



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 3

Week 4

5 August 2015

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wed	5th	Primary Gymnastics /
August		Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /
		Student Banking / The Ned
		Show—incursion
Thurs	6th	Year 1 Excursion Rouse Hill
August		Farm / Chess Lessons
Fri	7th	Mary Mackillop Liturgy 12
August		noon / School Assembly
		1.30 S3White hosting
Wed	12th	Primary Gymnastics /
August		Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /
		Student Banking
Thurs	13th	Chess Lessons
August		
Fri	14th	Trivia Night
August		

This Weeks Newsletter

From the Principal

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From the Assistant Principal

From The REC

Assembly Awards

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From The Sports Coordinator

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sunday Gospel for 9 August, 2015

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:44-51

[Jesus said to the crowds:] “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall be taught by God*. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert but they died; this is the bread that comes from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

Reflection

Jesus declares that the bread that he gives is his flesh “for the life of the world.” At the Eucharist, do we see ourselves participating in an action that is meant to ripple outward for the world’s salvation? The components of the Eucharist are meant to form in us a pattern that brings life far beyond the church doors. We practice the art of “gathering,” of “listening” to the Word, of “sacrificing” all that we are, to draw closer to one another in “communion”. As you participate in the Eucharist, imagine yourself lifting the world up to the Father in Christ for its healing, bringing all people together in life.



Gospel Value for Week 5 : Showing Love and Faith

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers of St Joseph's,

From the beginning of Term 3 our school community has been celebrating significant events where everyone has joined together to ensure St Joseph's is a welcoming and celebrating community. The following quotes are inspirational thinking....

***"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success." Henry Ford***

"Remember teamwork begins by building trust. And the only way to do that is to overcome our need for invulnerability."
Patrick Lencioni

"Few of us do great things, but all of us can do small things with great love"
Mother Theresa

Our school motto 'Together We Can' expresses the desire to belong to a community of faith with God and each other we can do great things. I know how important it is to me to be part of a school community where everyone is working together to make a difference in the lives of others, especially our students, parents and staff.

This term we have extended our love and hospitality to our grandparents. The Grandparent's Liturgy and Morning Tea was well attended by so many grandparents and parents. There were quite a few grandparents who travelled a far distance to be part of the St Joseph's celebrations and open classroom visit.

The Role of Grandparents

According to Arthur Kornhaber, M.D., president and founder of the Foundation for Grandparenting and the nation's foremost expert on grandparenting issues, there are 11 roles grandparents play in a family. Grandparents offer children a broader range of knowledge, emotions and experience than they did as parents. They also inhabit a special place in the family as a trusted adult, yet separate and different from the child's parents, and may provide a safe place for children to turn in times of stress when they feel they cannot approach their parents. The following are the special roles grandparents can play in the lives of their grandchildren.

- Ancestor:** You are the head of the family unit and a connection to the family's common history.
- Buddy:** Dr. Kornhaber's studies have shown that many grandparents "treat their grandchildren in a more relaxed and permissive manner than they ever treated their own children.
- Hero:** Being a hero gives your grandchild someone to model his or her life after and someone to inspire them.
- Historian:** The role of historian overlaps somewhat with Ancestor; however, you are the living witness to the history of your own time, in addition to that of your ancestors. This gives the child a sense of "we," solidifying the fact that he or she belongs to a family unit – something bigger than themselves - and gives him or her a sense of safety and security.
- Mentor:** This goes beyond just teaching your child a subject - you are a cheerleader inspiring her imagination and her dreams, nurturing her spirit, and encouraging her intellectual growth while giving her a sense of self-worth.
- Nurturer:** Your role of nurturer as a grandparent is similar to your role as parent, with some added functions and advantages. Your support provides an emotional and social safety net for the entire family, making your grandchildren feel safe and secure.
- Role Model:** Your actions can teach your grandchildren how they should behave in society, care for themselves, and how they should aspire to be as future parents and grandparents themselves.
- Spiritual Guide:** Your role as a spiritual guide to your grandchildren can help teach them to value and achieve spiritual rewards such as love, tolerance, compassion, reverence, joy, peace, gentleness, faith and kindness.
- Student:** While it's true you have many valuable things to teach your grandchild, don't forget that you have many valuable lessons to learn about and from them.
- Teacher:** You have a fantastic opportunity to impart your knowledge, special skills, and experience to your grandchildren as their teacher
- Wizard:** Your role as a wizard provides your grandchild with a playful, imaginative alternative to their task-oriented daily life. You can indulge your grandchild's fantasies because you don't have to worry about the daily discipline.

