12am 28/3 St JP II presenting Easter Liturgy to Year 4-6 @1:30 in the Community space	Year 3 Year 4 Years 4-6
Week11 Holy Week Celebrations 3/4 Palm Sunday @ 1:30 4/4 Last Supper @ 1:30 5/4 Praying in the Garden @ 12:00 6/4 Good Friday @ 1:30	Kindy Year 1 Year 2 Year 3&4
Term 2 Week 1 Wed 26/4 ANZAC Day liturgy at 12pm 26/4 St 3 Resurrection Liturgy at 12.00pm Sat/Sun 29 th /30 th Apr First Eucharist Registration Mass	Whole School Stage 3

Anne Watson
Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill - Schofields



Postal Address: PO Box 267, Quakers Hill NSW 2763
Church ~ 125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill
Parish Office: 9626 3326 Fax: 9626 1613
Email: parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

Sacramental Program

First Eucharist 2017

Children Year 4 and Older

Enrolment forms can be collected from the Parish Office prior to the Registration Mass or at the Mass, and submitted at the Registration Mass.

29th/30th April – Sat or Sun

Registration Mass (Sat 5.30pm or Sun 9am ONLY)

13th/14th May - Sat or Sun

Enrolment Mass (Sat 5.30pm or Sun 9am ONLY)

20th/21st May - Sat or Sun

First Class

27th/28th May - Sat or Sun

Second Class

3rd/4th June – Sat or Sun

Third Class and Practice

17th- 18th June - Sat to Sun

First Eucharist (Sat 5.30pm, Sun 9am and 2pm ONLY)

Gerald "Ged" Oblea and Stephanie Sahni
Sacramental Team
Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill – Schofields
Ph: 9626 3326 (press '7')
Mobile: 0477 151 279
Email: sacramentalcoordinator@maryimmac.org.au

SPORTS UPDATE

TERM 1	
Thurs 23/03	Mark Taylor Cricket Shield Match St Joseph's V's Mary Immaculate
Fr 24/3	Mackillop Softball Trials
Wed 29/3	Parramatta Diocesan Touch Trials
Fri 31/3	NSW Mackillop AFL Trials
Wed 5/4	NSW PSSA Diving
TERM 2	
Fri 28/4	Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union Trials
Tue 2/5	Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country
Thu 25/5	S3 Girls Soccer Gala
Thu 8/6	S3 Boys Soccer Gala
Thu 22/6	School Athletics Carnival
Thu 29/6	S2 Soccer Gala (Boys & Girls)

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.

Representative sport are regularly updated on <https://www.facebook.com/primarysportparradio/>

***Congratulations to Lachlan Hawkes on being selected to represent
Parramatta Diocesan in Rugby League***

Re-scheduled events

2017 Parramatta Diocesan Boys & Girls FOOTBALL trials scheduled for Wednesday 15th March) were POSTPONED again due to ground closure of Cook Park and the current rain forecast. A new date will be advertised shortly on <https://www.facebook.com/primarysportparradio/>

Soccer Gala day trials Due to the current weather conditions the Stage 3 trials have been postponed. These will occur as soon as the grounds are ready and safe to play on.

SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to Kai Kim who is now a State Champion Swimmer !!!!!!!!



JOEYS SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM

Mark Taylor Cricket Shield Stage 3

A knock-out competition run over terms 1 and 4 2017

Coached by Mr Adams.

Has been postponed and has not yet been rescheduled.

School cross country DATE TBA - PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!

The School Cross Country will be re-scheduled date to be advised, for children 8 years old and above.

We would very much appreciate parent support and assistance on the day with marshalling and supervising the students running the track. Please indicate your availability and return to the school office asap.

As infants classes are not involved in the Cross Country, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Friday Sports lessons will be held in the afternoon.



FROM THE MEDIA TEAM

Stephanie Attard, Aidan Gosling, Jacob Trinidad, Amelia De Jesus

St. Joseph's Day

On 21 March 2017 our school community came together to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint St Joseph. We had a wonderful mass with Father Ruben and a special guest Father Emmett. We remember that Joseph was Jesus's earthly father and he was a carpenter helping others in need. Thank you to the students who read and participated, the parents who came and the teachers who helped organise this amazing mass.



