

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS STUDANS

Dear Parents,

A very Happy Easter! Easter is the highlight of the year in the Catholic church even more than Christmas. This is because of the message of love and hope. Death by Crucifixion is a dreadful death indeed, designed by the Romans to cause humiliation and suffering. It seemed that Jesus' message of love would be destroyed. This has resonance with us in the world today- our family may be suffering with serious illness, family breakdown and when we look at what's happening in the world around us so many tragic things happen. Jesus rose from the dead and gave hope to the world- nothing is so bad that good will not come again.

Thankyou to all the parents who took the time to come to our Easter liturgies. The children and teachers really appreciate your presence. The spirit of Easter was also alive in our Easter Disco on Friday night- a good time was had by all. Thankyou to Erin Webster, Leanne Fiorentino, Kylie Feather, Rachel Gotsis and all of the helpers on the night. Thanks also to the teachers who came along to join in the fun!

A strong, happy community is very important to me. That is why we worked hard to gain agreement for rolling pickup and why we have marked lanes in the exit area for Kiss and Drop. That is why each class uses See Saw as a way for all parents to see the work of their child and to communicate with teachers.

My final word before Easter is a reminder for all to subscribe to Skoolbag. This is the chief way that whole school messages are shared with the community e.g. if we have to cancel our Cross Country- we would put a message on Skoolbag. See Saw is chiefly for news about each grade and the classroom. The easiest way to read the Newsletter on your phone is through Skoolbag. Details are included with this newsletter and I have asked each teacher to put the details up on See Saw as well. The Newsletter is also an important way that news about safety and policies are communicated e.g. about the carpark being closed at drop off and pickup times.

May the Joy of the season be with you and your family,

Kind regards,

Lesley Studans



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

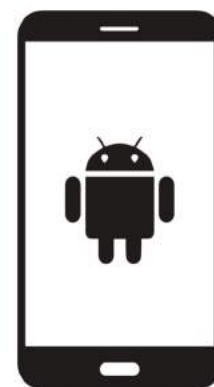
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



I AM SAFE, I AM RESPECTFUL and I AM A LEARNER is our Joey Code at St Joseph's. This is part of our Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L), a framework we use to create a safe, consistent and positive learning environment for students, staff and parents.

Students can earn Joey tickets anywhere in the school by any staff member when they are seen to be demonstrating the Joey Code. Our main focus is reinforcing and rewarding positive behaviours.

Once students have collected 10 Joeys, they get a stamp on their Joey Card. There are three levels of Joey Cards and Awards – Bronze, Silver and Gold. 10 Stamps for a Bronze award, 15 stamps for a Silver Award and 20 Stamps for a gold Award.

Teachers continually monitor student behaviour, focussing on reinforcing good and positive behaviours at all times. Unfortunately at times, some students need little reminders. Therefore, as part of the PBS4L project, the staff has developed a consequences flow chart for the times that students are not demonstrating our Joey Code. This is a flow chart that details the steps that teachers follow in managing student minor and major behaviours.

When it is a minor behaviour, students are given several opportunities to change their behaviour before going to the reflection space to reflect on their behaviour. This consists of giving students three reminders to help them monitor and regulate their behaviour. At each reminder the teacher reminds and re-teaches the expected behaviour. When students reach the third reminder, they are required to complete a reflection sheet that gets sent home for you to

discuss with your child, sign and return. The teacher will contact you to inform you of the situation and to let you know that a reflection sheet is coming home. If the student continues the behaviour they are then referred to the coordinator that will then contact you. If it is a major behaviour, the coordinator, Assistant Principal, or Principal are involved immediately and you will be notified. If you have any questions about the consequences flow chart please see your child's teacher.

NAPLAN

If your child is in Year 3 or Year 5, they are required to sit the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) test.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. If you would like further information about this assessment, please visit the following website:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/home>

Below are the dates for NAPLAN next term.

Tuesday 15th May – Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 16th May – Reading

Thursday 17th May – Numeracy

UNSW COMPETITIONS

A note went out about the UNSW competitions that are run each year. This is an optional assessment that you may like your child from Year 3 – 6 to complete. We are holding the following assessments on the following dates at 7.30 am in the Library.

Competition Dates

· Science

Tuesday 29st May

· English

Tuesday 31st July

· Mathematics

Tuesday 14h August

The cost for each assessment is \$9.00. Please return your note with payment to the office by WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL.

MINDQUEST 2018

MindQuest is an exciting enrichment program designed to challenge and extend gifted and talented primary students from government and non government schools.

This highly successful weekend program held at St George Girls and Glenwood High Schools has been running for nearly 2 decades.