It was wonderful to experience community again at the **St Joseph's Family Mass** at the Mary Immaculate Parish Mass on Sunday 26th July. Many students, parents and staff celebrated mass with Fr Reggie. Our students participated in the Mass during the Liturgy of the Word, Procession of the Gifts and Prayers of the Faithful. Thank you to all the students, their participation was outstanding.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The *St Joseph's Athletics Carnival* was another event where all members of the school community worked together to present a memorable event for all participants. It was great to see the children enthusiasm to participate, cheers and celebrate each other's achievements. This year was significant because each colour house had a banner flying in the breeze.

We are blessed to have very thoughtful parents in organising the purchase of the House Banners. On behalf of the St Joseph's School community I wish to express our appreciation of the parent community in funding the purchase of the House Banners. The children were definitely excited and showed their appreciation by sitting in their House Colour throughout the day.

Thank you to Mrs Watson, teachers and parents for your great efforts in contributing to such a successful day. Many thanks to Mr Adams, Nina Martelli and Teresa Farrugia for sending in photos of the Carnival for the St Joseph's Primary School Schofields Facebook page.

Great events have been happening in our grades as well this term. For example,

Year 3 are using *Kagan Cooperative Learning Strategies* in their learning environment. Year 3 parents were invited to visit the classroom this Monday where they were engaged in an information session with teachers and students. Some items of furniture have been purchased and delivered to contribute to the learning environment to enhance cooperative learning opportunities.

Yesterday Mrs Nicole Spranger, *iLearn* Teacher Educator, visited our school to facilitate a workshop with Stage 3 students and teachers on *animation*. The Stage 3 students were engaged and excited with the new learning.

The Year 4 & Year 6 students will be engaging in the *Religious Literacy Assessment* this term. An introductory letter was sent home earlier this term and a request for parent helpers for Year 4 was sent home yesterday. We look forward to receiving responses as parent helpers are key in assisting in the Assessment program.

I was very happy to see so many parents accept my invitation to 'Have a cuppa with the principal' after Assembly on Monday this week. It was a great opportunity for parents to ask questions, raise matters, provide suggestions and seek clarity. During the meeting a number of topics were identified, e.g. Communication (Newsletter, School Bag etc), Sport (Carnivals, sport curriculum, interschool competitions), Parent Group (Roles and responsibilities), Curriculum areas (Handwriting, Literacy), School routines (Release from Face to Face for teachers, casual release, timetabled learning) to name a few. The next 'CWTP' meeting is scheduled for Week 7 Monday 24th August, 2015 I will present two items from the above agenda in the meeting.

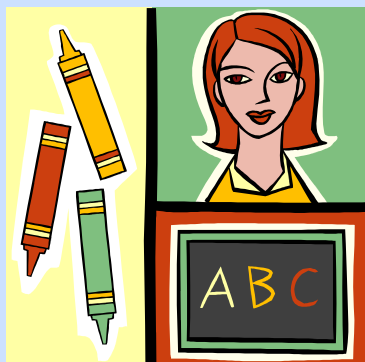
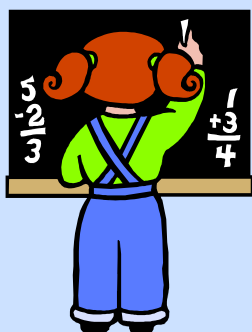
It is with mixed emotions that we farewell Mrs Wendy Henshaw on Friday 21st August, 2015. Wendy had been associated with St Joseph's for over 10 years. Students, staff and parents will sadly miss her. However, we know that Wendy and her family have a new adventure ahead of them at Airlie Beach. We plan to dedicate the Friday, Week 6 Assembly 1.30pm to farewell Wendy. A number of grades will present items reflecting on Wendy's time at St Joseph's. We cordially invite parents to join us in our celebration of Mrs Henshaw's teaching life at St Joseph's Schofields.

