



# St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



**Term 2**

**Week 6**

**1 June 2016**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mk 12:18-27

Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and put this question to him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, If someone's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first married a woman and died, leaving no descendants. So the second married her and died, leaving no descendants, and the third likewise. And the seven left no descendants. Last of all the woman also died. at the resurrection when they arise whose wife will she be? For all seven had been married to her". Jesus said to them, "Are you not misled because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven. As for the dead being raised, have you not read the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God told him, I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are greatly misled".

*You do not know the Scriptures.*

The Sadducees, a small aristocratic and wealthy group in Israel, do not believe in life after death and in the resurrection of the dead. They are out to ridicule the belief of Jesus and of the majority of contemporary Jews. Of course, they also quote the scriptures, but they select certain passages, take them out of context, and put their own beliefs into it. A solid knowledge of scriptures is the basis for our faith. After all, the dogmas of the Church are grounded in "Scripture and Tradition." But let us be honest, the scriptures are not easy to understand because these writings come from a time and culture very different from ours. Already in 1943, Pope Pius XII wrote, "What is the literal sense of a passage is not always as obvious in the speeches and writings of the ancient authors of the East, as it is in the works of our own time... the interpreter must, as it were, go back wholly in spirit to those remote centuries of the East, and with the aid of history, archaeology, ethnology, and other sciences, accurately determine what modes of writing, so to speak, the authors of that ancient period would be likely to use, and in fact did use." To know scripture better needs a lifelong effort— but it helps us avoid the mistakes the Sadducees have made.

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*"Love the Holy Scriptures, and wisdom will love you.  
 Love wisdom, and she will keep you safe"  
 (St Jerome).*



## This Weeks Newsletter

From the Principal

The Term Ahead

From the Assistant Principal

From The REC

Need To Know

Assembly Awards

From The Media Team

From The Classroom

**Week 7 GOSPEL ACTION—Reach out to those in need.**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome to Week 6. It is hard to believe the term is moving along so fast. Teachers are currently engaged in report writing and preparation for the Semester 1 reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 9.

The St Joseph's School community has so much to celebrate for our students and parents:-

**Reconciliation and First Communion** - Many of our students have participation in Reconciliation and First Communion in the local parishes of St John's Riverstone, Mary Immaculate Quaker's Hill and Blessed John 23<sup>rd</sup> Stanhope. Congratulations and God Bless you in your faith journey.

**Soccer Gala Days** – At St Joseph's we have so many students who try out to be included in the Soccer Gala Days. These days are promoted by the Diocese so students across all schools can participate with other children in sporting activities whilst representing their schools. We are very appreciative of our parents who offer to transport the students to these events; we couldn't participate in these types of events without you.

**Makerspace** – I am very excited about the Makerspace initiative. All the students who have attended this week have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and can't wait till they return to their works in progress.

**Media Team** – Yesterday, four of our Year 5 students participated in a Media Team Workshop facilitated by the Media Team Leader from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. Mrs Vicki Bowden, Jacob Trinidad, Aiden Gosling, Stephanie Attard and Madison Ozman joined with 4 other school's teachers and students in the workshop in the St Joseph's community space. It was a great experience. These students will now form the St Joseph's Media team for 2016 and 2017. They are really looking forward to contributing to the School Newsletter, Facebook page, School Website etc.

**'Chat with the Principal'** – The meeting was well attended by so many parents. Thank you to all the parents who came and shared their thoughts, wisdom and ideas for the future. The group was very open and welcoming, we even had a prospective 2017 parent who wanted to sit with the parents and listen to our conversation. Later I walked the parent around our school. She expressed her appreciation of being able to join in with the parent and principal meeting at such short notice.

