



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 4

Week 8

25 November 2015

THE WEEK AHEAD

Week Fri	27th November	Parent Helper
8		liturgy 12noon
		School
		Assembly
Week Thurs	3rd December	Year 6 Big Night
9		In
Week Tues	8th December	Year 6
10		Graduation
		Mass 6.30pm
Fri	11th December	Class
		Promotions Day
		9am/
		School
		Assembly
		Christmas
		Carols Concert

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sunday Gospel for 29 November 2015

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Reflection

Today we begin the holy season of Advent, a time of waiting and Christian longing. As a culture, we are not trained in the art of patience; we bristle at long checkout lines, and we dread extended telephone calls. Jesus tells his disciples to "stand erect and raise your heads" as a salvation comes to earth. Practice this posture of patient waiting in the weeks ahead, not only in your physical body but in how you reach out to others. With dedication and commitment, seek to enact justice by helping a poor person to feel dignified or by lifting up the head of someone who is sick or weighed down by life. Help others to stand aright and to live with hope, and you will surely not miss the coming of the Son of Man.



This Weeks Newsletter

From the Principal

The Term Ahead

From the Assistant Principal

From The REC

Assembly Awards

From the Classrooms

Week 9 GOSPEL ACTION – Preparing for Jesus

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome everyone to this week's newsletter. St Joseph's is still celebrating in spirit the wonderful experience of the St Joseph's Spring Fair. The Fair was a great opportunity in building community spirit with our school students, parents, teachers and the wider community. It was a great idea to re-establish the Fair/Fete as our last one was in 2009. A special thank you and mention of all our sponsors will be published within the coming week, as it is so important to publically acknowledge the generosity of the surrounding community, e.g. parents, grandparents, local businesses, stall holders etc.

The idea of planning to return to holding a Fair/Fete at St Joseph's was re-ignited last year in the Parent Group meetings. During 2015 the parent community strategically planned over the past months to organise sponsors, stalls, prizes, rides, donations and student, teacher and parent support.

Congratulations.....to Mrs Grima, Mrs Smallacombe and many outstanding teams of parents who contributed their time and talents in their specific roles to assist in making the FAIR a SUCCESSFUL DAY.... there were so many parents helper who joined in on the day as well. Thank you to all the staff of St Joseph's, they volunteered their assistance on the day and supported the students with their entertainment presentations.

A special thank you to Mrs Watson and Mr Adams for participating in the fun, when joining in with Mrs Brown, in the Dunking Machine... there was lots of dunking happening on the oval on Saturday

Saturday's Fair was the culmination of many St Joseph's parents working collaboratively together to plan, organise and facilitate the St Joseph's Spring Fair.

PLANNING FOR 2016

Yesterday, the school's curriculum leaders, including Mrs Delvecchio, Mrs Farhat, Mr Atkins and myself attended a System Leadership Workshop developing School Goals for 2016. Each curriculum leader has been working with all staff in analysing student assessment data, e.g. Naplan, Pat-R, Early Years Assessment Data and school based assessment to identify the areas of needs for school improvement.

Following are the goals for each curriculum areas:-

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FORMATION

Goal: To deepen students understanding of their faith, through greater knowledge of the scriptures. We expect to achieve growth across all strands in comparison to all 2015 Religious Literacy Assessment data.

LITERACY

Goal: For students to view and compose well-structured, varied and effective sentences with increasing complexity as evidenced by 2 point growth on the St Joseph's/NAPLAN writing continuum.

NUMBERACY

Goal: For all students, by the end of Term Three, to use visualisation and reasoning skills to solve multiplication and division problems, with 80% of students beginning the year at or below GP3 in Multiplication and Division to achieve GP4 or beyond, and 80% of students beginning the year at or above GP4 to achieve GP6 or beyond.

In the process of formalising goals we have followed the Systems' set criteria. The SMART goal setting brings structure and track ability into our goals and objectives. SMART goal setting creates verifiable trajectories towards a certain objective, with clear milestones and an estimation of the goal's attainability.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Specific: A specific goal has a much greater chance of being accomplished than a general goal.