Take care and be safe.
God Bless

Cheryl Brown.

KINDERGARTEN 2016

We are accepting Enrolment application forms for Kindergarten 2016. Interviews are continuing, so if you have a child or know of a child who will be 5 or turning 5 by 31st July 2016 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.



TERM 3 OVERVIEW

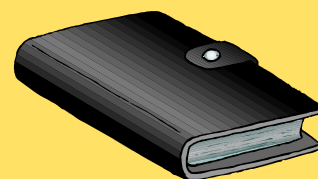
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Week 4	Wed	5th August	Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking / The Ned Show—incursion
	Thurs	6th August	Year 1 Excursion Rouse Hill Farm / Chess Lessons
	Fri	7th August	Mary Mackillop Liturgy 12 noon / School Assembly 1.30 S3White hosting
Week 5	Wed	12th August	Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking
	Thurs	13th August	Chess Lessons
	Fri	14th August	Trivia Night
Week 6	Wed	19th August	Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking
	Thurs	20th August	Chess Lessons
	Fri	21st August	School Assembly 1.30 S3Gold hosting
Week 7	Mon	24th August	Book Fair/ Book Parade/ Colouring Competition/ Cuppa with the Principal
	Wed	26th August	Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking
	Thurs	27th August	Chess Lessons
	Fri	28th August	Staff Formation Day—Pupil Free Day
Week 8	Wed	2nd September	Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking
	Thurs	3rd September	Father's Day Stall / Chess Lessons
	Fri	4th September	Father's Day Breakfast / Father's Day Liturgy / Assembly S3Blue hosting
Week 9	Wed	9th September	Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking
	Thurs	10th September	Chess Lessons
Week 10	Wed	16th September	Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking
	Fri	18th September	End of Term Mass 12pm / Assembly Year 4 hosting

Term 4

Week 1	Tues	6th October	First day Term 4
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Please check these dates regularly as events are continually added or dates changed depending on schedules.

LOST PROPERTY

All students come to school in their school uniform and at times students mislay a part of their uniform in some way. At the beginning of the year we always remind parents to label all their child's clothing so if it is lost and found in the Lost Property Bin we are able to return the item to the child.

Sometimes children take home the wrong uniform item; hat, jumper, winter jacket etc

I encourage all parents to check their child's uniform to ensure that they have their own uniform at all times. The school uniform is a costly item and so many parents are reporting to me that their child's lost labelled uniform is not being returned.

To assist all parents I am asking parents and carers to be vigilant in checking school uniforms and ensuring their child's uniform is clearly labelled.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

UNSW Mathematics Competition

For those students that have paid for the UNSW Mathematics Competition, the test is on Tuesday 11th August at 7.30am in the library.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING MEETINGS

Last Wednesday afternoon, Roslyn Earl and Katie Bates lead a Professional Learning meeting for the staff on Reading K-2. They have attended 7 sessions over the last three terms about good practice in K-2 Reading and using and analysing Running Records as an assessment to inform the teaching focus for the Guided Reading session. We also looked at carefully selecting a book based on students' needs and watched some videos on Guided Reading sessions. The staff engaged in rich conversation about Running Records, Book selection and running an effective Guided Reading Session.

Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Census Day

This Friday, 7th August is Census Day when all non-government schools must provide data on staff and students which will be used to calculate funding and grants from the Australian Government. It is a requirement for us to account for every student which we have enrolled in our school. On Friday, if your child is absent you will be contacted by our office to find the reason your child is not at school and requesting you send an email or note when he/she returns to school explaining the absence. This note will be kept on our file for auditing purposes. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Banking Account Opening Day

St Josephs Primary is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmite token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

School Banking day is WEDNESDAY. Each week you need to take their bank book to the School Banking coordinators in the playground before the bell.

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an account opening day from 8am to 9am on Wednesday 12th August 2015. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver's licence or another form of photographic identification. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

Thank You!



Thank you to the many Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, Families, Friends and Relatives of St. Joseph's who came to celebrate Grandparents Day with us and celebrate our parish mass at Mary Immaculate on Sunday. These were special days for everyone. I would also like to thank the Parent and Friends group for providing morning tea and the many families who shared photos with us for the photo tribute during the Grandparents Day Liturgy.



St. Mary Mackillop Liturgy—Friday 7th August

We would like to invite you to attend a whole school liturgy to celebrate the Feast day of St. Mary Mackillop in the Community Space on Friday 7th August at 12:00pm.

Religious Literacy Assessment for Year 4 and Year 6 Students

All Year 4 and Year 6 students will participate in a Diocesan Assessment of their religious literacy over the next three weeks.

During Week 6, students in these grades will complete an online assessment. The students will answer a series of multiple choice questions related to their learning in Religious Education.

In addition, throughout Week 5, Year 4 students only will complete a variety of learning tasks related to the Religious Education unit, Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing. Their achievement in completing these tasks will be formally assessed. A report based on students' completion of these assessments will be forwarded to the Year 4 parents during Term 4.

PBS4L Update

PBS4L is a whole school framework that helps us create positive learning environments for all students at St. Joseph's.

The PBS4L framework is a research based and proactive school wide system that establishes clear behaviour expectations. The process involves explicitly teaching and reteaching students how to enact positive behaviours.

Our aim is to produce positive outcomes for both students and teachers by creating positive learning environments that makes St. Joseph's an even better place to learn. PBS4L encourages consistency amongst teachers in our approach to behaviour management both in acknowledging and reinforcing positive behaviours.

PBS4L simply is about learning to be all of these things...

- To be safe
- To be respectful
- To be a learner.

Home Links

At St. Joseph's we believe that families play an essential role in their children's social and educational development and learning. The use of consistent language at home and school is a fantastic strategy to reinforce positive behaviour.

Below are some questions that can be used for discussion at home:

- How can I be positive and helpful at home?
- What words do I use to show respect?
- How do I show respect to Mum, Dad, brothers and Sisters?
- What responsibilities do I have at home?
- How can I be Safe at home?
- What areas at home are unsafe to play in?
- What is something I am working towards?
- How did I show my personal best today?

FROM THE SPORTS COORDINATOR

St Joseph's ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Friday God blessed us with glorious weather for our Athletics Carnival. Wow, what a great day. All students, teachers and parents enjoyed the Carnival.

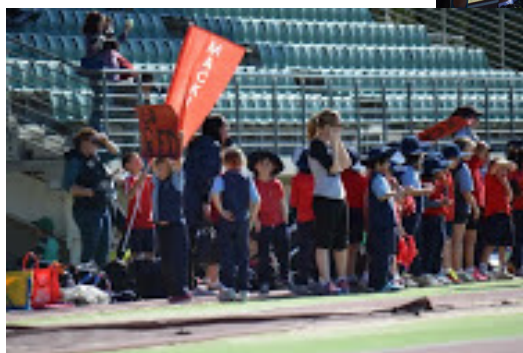
The students displayed inspiring sportsmanship throughout the carnival. The House Colour cheering was outstanding. Didn't our new House Colour Flags look great!!!! Thank you to our parents for organising them for the school.