**2017 Kindergarten Enrolments & School Tours** – I am very proud of our school community and especially our students. Every time I walk through our school on a 'School Tour' with prospective parents our students, your children, are so welcoming and they are always eager to tell the parents why they should choose St Joseph's for their child, for example –

- it is a safe place
- it is a welcoming school, especially for new students
- there are great teachers
- learning is important and teachers encourage us to do our best
- we use technology with our learning
- there are 3 rules – I am safe, I am respectful and I am a Learner
- teachers are caring and helpful
- there are lots of students to play with
- we have a 'Buddy Bench' to help us find friends and not be lonely at school.
- we have a great canteen..

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter we will continue to improve our school communication with your support, participation and guidance.

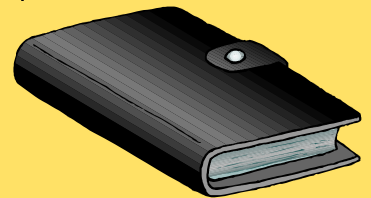
Enjoy the week and God Bless  
Cheryl Brown

## CALENDAR OVERVIEW

### 2016

### Term 2

|         |       |         |                                                                                              |
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| Week 8  | Mon   | 13 June | Queens Birthday Public Holiday                                                               |
|         | Tues  | 14 June | Chat with the Principal—2.30-3.15pm Library all welcome                                      |
|         | Thurs | 16 June | Athletics Sports Carnival Whole School                                                       |
|         | Fri   | 17 June | Whole School Assembly 1.30pm Community Space All welcome                                     |
| Week 9  | Tues  | 21 June | Year 4 in class liturgy                                                                      |
|         | Tues  | 21 June | Year 3 Excursion Muru Mittigar TBC                                                           |
|         | Wed   | 22 June | Parent Teacher Interviews 2.45-7.30pm                                                        |
|         | Fri   | 24 June | Mufti day gold coin donation                                                                 |
| Week 10 | Mon   | 27 June | Chat with the Principal—8.45-9.30am Community Space all welcome                              |
|         | Thurs | 30 June | Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day                                                         |
|         | Fri   | 1 July  | Whole School Assembly 1.30pm All welcome Last Day of Term 2                                  |



### Term 3

|        |      |           |                                                              |
|--------|------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Week 1 | Mon  | 18 July   | Beginning of Term 3                                          |
| Week 2 | Fri  | 29 July   | Grandparents Day Liturgy 8.50am Whole School Assembly 1.30pm |
| Week 3 | Tues | 2 August  | UNSW English Assessment 7.30am                               |
| Week 4 | Mon  | 8 August  | St Mary Mackillop Liturgy 12 noon All Welcome                |
|        | Wed  | 10 August | Year 4 Reconciliation                                        |
| Week 5 | Mon  | 15 August | Assumption in class Liturgy                                  |

BOOK WEEK

#### School Uniform

Please ensure your children are wearing their full school uniform as the Leadership Team will be performing uniform checks and sending notes home in the coming weeks.

#### School Disco

Notes and money need to be returned to school by Friday 3 June.

#### Athletics Carnival

Notes due back Wednesday 8 June

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### PBS4L

After our wonderful launch a couple of weeks ago, it has been great to see the Buddy Bench being used and seeing other students supporting the students sitting on the bench and welcoming them to join in their games.

Students across the whole school have been working very hard to earn Joey tickets. As I walk around the school it is great to see that teachers are reinforcing our rules of being Safe, Respectful and a Learner in the classroom and playground and rewarding students appropriately with joey tickets. Mrs Brown, the office ladies and myself have even been rewarding students with Joey tickets when we see them demonstrating our rules in the office area and around the school.

### 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 are to 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. Once they get 10 stamps they will get a Bronze Principal's Award.

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

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

Any student that has received a Principal's Award this year will automatically start at achieving the Silver Principal's Award.

