



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 4

Week 8

30 November 2016

THE WEEK AHEAD

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

This term is certainly flying by! This week I want to write to you about staffing.

Its always sad at this time of the year to say goodbye to staff. Vicki Bowden who has been a caring and friendly face at the Office since 2008 is leaving us to go to St Luke's at Marsden Park. I'm very sad to see her go but St Luke's will be a great opportunity for her to use her skills to help build a new community of parents a school that is just starting up. She will however be greatly missed.

In 2017 we will be welcoming Lisa McLaren. Lisa comes with glowing recommendations, has had experience in school offices and is skilled in communication.

Also leaving our community is Mrs Earl. Mrs Earl has worked at our school for many years too, taking breaks to have her children. She is enormously respected for her work ethic and professionalism. Ros is taking the next step in her career, taking her talents to the position of Religious Education Coordinator at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville. We wish her well on her leadership journey.

Next year we welcome Mrs Maria Longo to our staff. I am very excited to welcome Mrs Longo who is an experienced and skilled teacher to add to our wonderful teaching staff. Classes and teachers are now being finalised ready for the meet the 2017 teachers next Wednesday.

...and of course we are now getting ready to farewell our Year 6 students, as they move forward into secondary school. Special thanks to Mr Atkins who will be attending many of the events despite the imminent birth of his new baby and to Mrs Crane who has sewn some spectacular banners for the ceremonies, involving the children.



Thankyou to Western Earth Moving for their generous donation of play equipment for Infants children. We are now the proud owners of some climbing frames, kitchen and waterplay equipment, outdoor building sets that we will be putting in to place over the last couple of weeks in Kindergarten and with the rest of Infants in 2017.

With Kind Regards,
Lesley Studans
Principal

This Weeks Newsletter

From the Principal

From the Assistant Principal

The Term Ahead

From The REC

Assembly Awards

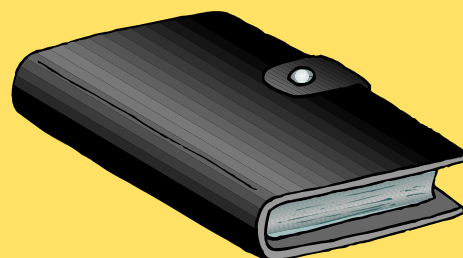
Need to Know

CALENDAR OVERVIEW

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Term 1

Week 1	Fri	27 January	Staff commence School—Testing Day
Week 2	Mon	30 January	Testing day
	Tues	31 January	Year1 to Year 6 students return normal classes
	Wed	1 February	Kindergarten commence

NEED TO KNOW



EVERY MONDAY FROM 9 – 11

COME AND BRING YOUR BUB FOR SOME FUN OR COME AND HAVE A CATCH UP AND A CUPPA WITH US!

CONTACT JENNIFER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS 0458 159 073

Playgroup

Playgroup are in need of some new toys, if anyone has any toys in good clean working order that they would like to donate please deliver them to the School office.

Thank you

Lost Property

As the end of the year is fast approaching we ask you to check our lost property box for any items you may be missing. Also you may want to check that items at home are actually yours and do not belong to another child. We appreciate your support in this.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Monday mornings 8.30-9.00am or contact Tina on 0417457417

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

2016 St Joseph's Summer Reading Challenge

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. – Dr. Seuss

Dr Seuss says it all in the above quote. It is so critical to keep up reading in the holidays with your children. Not only is reading exercise for the brain, helps develop imagination and teaches children about the world around them, it is also continues to develop and consolidate vital literacy skills the children have been learning at school. Importantly it helps reduce the risk of 'slide' (Children going back in their reading levels) when they return to school. Research shows that this can happen when children don't read over the school breaks. If you would like more information you can go to; <http://www.3plearning.com/reading-holidays/>

To encourage and motivate holiday reading, St Joseph's is holding its annual Summer Reading Challenge again in conjunction with the Executive Director's Reading Challenge. Please find attached to the newsletter a flyer with all the information for our Summer Reading Challenge.

HAPPY HOLIDAY READING

Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

School Photography Guidelines for Parents and Carers

Information for Parents and Carers

We recognise that parents and carers enjoy photographing and recording the progress of their child at school and on school activities. We recognise that many of you like to share these personal memories online and on social media.

We ask for your cooperation and care concerning the use and distribution of photographs of other children at our school. Some families have very real legal and safety issues which could put a child at risk if an image is made public online. More generally, it is respectful of the privacy of other members of the school community to ask permission before posting an image online. Even if your social media settings are private, it is easy for images to become public, particularly if they are tagged or shared by others.

Best practice guidelines

The following best practice guidelines have been adopted by our school to keep our students and school community safe, and to ensure respectful practices concerning the use of social media. When taking photographs or recordings at school or at school events and your images include other identifiable persons please follow these guidelines:

Crop out other students or seek the permission of the student or (for students under 16) his or her parent/carer before posting online.