I would like to say thank you to all parents who came along to cheer on the children. A special thank you to our wonderful parents who helped out on the day as recorders, time keepers, place getters, helpers with tabloids and our field events. Your help was greatly appreciated, without your help the day wouldn't have run at all. THANK YOU!!!!

Final House Colour points will be announced at Friday's Assembly.

Congratulations to the following athletes who will represent St Joseph's at the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival next Tuesday at Blacktown International Sports Park.

Samira Alcasas
Stephanie Attard
Brodie Barnsley
Isaac Beacroft
Tyran Brown
Taylor Bryce
Alexis Caruana
Maddison Cauchi
Jai Ellims
Destiny Erhunmwunse
Chantelle Gatt
Sierra Griffin
Samuel Griffin
Charlotte Grima
Lachlan Hawkes
Taeya Hogbin
Branden Holmes
Tara Hughes
Sienna Junkiewicz
Emma Laycock
Jade Lennox
Charlie Liddicoat
Darcy Lynch
Charli-Belle McCammont
Molly McGaughey
Dante Miles
Daniel Montebello
Rachael Montebello
Cooper Opdam
Lya Outschoorn
Natalia Papallo
Aaron Rillera
Corey Ritchie
Jack Roche
Sarah Said
Sharmaine Santos
Laurie Spiteri
Charlie Sultana
Cameron Tollis
Tana Va'a
Isaac Wilson
Montana Wright
AbbeyZahra



Best of luck to the above athletes for next Tuesday.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards Week 2 Assembly

Cameron Brookes



Student of the Week—Week 1	Student of the Week— Week 2
Kade Ellims	Joseph Blanchard
Pranav Lalji	Summer Warren
Harley Ransfield	Vanshika Kumar
Cameron Grima	Sierra Griffin
Michael Butjerevic	Cody Szkut
William Spiteri	Jayden Rook
Jade Lennox	Billy O'Brien
Mutjaba Kazim	Ishita Sreepathi
Zac Vella	Charlie Sultana
Caitlyn Morris	Chantelle Gatt
Sam Griffin	Dominic Azzopardi
Aaron Rillera	Emma-Grace Ling
Jordan Turner	Andre` Abreu

Gospel Value –Week 1
Max Piesnik
Amelia Rainbow
Ty Opdam
Lincoln Junkiewicz
Maddison Saulle
Dion Bedrossian
Ashley Ting
Natalia Papallo
Abbey Zahra
Juliana Murace
Jai Ellims
Anthony Strangio

Gospel Value —Week 2	Gospel Value— Week 3
Daniel Prior	Joseph Blanchard
Alistair Laylo-McCall	Alaina Sreepathi
Georgia Wilson	Kyah Morris
Madeline Scott	Jeizek Reyes
Kayla Apap	Faried Smith
Isaac Wilson	David Elias
Kaitlyn chapman	Pranith Reddy
Rhys Sultana	Destiny Erhunwunse
Madison Ozmun	
Natasha Grima	
Jasmine Chidgey	
Brendan Nelson	
Spencer Bullen	



FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week at St. Joseph's

We will be celebrating Book Week from Monday, 24th August through to Thursday, 27th August, with a Book Fair, a visiting Storyteller, a Book Character Parade and a colouring competition.

The short listed books have been shared with students and what an opportunity for everyone to come dressed up as their favourite persona for the Book Character Parade. Homemade costumes are fun to make and wonderful to parade in – please don't go to expense with the outfits, as the Character Parade is all about enjoyment. The Parade will take place after the Monday morning assembly and parents, carers, grandparents, family and friends are welcome to come and watch.

It will be a wonderfully exciting Book Week.

Mrs. Neill



FROM THE CLASSROOMS

CARD CLUB

Card Club began today. It was so nice to get together with Mrs Winkle and our creative card makers from Stage 2. We will spend every Monday for the rest of this term and into Term 4 making cards. We will then deliver them personally to St Hedwig's nursing home at Christmas time, where we will have morning tea, a chat and a Christmas Carol sing along with the residents.