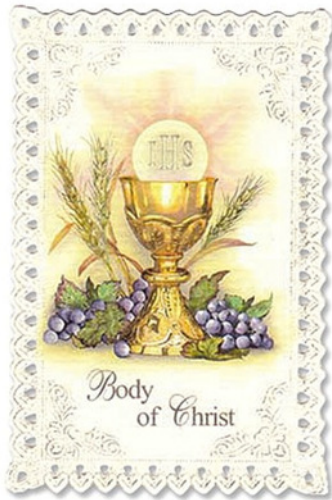
### CONSTRUCTION

Mirvac have begun construction on the north side of the school. I met with the developers the other day to discuss the impact of the construction on the school and the local community. These were the issues that were discussed.

- Deliveries and main movements of vehicles will not occur during 7.30 am and 9.00am and 2.00pm and 4.00pm on school days. As well as this no construction vehicles will park in the vicinity of the school.
- A shade cloth has been installed on the fence along the school playground adjacent to the building site so that the students and/or contractors cannot look into the respective premises.
- They recommend that parents do not use the off street parking on Nazarene Crescent for safety reasons due to the construction. They also ask parents to take due care that children do not go onto the construction site at any time.
- The contractors have all completed and signed a document that outlines specific guidelines describing the code of conduct when working on construction sites near schools. They have assured us that all contractors are aware that profanity or any other form of poor behaviour will not be tolerated and have encouraged us to contact them if we witness any breach of the code of conduct.

**Joanna Delvecchio**  
**Assistant Principal**

## First Eucharist Celebrations

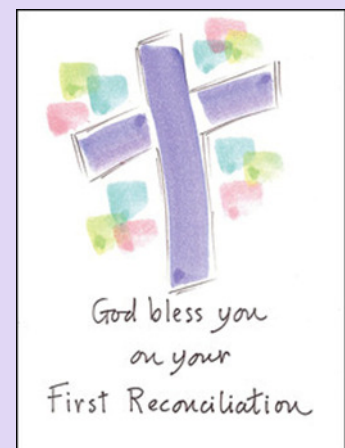


Jesus comes to you in  
Communion,  
To feed you, love you  
And fill you with his grace.  
May you always welcome  
His loving presence.  
Happy First Eucharist to:

Isaac Beacroft, Shane Carroll, David Elias, Sienna Junkiewicz, Sophia Ling, Matthew Martelli, Olivia Murace, Caitlin Weiss, Alexander Whiteley, Charlie Liddicoat, Jayden Rook, Cooper Ellims, Kynan Smallacombe and Jacob Zahra.

## First Reconciliation Celebrations

Congratulations to  
Meghan Lynch and William Spiteri  
who made their First Reconciliation  
last weekend  
at  
St John's Riverstone.



## Feast of the Sacred Heart and Celebration of Learning Mass

All families and friends are invited to



Feast of the Sacred Heart  
and  
Celebration of Learning Mass

**Date:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 12 noon

In the Community Space



## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

| Student of the Week —Week 3 | Student of the Week– Week 4 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Danniella Marinovic         | Rachel Elias                |
| Felicity Scott              | Keyandra O'Brien            |
| Amelia Vincent              | Rhys McDonald               |
| Lincoln Junkiewicz          | Hussein Moussa              |
| Zac Vagas                   | Charlie Kresan              |
| Cameron Attard              | Brianna Grima               |
| Elijah Rillera              | Isaac Wilson                |
| Caitlin Buttegieg/Weiss     | Isaac Beacroft              |
| Billy O'Brien               | Mujtaba Kazim               |
| Ishita Sreepathi            | Eamonn Saunders             |
| Jarod Farrugia              | Taeya Hogbin                |
| Malcolm Pujado              | Justin Alcasas              |
|                             |                             |



| Gospel Value —Week 4 | Gospel Value– Week 5 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Justin Malinao       | Cara Fredericks      |
| Gabrielle Moussa     | Nia Patel            |
| Harley Lockeridge    | Alzedric Ocampo      |
| Kassandra Gella      | Isabella Howlett     |
| Jayden Feleo         | Tristan Holmes       |
| Maximos Fredericks   | Ty Opdam             |
| Brock Richmond       | Imogen Tollis        |
| Maddison Ruprecht    | Aiko Granada         |
| Dianne Palma         | Marissa Thomas       |
| Shane Carroll        | Chloe Alexander      |
| Natasha Grima        | Charlotte Grima      |
| Chelsea Oliver       | Maddison Cauchi      |
| Joel Webb            |                      |



**IMPORTANT :** As from this week we will only be producing a newsletter every fortnight and not an update on alternate weeks. We will skoolbag and email any information if needed on the odd weeks. This is a trial to see how it works. Your feedback is appreciated.