Students have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting fast paced courses in the 2 day program on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June 9.30am - 3.30pm. These challenging fast paced two day workshops are designed to stimulate and extend your child across a broad range of subject areas. These hands on activities include chemistry, earth sciences, lego robotics, drama, art, writing and much more. Courses focus on developing critical and creative thinking skills, problem solving and broadening your child's interests. Many of the courses for older children give them a unique opportunity to acquire advanced concepts at the high school level.

For further information click on the following link

<http://www.mindquest.net.au/courses.html>

Forms are available in the school foyer as well.




Projection Compassion & Easter Hat Parade



To help raise money for Project Compassion, we are combining Project Compassion and our Easter Hat Parade.

Thursday 29th March (Week 9 - Holy Thursday) St Joseph's will be having our Easter Hat Parade.

We are asking each student to **donate a gold coin for wearing their Easter Hat** at our Easter Hat Parade. Our SRC students will also be walking around during the Easter Hat Parade so parents and grandparents are welcome to make a gold coin donation as well. All the funds raised will be sent to Caritas.

What is coming up next...	
Week 9	 <p>Holy Week Celebrations Wednesday 28th March Stations of the Cross (Year 3 and 4) 1:30pm Thursday 29th March Crucifixion (Year 5) 1:50pm</p>
Week 10	8:30 Tuesday 3rd April Resurrection Liturgy (Year 6) 8.30am
Week 11	<p>Tuesday 10th April Year 3 Class Liturgy @ 11am Year 4 Class Liturgy @ 12noon</p>



St Joseph's Primary Cross Country

Wednesday 4th April



The main outcome of the St Joseph's Cross Country is for children to have fun, develop fitness and encourage school spirit. The secondary purpose is to select a school cross country team to represent St Joseph's at the Diocesan Cross Country.

All children are expected to participate on the day. Kindergarten and Year 1 will participate in a fun run lap around the school oval.

Children are to wear full sports uniform with their school hat. Children are also to bring a plastic water bottle, sun cream, asthma puffer (if necessary) and plenty of energy and smiles

Parents are encouraged to attend the cross country to support all children on the day.

Winter Parkas

Orders for Winter School Parkas can be made via the school office. The cost is \$55 and can be paid in cash or eftpos. A limited quantity is available, please write the child's name, class and size required on an envelope and send in or bring to the office. Sample sizes are available in the office to try on.



2019 School Enrolments & School Tours

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now being accepted. Enrolment packs are available from the school office. School tours are run every second Wednesday in Term 1 - please contact the school office for tour dates.

Child Car Seat Checks

Many families will be traveling these school holidays, now is a good time to ensure child car seats are fitted correctly. Blacktown Council is going to be at The Ponds Shopping Centre on Tuesday 10th April from 8:30am - 1:30pm offering Car Seat Checks, No booking required.

School Car-Park

A reminder to parents that the school car park is for staff parking, K6Gold drop off & pick up and deliveries only. The car park gate will be closed each morning and re-opened later in the morning. In the afternoon it will be closed after the children in K6 Gold are collected and opened in time for COSHC pick up.

Late Arrivals

Children arriving late to school from 8:30am onwards need to be signed in at the office, otherwise they may be marked as absent due to missing the morning roll marking. A gentle reminder that parents are not able to walk through the office at anytime unless attending meetings in the office. If you are in the school after the school gate has been closed one of the office staff are able to let you out via the school gate.

Changes to Afternoon Pick Up Arrangements

For parents needing to change an afternoon pick up arrangement for a one off basis please call the school office on 8869-8100 **before 2pm** so that a change of pick up slip can be sent to the classroom informing the teacher. If you need to change arrangements on an ongoing basis please fill in a new afternoon arrangement note which is available from the office.

School Banking & Second Hand Uniform Shop

School banking operates on Wednesday mornings from 8am onwards out of the school reception office.

There is a 2nd Hand uniform shop run by a parent helper on Monday mornings. Please contact Tina on 0417 457 417.

LEAP 2 LEARN AWARDS

This award recognises students who put effort into their learning, leaping as our school mascot Joey teaches us to do.

TERM 1 WEEK 6
Patrick Van der Hout
Mahin Vekaria
Harper Alderson
Ryan Karbhari
Astrid Gella
Krish Pandya
Ella O'Brien
Hugo Adamcewicz
Cameron Grima
Zachary Krajancic
Sophie Sultana
Soham Gupta

TERM 1 WEEK 7
Max Wilkinson
Matthew Bowman
Levi Liddicoat
Yashasvi Attreya
Rachel Elias
Kristin Van Eck
Eden Alderson
Bernice Oviedo
Charlotte Feather
Breeana Williams



GOSPEL AWARDS

Each week the school will focus on a particular Gospel value. The Gospel Value is based on our school founding scripture. To Love Tenderly, Live Justly and walk humbly with our God (Michah 6:8) A Gospel value Award is presented each Monday morning at assembly for the Gospel Value.