Market Day

On Tuesday the 21st March the Student Representative Council and year six captains had their fortnightly SRC meeting. In the SRC meeting we discussed Market Day. Market day is when each year holds a stall selling items, food or holding games to raise money for Project Compassion. There will be a note going home with lots more information about it.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Student of the Week — Term 1 Week 6	Student of the Week— Term 1 Week 7
Isaac Gotsis	Eliana Ortado
Giada Kuizon	Isaac Torok
Krish Pandya	Jack Gillet
Cooper Barnsley	Cooper Giardina
Jean Foppen	Cohen Gregory
Lexie Beacroft	Olivia Hogbin
Jessica Power	Connor O'Brien
Nikisha Rogers	Maddison Saulle
Taksheel Chand	Michael Butjerevic
Dhruvi Vekaria	Navaeh Tamatea
Olivia Murace	Hussein Moussa
Cooper Opdam	Miguel Sanchez
	Chloe Kendale



Gospel Value — Term 1 Week 7	Gospel Value — Term 1 Week 8
Chloe Campton	Mia Mooney
Mia Greenaway	Freya Varsani
Jeimel Ambanloc	Faith Hanchieng
Kristian Sultana	Seshansa DeAlwis
Chaise Fourie	Alastair Laylo-McCall
Kade Ellims	Blaize Va'a
Eden Alderson	Ty Opdam
Jacob Cremona	Cameron Grima
Brianna Grima	Aiko Granada
Rhys Sultana	Samira Alcasas
Bradley Stewart	Breana Williams
Clyde Tordecillas	



NEED TO KNOW

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.



Autism Fundraiser

Support K6 Gold staff and our teachers as we raise money for autism through the walk for autism on 2-9 April. We aim to walk 10,000 steps each day for 8 days. Visit our fundraising page:

www.walkforautism.org.au

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
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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.

FROM THE LIBRARY

MakerSpace

Students who are participating in Round 3 are listed below and their names are displayed on the library window. To register for MakerSpace, children need to write their names on the MakerSpace sheets (on clipboards) on the library MakerSpace wall. Names will be randomly chosen for future fortnightly sessions, and participants' names will be displayed on the library window when it is their turn.

Joanne Neill, Library

MakerSpace ~ Knitting ~ Term 1 - Round 3

Name	Class
Jenna Stojanovski	1B
Scaarlett Goodman	KB
James	3W
Danniella	1W
Priya	1W
Ethan	1W
Luke Vanderkley	4B
Harrison	KB

MakerSpace ~ Construction ~ Term 1 - Round 3

Name	Class
Georgia	3W
Susannah E	3B
Eden Anderson	3W
Ty Opdam	3B
Kayla Apap	4W
Lucy B	3W
Amalia	3B
Samira	S3B

MakerSpace ~ Lego ~ Term 1 - Round 3

Name	Class
Owen Haider	KW
Lincoln Junkiewicz	3W
Keashan Kotli	3B
Ekroop	4W
Jensen Brown	KW
Maddion R	4B
Amelia	2W
Alaina	3W

MakerSpace ~ Coding ~ Term 1 - Round 3

Name	Class
Mitchell	3B
Sienna Jukiewicz	3W
Steven	2B
Miguel	S3B
Max Piesnik	2B
Angelique	3W
Chloe	S3G
Lilah	S3G

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.

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Course Details

Term 2:

Singing & Movement, Melody Bells,
Percussion & Rhythm

Term 3:

Introduction to Bongos,
Ukulele & Recorder

Term 4:

Introduction to
Keyboard & Guitar

Get the right musical start and
experiment with a wide range of
instruments!

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Instruments are provided each week!

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\$12.50 per lesson

\$10.00 book fee per term

\$10.00 to purchase own recorder in term 3

*Room usage fee may apply at some schools

*Information and website are subject to change

*Minimum numbers required to run