Measurable: Establish concrete criteria for measuring progress toward the attainment of each goal set.

Ambitious: Set goals with high expectations. When you set your goals you build expectations and motivation within in the community.

Relevant: A goal must represent an objective toward which you are both *willing* and *able* to work. A goal can be both high and relevant; every goal represents substantial progress.

Timely: (Time bound) A goal should be grounded within a time frame. With no time frame there is no sense of urgency.

STAFFING

Staff will be finalised very shortly and will be communicated after a final session of interviews of potential staff in the coming week.

LEARNING IS IMPORTANT

The learning environment is most important at St Joseph's at all times. There will be a few changes next year in relation to limiting the number of interruptions to the learning time. All teachers are entitled to 2 hours 'release from face-to-face' (RFF) teaching every week. For this year (2015) the RFF was scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, **next year (2016) RFF will be Thursday and Friday** with the intention to source employment of a Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (Sport) Teacher so ensure quality sporting learning experiences are planned for all students across the school K-6.

Mrs Anne Watson is standing down from running the sporting activities across the school for next year. On behalf of the St Joseph's School community I wish to express our appreciation of all the great work Anne has carried out over the past years. Anne has always volunteered her time and talents in the best interests of the St Joseph's School in supporting our students' sporting endeavours. The management of the yearly sporting events will be negotiated with Margaret Thornton, Teaching Educator Primary Sport (Catholic Education Office) and the staff, and information will be advised to the school community.

This year we have encouraged our students to participate in Library Lunch break, Kool Kids (Music), Chess, Choir, Card Club, Passive Play and Guitar. For 2016, we are investigating new initiatives for our students. Some of the ideas that have been presented are:-

- supervised sport during lunch

- Tinker and Maker space in the Library for lunch time: Monday, Wednesday & Friday

If you have any suggestions, please email stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au

TEACHER SPECIALIST TRAINING

In 2016, nominated staff will be trained in:

- Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Special Teacher – Year 1

- EMU Special Teacher – Middle Years

- Targetted Learning Program Teacher

- Reading Recovery – Mrs Delvecchio will continue in her training for 2016.

As the year closes there are many things to finalise and plan for 2016. I will keep you all posted as we go.

Enjoy the week and see you soon

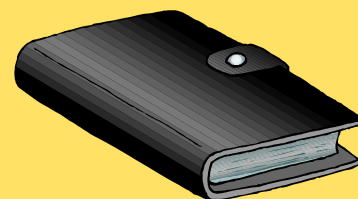
Together We Can

Cheryl Brown

CALENDAR OVERVIEW

2015

Term 4



Week 8	Fri	27th November	Parent Helper liturgy 12noon School Assembly
Week 9	Thurs	3rd December	Year 6 Big Night In
Week 10	Tues	8th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.30pm
	Fri	11th December	Class Promotions Day 9am/ School Assembly Christmas Carols Concert
Week 11	Tues	15th December	Motiv8 Year 6 Big Day In
	Wed	16th December	End of Year Mass 10am / Year 6 Guard of honour 2.15pm School Closes

2016

Term 1

Week 1	Wed	27th January	School Opens for 2016 Testing
	Thurs	28th January	Testing continues
	Fri	29th January	Year1 to Year 6 return to school
Week 2	Mon	1st February	Kindergarten commence school
Week 8	Wed	16 March	School Photos

Swimming Carnival

Information and results will be published next week. Check our website for some great photos.

Spring Fair and Kinder transition photos are on our website for you to view.

Important Information

Please refer to the attachments to this newsletter regarding changes to Bus timetables and route changes

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Wednesday & Thursday mornings 8.30-9.00am or contact Tina on 0417457417

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

We are continuing to collect food donations for St. Vincent De Paul, over the next three weeks we are collecting:

Week 2: Savoury Items: snacks, nuts, savoury biscuits, chips etc.

Week 3: Sweets: lollies, Christmas pudding, mince tarts, cakes, sweet biscuits, long life custard etc.