Mrs. Slater



FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Teams



Congratulations to both teams our boys were runners up and the girls one there group.

Winners

Congratulation to Kaitlyn Chapman and Lincoln Junkiewicz on correctly guessing 810 lollies in the Year 6 Guessing Competition.



PLAYGROUP

Wednesday
Mornings
come and join
the fun

8.30-10.30am



Voice of Youth Final

Congratulations to our Voice of Youth Team who represented our school in an exceptional fashion.

Well done Adrian, Emma and Nathaniel for being well prepared on the day. Adrian and Emma delivered entertaining and informative speeches.



Second Hand uniform Shop

Open Tuesday & Thursday
mornings 8.30am or contact
Tina on 0417457417

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST JOSEPHS TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER



7PM ON FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2015
THE AUSTRALIAN BREWERY
ANNANGROVE ROAD, ROUSE HILL (NEXT TO BUNNINGS)
ONLY \$15 PER PERSON. TABLES OF TEN PREFERRED.

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER.
GET YOUR PARTNERS, FRIENDS & FAMILY TOGETHER AND MAKE UP A TABLE.
OTHERWISE, WE CAN GLADLY PLACE YOU ON A TABLE WITH OTHERS.

THIS IS GUARANTEED TO BE A FUN NIGHT OUT FOR ALL WITH LOTS OF TRIVIA, GAMES, RAFFLES AND AUCTIONS!

JOIN US IN BUILDING A STRONGER ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOR OUR CHILDREN

Number of people on your table: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ Child's class: _____

OR

Please place us on a table with others:

Names: _____

Please return, together with payment slip, to the front office by Friday 31st July

TABLE ARRANGEMENTS

Contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ Child's class: _____

Number of ticket purchases: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

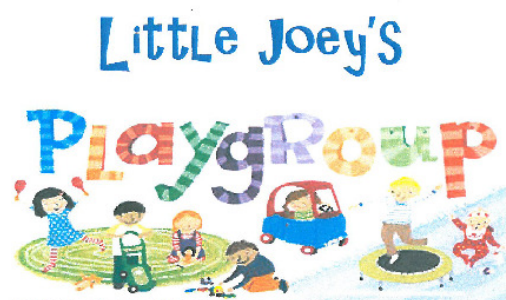
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PAYMENT SLIP

COMMUNITY NEWS

Woolworths Earn & Learn

St Joseph's will be participating in the Earn & Learn promotion run by Woolworths again this year. Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. Stick the Woolworths Stickers onto the Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. Once completed, pop it into the collection box in the school office foyer. We are hoping to earn some great resources for our school.



Come and have FUN with arts and craft, free play, dress-ups, story time, singing, dancing and more.



Wednesday's 9 – 11 am
St. Joseph's Primary School, Schofields
For kids ages 0 – 5 and their carers

For more information please contact St. Joseph's Primary at 02 9626 1328 or Jennifer at 0457939447 or email jmjablanch77@gmail.com

It's On The St Joseph's School Fair

On 21st November we will be holding our School Fair. To make this event a successful one we are looking for Sponsors and Stall holders. If you or a family member own a business and would like to take up this opportunity to gain great exposure or make some extra cash then please contact me to book your space. There will be 10 sponsorship positions
1xPlatinum Sponsor – Major sponsor (\$1500)
4 x Gold Sponsors (\$500) – 3 Positions Left
5 x Silver Sponsors (\$100) – 3 Positions Left

Stalls will be \$50 each and we will be limiting the number of stalls in each category so we don't have an overload of the same products. To book your space or discuss your options please call Kylie Small on 0415 311 752.

St Michael's Primary School, Blacktown South will be holding a BBQ at the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival on

**Tuesday, 11th August 2015
10am – 2pm
SAUSAGE SANDWICH \$3.00**