TERM 1 WEEK 7 <i>Live Justly, respecting others</i>	TERM 1 WEEK 8 <i>Live Justly, being caring and compassionate</i>
Hudson Pangilinan	Gella Ibanez
Arna Vekariya	Sophie Gerke
Jayden Xerri	Giada Kuizon
Noah Hodgson	Oliver Whitely
Scarlet Goodman	Keyandra O'Brien
Olivia Peroni	Isabella Howlett
Thomas O'Brien	Ruby Carroll
Caitlyn Thorburn	Samuel Durand
Prisha Chand	Lucy Barnsley
Nikisha Rogers	Hayley Hogbin
Jack Adamcewicz	Katie Stewart
Arnav Gamhir	Lanna De Lunna



St Joseph's Schofields - Term 1 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WK 1	29/01/18 MAI Testing (K-6)	30/01/18 MAI Testing (K-6)	31/01/18 Newsletter MAI Testing (K) Term 1 Commences Year 1-6	01/02/18 Kindergarten Commences Finish @ 2:15pm Cheers & Tears Kindergarten	02/02/17 Kindergarten Finishes at 2:15pm	
WK 2	5/02/18 Kindergarten begin standard school hours	06/02/18	07/02/18 School Banking School Assembly: Welcome @ 1:35pm Technology Set Up Interviews Yr 3 & New Students @ 4-6pm See-Saw Set Up Meeting @ 6pm	08/02/18 Technology Set Up Interviews Yr 3 & New Students @ 3-5pm	09/02/18	
WK 3	12/02/18 Year 3 Planetarium incursion	13/02/18 Shrove Tuesday Whole School Opening Mass @ 12pm	14/02/18 School Banking & Newsletter Ash Wednesday - Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 12 noon Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival	15/02/18 Chess Workshop 2:45-4pm	16/02/18	
WK 4	19/02/18	20/02/18	21/02/18 School Banking Assembly - Year 4 Hosting @ 1:35pm Meet the Teachers Interviews 2:45-7:30pm	22/02/18 Chess Workshop 2:45-4pm	23/02/18 Diocesan Swimming Carnival Family Games Evening - Time TBA	
WK 5	26/02/18	27/02/18 Stage 3 Reconciliation @ 12 noon	28/02/18 School Banking & Newsletter	01/03/18 Chess Workshop 2:45-4pm	02/03/18	03/03/18 - School Open Day 10-2pm
WK 6	05/03/18 Parent Helper Course 8:45-9:45am	06/03/18 Catholic School's Week Liturgy @12 followed by Lunch with the children Open Classrooms @ 1:30pm	07/03/18 School Banking School Assembly - Year 5 Hosting @ 1:35pm	08/03/18 Chess Workshop 2:45-4pm Parent Helper Course 1:30-2:30pm	09/03/18	
WK 7	12/03/18	13/03/18	14/03/18 School Banking Newsletter	15/03/18 Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion (overnight) Chess Workshop 2:45-4pm	16/03/18 Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion St Patrick's Day Liturgy (in class)	
WK 8	19/03/18 School Photos St Joseph's Feast Day	20/03/18 St Joseph's Feast Day Liturgy @ 12 noon	21/03/18 MUFTI DAY School Banking School Assembly - Year 3 Hosting @ 1:35	22/03/18 Chess Workshop 2:45-4pm	23/03/18 Easter Disco Years K - 2 @ 4:45-6pm Years 3 - 6 @ 6:15 - 7:30pm	
WK 9	26/03/18 Palm Sunday Liturgy (Kindergarten) @ 2pm	27/03/18 Last Supper & Agony in the garden (Years 1 & 2) @ 1:45pm	28/03/18 School Banking Newsletter Stations of the Cross Liturgy (Years 3 & 4) @ 1:30pm	29/03/18 Easter Hat Parade @ 8:45am Crucifixion Liturgy (Year 5) @ 2pm Chess Workshop 2:45-4pm	30/03/18 GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
WK 10	02/04/18 EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	03/04/18 Resurrection Liturgy @ 8:30am (Yr 6)	04/04/18 School Banking School Cross Country	05/04/18 Chess Workshop 2:45-4pm	06/04/18	07/04/18 Working Bee 10-2pm
WK 11	09/04/18	10/04/18 Year 3 Class Liturgy @ 11am Year 4 Class Liturgy @ 12pm	11/04/18 School Assembly - Year 6 Hosting @ 1:35pm	12/04/18 Chess Workshop 2:45-4pm	13/04/18	