Week 4: Christmas: decorations, tinsel, plates, cups etc.

Please keep these items in mind when you next go shopping

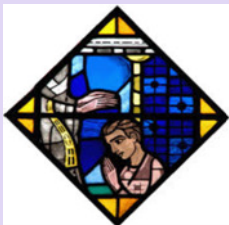
Thank you

Mrs Crane, Mrs Farhat and School Leaders

PARENT HELPER LITURGY

Our Parent Helper liturgy will be held this Friday, 27th November in the Community Space at 12.00pm.

If you have been a helper within our community in any capacity this year – library, banking, reading, excursions, carnivals, fete, working bee etc. You are warmly invited to our liturgy, so we can say THANK YOU!



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the Year 3 children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation tomorrow night at Mary Immaculate Parish.

Leanne Farhat
Rec

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards Week 6 Assembly

Cristiano Petrocco
Jack Kresan
Charlie Liddicoat
Billy O'brien
Isabelle Birch
Joseph Blanchard
Ashlee Gosling

Natalia Papallo
Chantelle Gatt
Maddison Cauchi
Pranith Reddy
Lilah Margo
Sarah Said
Rachael Montebello
Sophia Ling



Student of the Week— Week 5	Student of the Week— Week 6
Tanushraam Jekakumar	Jayden Farrugia
Ashlee Gosling	Ryan Thomas
Harley Ransfield	Dhruvi Vekaria
Isabella Pafumi	Lincoln Junkiewicz
Meghan Lynch	Meghan Lynch
Dion Bedrossian	Brianna Grima
Caitlin Weiss	Kaitlyn Chapman
Sienna Junkiewicz	Samira Alcasas
Alezandro Ocampo	Billy Lloyd
Jack Roche	Suhani Suri
Adrian Zahra	Jasper McLaughlin
Montana Wright	Edward Watts

Gospel Value —Week 6	Gospel Value— Week 7
Al Zedric Ocampo	Ruby Carroll
Mathew Every	Ryan Thomas
Khushi Rupakula	Alaina Sreepathi
Gabriella Borazio	Madeline Scott
Jorja Bellet	Maddison Saulle
Aiko Granada	Elija Rillera
Cristiano Petrocco	David Elias
Matthew Martelli	Rhys Sultana
Olivia Svarc	Ella Stewart
Benjamin Plummer	Adrian Murdaca
Tara Hughes	Branden Holmes
Dante Miles	Joel Farrugia

COMMUNITY NEWS

Weet-Bix Tryathlon

Do you have a child aged 7-15 years wishing to do the Weet-Bix Tryathlon at Sydney's Homebush on Sunday 31 January 2016? If so, please use the Group name of **Joeys (Opdam)** in your registration to receive group discounts on your registration fees - Earlybird discounts apply when registered before 6 December 2015. This code can be used by all families and friends of the St Joseph's community so please feel free to share with friends!

Register online at <http://try.weetbix.com.au/events/sydney>

FROM THE COMMUNITY



Diocesan School Fees - 2016

Diocesan School Fees are annual fees charged in terms one, two and three as follows:

ANNUAL FEES	Note: no charge for 4 th + children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Tuition Fee Primary	Kindergarten	\$ 1,098	\$ 825	\$ 549
	Years 1 – 6	\$ 1,419	\$ 1,065	\$ 711
Tuition Fee Secondary	Years 7 – 8	\$ 1,968	\$ 1,476	\$ 984
	Years 9 – 10	\$ 2,184	\$ 1,638	\$ 1,092
	Years 11 – 12	\$ 2,790	\$ 2,094	\$ 1,395
Building Levy	One Levy per Family	\$ 735		
Temporary Residents (per student if enrolling in 2016, otherwise per family)	Years K-12	\$ 1,815	\$ 1,815	\$ 1,815