Do not tag or name the person without permission.

If a parent or carer requests that you do not circulate an image of their child to others, please comply with the request.

Please seek the permission of our staff to photograph or record their activities at school. Photography of staff presenting or receiving awards is permitted.

The school will periodically review these best practice guidelines.

Mandatory policies:

The school may from time to time determine that photography or recording at school events or on school grounds is restricted. Where restriction is notified, failure to comply may result in your exclusion from school premises or activities. There may also be consequences as set out in the enrolment agreement.

Under no circumstances may you photograph or record in private areas such as change-rooms, or in school offices or staffrooms, or at meetings, without express permission.

Queries and further resources

The following resources provide further information about safety online, privacy and avenues for complaints about privacy online. If you wish to discuss an issue further with the school, please contact Lesley Studans, the principal.

FURTHER RESOURCES

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner
<http://esafety.gov.au>

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, FAQs about social media
<https://www.oaic.gov.au/individuals/faqs-for-individuals/social-media-ict-identity-security/social-media>



FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Advent

As Catholics, we have begun the season of Advent, a time to wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. It is also the start of the new Liturgical Year of the Church, Year A.

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of **Advent – HOPE!!**

At our Monday morning assembly, the students, teachers and parents gathered together to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. This will continue each coming Monday morning, until the end of the year.

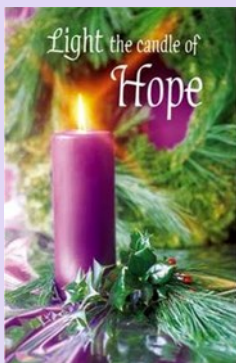
Please join us as we gather together as a school community to prayer during this special time.

First Sunday of Advent

The first candle is called the Prophet's Candle. The prophets announced God's promise of a Saviour.

It is the candle of Hope. We wait with hope for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. And we wait with hope for Jesus' return. We are hopeful because Jesus is the Saviour God has promised us.

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we focus on the candle, we celebrate the hope that Jesus brings to us.



A prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

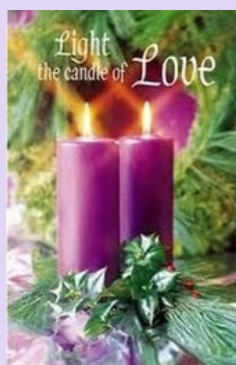
*Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places.
Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely.
Shine hope into our hearts we pray.*

Amen.

This Sunday will be the Second Sunday of **Advent – LOVE!!**

The second candle is called the Bethlehem Candle. This candle reminds us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

It is called the candle of love. God loves us so much that He sent his own Son to be with us.



A prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

*Jesus, you are love even if we are afraid.
Help us to pray to you when we are scared or fearful.
Bring love into our hearts we pray.*

Amen.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS AND AWARD CEREMONY

All parents and carers are welcome to join us celebrate our learning and the many blessings we have shared in 2016.

Friday, 16th December

10am

in the Community Space.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS

"Christmas is the season of giving!!"



Each year our school creates food hampers to donate to St. Vincent De Paul from our community. Each class will be collecting food items, to create these Christmas Hampers to be presented to St. Vincent de Paul representatives at the Christmas Concert. There are many people in our parish who depend on these hampers, so they too can have a joyous Christmas with their families. We are collecting food donations over a four-week period that began this week.

Each week we are asking for different items to create the Christmas Hampers.

This week: Bottles- this could include soft drink, juice, cordial etc.

Next week: Savoury Items: snacks, nuts, savoury biscuits, chips etc.

Week 8: Sweets: lollies, Christmas pudding, mince tarts, cakes, sweet biscuits, long life custard etc.

Week 9: Christmas: decorations, tinsel, plates, cups etc.

Please keep these items in mind when you next go shopping.

Together we can spread the joy of Christmas to those in need in our local community!!!



Congratulations to the children in Year 3, who made **the Sacrament of First Reconciliation** last Thursday 24th November at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

St Joseph's staff, students, families and friends will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ at our annual Christmas at St Joseph's Pageant.

This is a very special event in our school calendar to celebrate together!

Date: Friday 9th December 2016

Time: BBQ starts at 5.30pm, concert begins at 6.30pm

Location: Outside the library

Sitting arrangements: All students sit in their class groups.

Families are welcome to bring their picnic rugs to sit on behind and to the side of the classes. Behind the rug area, there will be chairs provided to sit on.

BBQ Family dinner: This year there is a sausage sizzle for a family dinner. Sausage sizzle will be on sale from 5.30pm.

Come along and have a family dinner while listening to Christmas carols before the pageant begins at 6.30pm.

We look forward to seeing all our families and friends.



