



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 2

Week 4

18 May 2016

THE WEEK AHEAD

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	Fri	20 May	Whole School Assembly 1.30 Community Space all welcome
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	Mon	23 May	Drama Class 2.45- 4pm
	Tues	24 May	Stage 2 and 3 Reconciliation 12pm
	Wed	25 May	Makerspace

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mk 9:38-40

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name is who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."

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Besides falling into the trap of egocentricity, the disciples, as represented by the apostle John, show that they are also infected by the virus of envy and intolerance. They feel threatened by an exorcist who used the name of Jesus and successfully drove out demons. They perceive him as a competitor who may become more successful than they.

Envy leads to intolerance, and both attitudes make a person miserable. It makes one brood and worry and lose inner peace and joy.

John the Baptist is a good example of the opposite- the correct Christian attitude. When told that Jesus is also baptizing and that now people are flocking to him, John says, "He must increase; I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). To admire the good another person does, to appreciate what another possesses, to rejoice that God has given another person talents one does not have- this hard lesson to learn. The sin of Adam and Eve, their desire to be more and have more than what God has given, lurks in the hearts of most humans who are born into this fallen race.

Jesus gently makes the apostle John and us aware of the folly of such thinking.

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*"Envy is nothing but want of reason and foolishness"  
Rabbi Moshe Haim Luzzatto).*



Source: 366 Days with the Lord 2016

## This Weeks Newsletter

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**Week 5 GOSPEL ACTION—Sharing the Gift of  
Love with others**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome to Week 4. This week began with the Pentecost Liturgy and Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) Launch. The whole school community was thrilled with the very special celebration. The 'Buddy Bench' is a welcomed addition to our school playground. We have also adopted a Kangaroo Mascot called 'Joey', it is a shortened version of our school name – St Joseph's. We chose 'Joey' to be the mascot as part of our reward system. Our students earn 'Joey' tokens for following our school rules:-

- I am safe
- I am respectful
- I am a Learner

### ***Buddy Bench***

The Buddy Bench is a seat where children that do not have a friend to play with or feel left out can go and sit there, and other children will notice them and invite them to join their game. It is a system designed to eliminate loneliness and foster friendships on the playground.

**St Joseph's Makerspace** is coming!!!!

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOFIELDS ..Is very eager to support our school community by offering creative opportunities for our students to enhance the way they learn. In today's world it is very important that our students engage in activities beyond the classroom that foster 21<sup>st</sup> Century competencies, e.g.

**Collaboration:** students are able to work effectively with diverse groups and exercise flexibility in making compromises to achieve common goals.

**Creativity:** students are able to generate and improve on original ideas and also work creatively with others.

**Communication:** students are able to communicate effectively across multiple media and for various purposes.

**Critical thinking:** students are able to analyze, evaluate, and understand complex systems and apply strategies to solve problems.

Engaging our students in activities that build their skills in the 4 C competencies will support the quality learning and teaching fostered in all key learning areas of the curriculum. I am very confident that we will probably have so many students eager to participate in the Makerspace when we start offering places for the activities. The activities will continue for a two-week cycle e.g. 6 sessions. This will assist in providing a number of rotations of students through the activities. The activities will also change over time to keep the student's interest in participating in the Makerspace.

All students will be informed tomorrow of the process and an opportunity for them to self-nominate by add their name to an 'expression of interest' sheet. These will be available at lunch time tomorrow. The Makerspace activities start Week 5 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, at 10.30 am. The weekly Makerspace activities will be on:-

Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week at 10.30 am. All students will be given an opportunity to nominate themselves to be part of the initial activities e.g.

- Coding
- Knitting
- Lego
- Construction using craft materials

Stage 3 students will work in pairs to lead the activities.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week, I sent home a Makerspace flyer requesting assistance from our parent communities. Unfortunately, we haven't received any donations as yet. Below are a list of items we need to make our Makerspace a success.