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child
Tuition Fee Primary	Kindergarten	\$ 366	\$ 275	\$ 183
	Years 1 – 6	\$ 473	\$ 355	\$ 237
Tuition Fee Secondary	Years 7 – 8	\$ 656	\$ 492	\$ 328
	Years 9 – 10	\$ 728	\$ 546	\$ 364
	Years 11 – 12	\$ 930	\$ 698	\$ 465
Building Levy	One Levy per Family	\$ 245		
Temporary Residents per student if enrolling in 2016. Otherwise per family.	Years K-12	\$ 605	\$ 605	\$ 605

SCHOOL BASED FEES 2016	
Resource Fee/Activity Fee per child	\$279.00 (\$93.00 paid in Term 1, Term 2 & Term 3)
Technology Fee per family	\$60.00 (\$20.00 paid in Term 1, Term 2 & Term 3)
Gymnastics for Yrs 3, Yrs 4 and Stage 3 ONLY	\$42.00 (\$14.00 paid in Term 1, Term 2 & Term 3)
Canberra Excursion for Stage 3 ONLY	\$225.00 (\$75.00 paid in Term 1, Term 2 & Term 3)

FROM THE COMMUNITY

providing quality public transport



19th November 2015

SCHOOL BUS 6548 CLARIFICATION OF SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 16th November 2015**, minor changes to directions of afternoon **School Bus 6548** were made, as outlined below:



From Junction Rd **School Bus 6548** now operates via (R) Junction Rd to Railway Terrace, **omitting part of Junction Rd and Schofields Rd** due to the closure of Railway Terrace between Schofields Rd and Advance St.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870** or **9497 1887**.
Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely,
BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(936i) SB 6548 371B

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SCHOOL TIMETABLE

WESTERN SUBURBS REGION

St Joseph's Primary School - Schofields

Timetable effective from Monday 30 November 2015

Amended 18/11/2015

(R) Bus Turns Right - (L) Bus Turns Left

MORNING

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Served	Route Description
6052	-	7:05 AM	Marsden Park Schofields	Departs Carnarvon Rd & Grange Ave via Carnarvon Rd (L)Clifton Rd (R)Fermoy Rd (R)Garfield Rd (L)Cemetery Rd (L)Walker Pde (L)Robert St (R)Garfield Rd (L)Richmond Rd (L)Townson Rd (L)Meadow Rd (L)Durham Rd, Angus Rd (L)Carnarvon Rd (R)Grange Ave (L)Bridge St (R)Railway Tce (L)Advance St (L)Junction Rd (R)St Albans Rd (R)Boundary Rd (L)Schofields Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (R)into Terra Sancta Bus Bay (7:43am) via (R)Hambledon Rd (R)Burdekin Rd (R)Alex Ave to School.
6027	-	7:25 AM	The Ponds Kellyville Ridge	Departs Stanhope Pkwy & Conrad Rd via Conrad Rd (L)Keirle St (R)The Ponds Bvd (L)Greenview Pde (R)Ridgeline Rd (L)Schofields Rd (L)Hambledon Rd to Terra Sancta Schofields School. STUDENTS TRANSFER TO SCHOOL BUS 6052 FOR TRAVEL TO SCHOOL
6017	-	7:33 AM	Acacia Gardens Blacktown Marayong Quakers Hill	Departs Blacktown Interchange via Richmond Rd (R)Davis Rd (L)Crudge Rd (R)Breakfast Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Arnott Rd (L)Warrimoo Ave (L)Chaplin Cr (R)Quakers Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Lalor Rd (R)Highfield Rd (L)Pye Rd (R)Wilson Rd (L)Chase Dr (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Farnham Rd (R)Barnier Dr (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Bali Dr (R)Walker St (R)Burdekin Rd (L)Alex Ave to School.