Mrs Watson
Religious Education Coordinator

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Student of the Week — Week 5	Student of the Week— Week 6
Cara Fredericks	Harrison Szkut
Jack Gillett	Addison Judson
Lexie Beacroft	Sienna DeJesus
Jayden Farrugia	Lachlan Vella
Lincoln Magro	Zachary O'Keeffe
Caitlyn Thorburn	Ryan Khan
Casey Monk	Rubie Constable
Isaac Wilson	Maddison Ruprecht
Charlotte Feather	Olivia Murace
Lilah Magro	Morgan Rogers
Jade Leeson	Amber Bagaric
Stephanie Attard	Miguel Sanchez
Montana Wright	Joshua Power

Gospel Value — Week 6	Gospel Value — Week 7
Jackson Miles	Oliver Whiteley
Astrid Gella	Niti Patel
Griffin Clarke	Amelia Vincent
Blaize Va'a	Ashlee Gosling
Harley Ransfield	Jayden Feleo
Gabriella Borazio	Kayla Apap
Isabel Tyagi	James Bessounian
Aiko Granada	Jack Kresan
Charlie Liddicoat	David Elias
Rhys Sultana	Luke Galea
Olivia Svarc	Taeya Hogbin
Aaron Rillera	Alana Elders-Gallagher

Bronze Awards

Nikisha Rogers
Isabella Iannello
Ella Stewart
Max Piesnik
Ella O'Brien
Lexie Beacroft
Luke Galea
Chantelle Gatt
Tyran Brown

Alezandra Ocampo
Nicholas McAuliffe-Turner
Ella Judson
Benjamin Plummer
Nikisha Rogers
Kade Ellims
Steven Sumith
Leah Lowe
Cameron Attard

Silver Awards

Seth Williams
Taeya Hogbin
Charlotte Grima
Brayden Tavoletti

NEED TO KNOW

JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - juniorscienceacademy.com.au

At the Junior Science Academy, children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University.

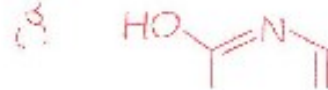
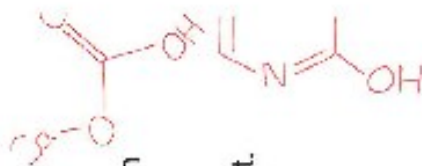
The courses aim to teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.

We provide students with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.

We add and rotate courses each school holidays and drop off and pick up times are designed for the working parent. The Junior Science Academy is for children in years 1-6 in primary school.



Drop Off	8:30am-9:30 am
Activities	9:30am-4:30pm
Pick-Up	4:30pm-5:30pm
Cost	\$120



2017 Diocesan School Fees

21 November 2016

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2017 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.0% increase on the fees from 2016. Every effort has been made to keep the fee increase to a minimum and I am pleased to report that the increase is *less than* the 3.3% education CPI increase for the same period.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.0% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Tuition Fees - 2017

The 2017 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,131	\$849	\$567
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,461	\$1,095	\$732
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,028	\$1,521	\$1,014
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,250	\$1,689	\$1,125
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,874	\$2,157	\$1,437

The 2017 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$377	\$283	\$189
	Years 1 – 6	\$487	\$365	\$244
	Years 7 – 8	\$676	\$507	\$338
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$750	\$563	\$375
	Years 11 – 12	\$958	\$719	\$479



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Diocesan Building Levy - 2017

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). **The levy for 2017 is \$756 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$252 payable in Terms 1, 2 and 3.**

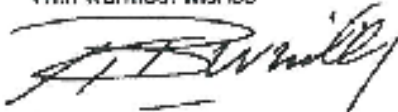
Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2017

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2017 **is \$1,869 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$623 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.** The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 416, 418, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 466, 467, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a *per family* basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education. Please be assured that we will continue to provide exciting learning experiences for them within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Parramatta of Diocese





St Josephs Summer Reading Challenge 2016

Are you up to the Summer Reading Challenge?

We are encouraging ALL students to enter the Executive Director's Summer Reading challenge.

For further details on how to enter visit the following website:
<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/summer-reading-challenge>

To make it more exciting, at St Josephs we are having our own competition to go along with the Summer Reading Challenge.

Once you enter the Summer Reading Challenge online, you are ready for the St Josephs Summer Reading Challenge. To make the 2016 St Joseph's Summer Reading Challenge more interesting we have made a list of Reading Challenges for you to complete.

HOW MANY CHALLENGES FROM THE LIST CAN YOU DO?

Take a photo of you reading one or more of the listed challenges, tell us which one it is and send in your photo and you can be in for a chance to win \$100 movie voucher for your family.

Send your photo to the following email address anytime during the holidays: stjosephsevents22@gmail.com

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE LIST

1. Read a Fairy Tale or a Legend
2. Read a book you haven't read since you were in pre-school
3. Read a newspaper or magazine article
4. Read a comic
5. Read your all time favourite book
6. Read a book your parents liked or read when they were in primary school
7. Read a picture book
8. Read an information book
9. Read a letter or email
10. Read a book recommended by someone