### MAKERSPACE RESOURCES

Following is a list of requirements

- Lego
- Wool
- Knitting needles
- Toilet rolls
- Tissue boxes
- Buttons
- Thread (Cotton)
- Textiles (fabric)
- Glue sticks
- Easels

### ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Throughout this week we have been approached by many parents requesting me to remind parents of the following:-

- driving safely in the school vicinity e.g. 40 Kilometre School Zone
- remembering to stay in the car when using Kiss and Drop
- safely crossing the road using the Pedestrian Crossing
- refraining from using the carpark without a 'Permit'
- being mindful of the 'Disabled Parking' spots, giving priority to the Aspect vehicles dropping off and picking up students.
- modelling safely crossing the road, rather than 'jwalking' across the road.

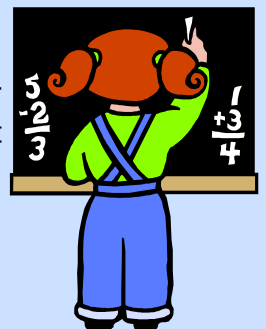
Your support for the safety of our children and community members is gratefully appreciated.

Regards

Cheryl Brown  
Principal

### KINDERGARTEN 2017

We are now accepting Enrolment application forms for Kindergarten 2017. Interviews have commenced. 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.



## CALENDAR OVERVIEW

### 2016

Week 4 Wed 18 May

Fri 20 May

Week 5 Mon 23 May

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Tues 24 May

Wed 25 May

Thurs 26 May

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Fri 27 May

Sat 28 May

Sun 29 May

Week 6 Tues 31 May

Thurs 2 June

Fri 3 June

Week 7 Fri 10 June

Fri 10 June

Week 8 Mon 13 June

Thurs 16 June

Fri 17 June

Week 9 Tues 21 June

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Wed 22 June

Fri 24 June

Week 10 Thurs 30 June

Fri 1 July

### Term 2

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Whole School Assembly 1.30 Community Space all welcome

Holy Trinity In-class Liturgy

Year 1 incursion Travel bugs Mini-beasts Science Schoolyard Safari

Drama Class 2.45-4pm

Stage 2 and 3 Reconciliation 12pm

Makerspace

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day Jamison Park

Chess Club First Eucharist Practice Evening 7:30pm

Makerspace parents invite to visit 1pm

First Eucharist Mass 5:30pm

First Eucharist Mass 9am, 11am, 6pm

UNSW Science Assessment 7.30am

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day Jamison Park

Whole School Assembly 1.30pm Community Space All welcome

Captivate Year 3 - 1.30pm

School Disco

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Athletics Sports Carnival TBC

Whole School Assembly 1.30pm Community Space All welcome

Year 4 in class liturgy

Year 3 Excursion Muru Mittigar TBC

Parent Teacher Interviews 2.45-7.30pm

Mufti day gold coin donation

Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day

Whole School Assembly 1.30pm All welcome Last Day of Term 2

### Term 3

Week 1 Mon 18 July

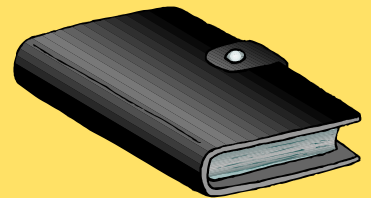
Week 2 Fri 29 July

Week 3 Tues 2 August

Beginning of Term 3

Grandparents Day Liturgy 8.50am Whole School Assembly 1.30pm

UNSW English Assessment 7.30am



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### UNSW COMPETITIONS

We are holding the following assessments on the following dates at 7.30 am in the Library. When the children arrive at 7.30, just come up to the front office and a teacher will be there to meet them. Please note that Digital Technology Assessment is in Week 4.

#### Competition Dates

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

#### 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. 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.

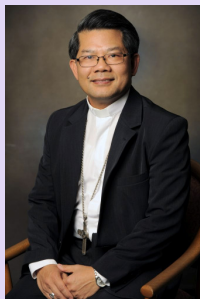
**1-9 days absence:** Parents **must** notify the school principal by **mail or email (in written form)** .

**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 .

Joanna Delvecchio  
Assistant Principal

## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

### Bishop Long



#### **Our newly appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta.**

His Holiness Pope Francis, appointed the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen O.F.M. Conv. DD, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta.