AFTERNOON

Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Served	Route Description
6532	-	2:35 PM	Marsden Park Schofields	Departs School via (R)Alex Ave (L)Schofields Rd (R)Railway Tce (R)St Albans Rd (L)Princes Rd (L)Westminster St, Over Bridge (L)Bridge St (R)Grange Ave (R)Carnarvon Rd (L)Clifton Rd (R)Fermoy Rd (L)Garfield Rd (L)Richmond Rd (L)Townson Rd (L)Meadow Rd (L)Durham Rd (R)Angus Rd (L)Carnarvon Rd to Grange Ave.
6534	-	2:35 PM	Rouse Hill	Departs School via Alex Ave (R)Schofields Rd (L)Windsor Rd (R)Commercial Rd (L)Withers Rd (R)Milford Dr (L)Mile End Rd (R)Clower Ave (L)Aberdour Ave (L)Windsor Rd (R)Rouse Rd (R)Cudgegong Rd (L)Macquarie Rd (R)Tallawong Rd (L)Guntawong Rd (R)Clarke St (L)Riverstone Rd (R)Piccadilly St (R)Garfield Rd (R)McCulloch St.
6539	-	2:35 PM	Marayong Quakers Hill Woodcroft	Departs School via (L)Alex Ave (L)Burdekin Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Tallagandra Dr (L)Falmouth Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Chaplin Cr, Warrimoo Dr (R)Arnott Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Davis Rd (R)Richmond Rd (L)Woodcroft Dr to Lakewood Dr Roundabout.
6553	-	2:35 PM	Quakers Hill Marayong Blacktown	Departs School via Alex Ave (R)Burdekin Rd (L)Walker St (L)Bali Dr (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Barnier Dr (R)Farnham Rd (L)Kennington Ave (R)Farnham Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (R)Chase Dr (R)Wilson Rd into Pye Rd (R)Highfield Rd (L)Lalor Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Quakers Rd (L)Chaplin Cr (R)Warrimoo Dr (R)Arnott Rd (L)Quakers Rd (R)Davis Rd (L)Richmond Rd to Blacktown Interchange.
6548	-	2:39 PM	Schofields Marsden Park North	Departs School via Alex Ave (L)Schofields Rd (R)Schofields Farm (L)St Albans Rd (L)Junction Rd (R)Schofields Rd (R)Railway Tce NO SET DOWN BETWEEN RAILWAY TCE / WESTMINSTER ST & CEMETERY RD / GARFIELD RD (L)Garfield Rd (R)Cemetery Rd (L)Walker Pde (L)Robert St to Garfield Rd.

6527	-	2:40 PM	Glenwood Stanhope Gardens	FIRST SET DOWN QUAKERS HILL PKWY & SENTRY DR Departs School via (L)Alex Ave then direct to Quakers Hill Pkwy via (L)Sentry Dr (R)Stanhope Pkwy (R)T-way (L)Sorrento Dr (L)Glenwood Park Dr to Glenwood HS, turns around & returns (R)Glenwood Park Dr (R)Meurants Rd to T-Way.
-	752	2:41 PM	The Ponds Kellyville Ridge	Departs School via (R)Alex Ave (R)Schofields Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Stanhope Pkwy (L)Ridgeline Dr (R)Greenview Dr (L)The Ponds Bvd to Schofields Rd.
-	T74	2:45 PM	The Ponds Kellyville Ridge	Departs School via (R)Alex Ave (R)Schofields Rd (R)Hambledon Rd (L)Stanhope Parkway (L)Ridgeline Dr (R)Riverbank Dr (R)The Ponds Bvd to Stanhope Pkwy.
-	T74	2:47 PM	Riverstone	Departs School via Alex Ave (R)Burdekin Rd (R)Railway Tce into Schofields Station. Then via (L)Railway Tce (R)Advance St (L)Junction Rd (L)St Albans Rd (R)Railway Tce (R)Garfield Rd (L)Riverstone Pde to Riverstone Station.
5605	-	3:09 PM	Riverstone Vineyard McGraths Hill	Departs St Johns Primary School, Riverstone via McCulloch St (R)Riverstone Rd (R)Piccadilly St (R)Regent St (L)McCulloch St (R)Garfield Rd (L)Hamilton St (R)Crown St, Junction Rd (L)Windsor Rd (L)Mulgrave Rd to Windsor High School (3:33pm).