**SCHOOL FEES**—Just a reminder that Term 2 fees were due Monday 30 May. This due date does not apply to anyone who is on an arrangement as those payments will continue until the balance is paid. If you have not made a formal arrangement to pay off your fees please contact the office to advise when you will finalise Term 2 fees.

# Media Madness

Media madness at St Joseph's Schofields

3 to 4 Students from St. Joseph's, St Patrick's Guildford, Holy Trinity Primary Granville and Mary Immaculate have been chosen to be in a media team. **The journalists of the future from these schools have arrived.** On the 31st of May 2016 we gathered at St Joseph's Schofields to participate in the media workshop run by Mrs Samantha Rich from Write 2 Be Read. This is a programme to enhance the skills of the newly selected media teams.

Stephanie Attard, Madison Ozmun, Aidan Gosling and Jacob Trinidad have been selected to be the St Joseph's Schofields media team for 2016 and 2017.

Our media team interviewed Aidan Gosling from St. Joseph's Primary School and Isabel Baysari from St. Patrick's Guildford.

"We were all in the media team and then I received an envelope and it was for this trip." Isabel told us. We asked Aidan when did you get chosen for the media team and why? This is what he told us.

"Today, I think we were chosen because we are very skillful people" Aidan said "We were told it was our writing skills" Aidan says.

Our supervisor Vicki Bowden says she is very happy to be working with us. She advised you give a punch in the first paragraph then you need to tell your story.

Our 4 students from St. Joseph's will be the media team for the next 2 years. They will write articles for the school newsletter, local newspapers and the Catholic Education Office.

The school media team  
Stephanie Attard, Jacob Trinidad, Aidan Gosling and Madison Ozmun



Isabel Baysari & Aidan Gosling being interviewed by Stephanie Attard  
mantha Rich (Write 2 Be Read)

Photography by Madison Ozman & Jacob Trinidad

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If you have a story of interest or would like something investigated. Please email the Media Team C/- vbowden@parra.catholic.edu.au and we will see what we can do.

I would also like to congratulate the team on creating this their first news piece Their enthusiasm and eagerness yesterday at the workshop was fantastic. I think we will be in for some very interesting news articles so WATCH THIS SPACE.





## FROM THE CLASSROOMS

### Year 1 Incursion Travel Bugs

On Monday 23 May Year 1 & K6Gold went to the library to see a bug show because we are learning about small animals. A lady named Jackie talked about the bugs and she showed us spiders and a milliped. We also saw a big Praying Mantis and other ones in different sizes. We got to see all of the insects also classify the bugs. It was great.

From Evie and Griffin Year 1 Blue



### Stage 3 Girls Soccer Day

On Thursday 26th May, the Stage 3 girls soccer team went to the soccer gala day at Jamison Park, Penrith.

We had a great time, learning new skills and techniques, playing games and most of all having fun.

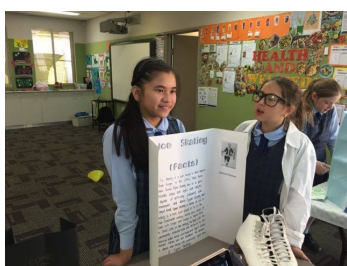
We won three games, drew three and lost one game.

Thanks to Mr Adams and Mrs Crane for coming with us on the day.

And a big thank you to Miss Dennett who coached us in preparation for the day and to all the parents who drove us to Jamison Park, were there to support the team and to assist our teachers.



### Year 6 Passion Project





## 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.