Bishop Long Van Nguyen comes to the Diocese with a rich understanding of the challenges and opportunities of multiculturalism in western Sydney. The new Bishop of Parramatta was born in 1961 in Gia-Kiem, Vietnam. In 1972, he joined the diocesan minor seminary which was later disbanded by the communist Government. In 1980 he left Vietnam to begin a new life in Australia.

After his ordination to the priesthood on 30 December 1989, Bishop Long went to Rome for further studies and was awarded a licentiate in Christology and Spirituality from the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure.

He was elected Superior of Conventual Franciscans in Australia in 2005 and appointed as Assistant General of the same Order and transferred to Rome in 2008. He was appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne on 20 May 2011.

Bishop Long is familiar with the western Sydney community, having been parish priest at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville from 1998-2002. His appointment demonstrates the Church's support and understanding of the unique needs of our community.

Please keep our new Bishop in your thoughts and prayers as he takes up his appointment.

## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

### **Celebration of First Eucharist at Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill Parish.**

We currently have 9 Year Four students preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist at our Parish, Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill. We keep the following students in our prayers as they continue along their faith journey.



Isaac Beacroft, Shane Carroll, David Elias, Sienna Junkiewicz, Sophia Ling, Matthew Martelli, Olivia Murace, Caitlin Weiss and Alexander Whiteley.

### **Celebration of First Eucharist at St John XXIII, Stanhope Gardens.**

Recently, five of our Year Four students celebrated their First Eucharist at St John XXIII, Stanhope Gardens. Congratulations to:-

Charlie Liddicoat, Jayden Rook, Cooper Ellims, Kynan Smallacombe and Jacob Zahra.

**May you always  
Know the **PEACE** of Jesus,  
The light of **LOVE**  
And the **JOY** of his  
Life within you!**

### **Preparation and Celebration of Sacraments at other Parishes.**

The community of St Joseph's would like to acknowledge all students who celebrate a Sacrament throughout the year. If your child is preparing for, or celebrated a sacrament at another Catholic Parish, please send me an email with the details (via the school email) so that we can acknowledge your child's next step in the journey of their faith.

Anne Watson  
Acting REC

### **Book Amnesty**

Please check at home for any library books, guided levelled reading books, Home Readers or Readers Circle books – any book that has a St. Joseph's barcode on the back cover – and return it to the library. Presently we are missing many 'readers' and would greatly appreciate their return.

Joanne Neill  
Library Technician

## NEED TO KNOW

### BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

**Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

**Contractors** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.

# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

| Student of the Week —Week 1 | Student of the Week– Week 2 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Emma Gerke                  | Jeimiel Ambanloc            |
| Rishi Chawla                | Niti Patel                  |
| Zoe Chow                    | Max Piesnik                 |
| Steven Sumith               | Jayden Farrugia             |
| Jessica Power               | Angelique Goupy             |
| Ryan Khan                   | Mitchell Lennox             |
| Casey Monk                  | William spiteri             |
| Andrew Vella                | Dion Bedrossian             |
| Isaac Beacroft              | Samira Alcasas              |
| Sienna Junkiewicz           | Natalia Papallo             |
| Chelsea Smith               | Darcy Lynch                 |
|                             | Tyran Brown                 |
|                             | Christina Marinovic         |



| Gospel Value —Week 2 | Gospel Value– Week 3 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cooper Barnsley      | Sehansa DeAlwis      |
| Zachary Hogan        | Ryan Thomas          |
| Oscar Griffin        | Ruby Carroll         |
| Eden Aldersen        | Susannah Elias       |
| Gabriella Borazio    | Leah Lowe            |
| Georgia Pafumi       | Brayden Tavoletti    |
| Sienna Vella         | Jorja Bellet         |
| Matthew Martelli     | Jack Kresan          |
| Cristiano Petrocco   | Cooper Opdam         |
| Luke Galea           | Kwadwo Frimpong      |
| Daniel Lizzio        | Madiszon Ozman       |
| Ella Stewart         | Clyde Tordelcillas   |
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## Principal Awards Week 2

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|--------------------|
| Sienna Junkiewicz  |
| Tristan Holmes     |
| Georgia Pafumi     |
| Kayla Apap         |
| Jayden Rook        |
| Kynan Smallacombe  |
| Lincoln Junkiewicz |

Congratulations to all.....