2018 IMPORTANT DATES - Terms 2 - 4

16th April - 29th April	Term 1 School Holidays
Monday 30th April	Pupil Free Day - Staff Development Day
Wednesday 9th May	School Assembly Year 2 Hosting @ 1:35
Thursday 10th May	Mothers Day Stall
Friday 11th May	Mothers Day Liturgy @ 10am
Wednesday 16th May	Parent Group Meeting @ 7pm in the Community Space
Wednesday 23rd May	School Assembly Year 1 Hosting @ 1:35pm
Saturday 26th May	Trivia Night - Time TBA
Wednesday 6th June	School Assembly - Kindergarten Hosting @ 1:35pm
Wednesday 20th June	School Assembly - K6Gold Hosting @ 1:35pm
Wednesday 27th June	St Joseph's Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 4th July	School Assembly - Year 4 Hosting @ 1:35pm
9th July - 22nd July	Term 2 School Holidays
Monday 23rd July	Pupil Free Day - Staff Development Day
Wednesday 1st August	Grandparent's Liturgy @ 10am & School Assembly - Year 5 Hosting @ 1:35am
Wednesday 15th August	School Assembly - Year 3 Hosting @ 1:35pm
Friday 17th August	Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday 29th August	School Assembly - Year 6 Hosting @ 1:35pm
Term 3 - Week 7	Colour Run - Date & Time TBA
Wednesday 12th September	School Assembly - Year 2 Hosting @ 1:35pm
Wednesday 19th September	Parent Group Elections @ 7pm - Community Space
Wednesday 26th September	School Assembly - Year 1 Hosting @ 1:35pm
1st October - 14th October	Term 3 School Holidays
Wednesday 24th October	School Assembly - Year 3 Hosting @ 1:35pm
Wednesday 7th November	School Assembly - Kindergarten Hosting @ 1:35pm
Wednesday 21st November	School Assembly - K6Gold Hosting @ 1:35pm
Wednesday 5th December	End of Year Assembly @ 1:35pm
Wednesday 12th December	St Joseph's Swimming Carnival
Final Year Events	Dates to be advised

How to know *What's Happening* at St Joseph's

Communication between parents/caregivers, teachers and children is important to create and maintain a strong sense of community within the School. Here are a few ways to get information and keep up to date.

Skoolbag Application - Download the "St Josephs Schofield's Primary School" Skoolbag application for free on all Apple and android devices and receive notifications, school notes, and alerts on your smartphone or tablet!



www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au - The School website is the centre point for all communication and is constantly updated with notices, reminders, news stories, galleries, events, school notes, & blog posts. Save it in your favourites for instant access.

www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Primary-School-Schofields

Like "St Josephs Primary School Schofields" on Facebook for instant reminders, notices, pictures, videos and news.



Ph: 8869 8100 - Our Office Staff are always happy to help!

The staff are available from 7.45pm to 3.45pm, Monday to Friday.

stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au - Email the School for all your questions and queries. An email form can be found on the school website.



The Parents Chat Group during week 3 of each term is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to gather with the principal to discuss current issues within the School. Dates are available on the School website calendar. Mrs Studans is available for appointments, for parents wishing to meet one on one with the School Principal.

The School Newsletter is sent out via email and available on the school website every 2 weeks throughout the term. Subscribe to the Newsletter via the school website to receive it straight to your email inbox.



School Calendar. This is an up to date calendar for parents to get their school event dates from. Updated as dates become available and includes an agenda, week or month view. Available on the School website under Important Dates

TERM 2 / 2018



MONDAY MULTI-SPORTS CLINIC at ST JOSEPH'S



Step inside the world of 8... and discover a company passionate about motiv8ting life. Taking children to a higher level of self-belief. We create events that motiv8 children to PLAY. No one sits on the bench and everyone is treated like a superstar. A fresh and pure approach provides children who attend our events with motiv8ting experiences. Motiv8sports is designed for a wide range of skill levels. Each event is designed to leave children wanting more and maximum participation is crucial to our success. We avoid activities that involve monotonous drills & skills.

MOTIV8SPORTS EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR 8-WEEKS

AT ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL..... After School Sports clinic is an event aimed at providing children with an environment that's about fun, friends, fitness, participation & teamwork. Sports Clinic is an 8-week event that will occur every WEDNESDAY for 8 consecutive weeks on school grounds at ST JOSEPH'S. Children who attend experience sport at it's best, participating in a variety of team sports over 8- weeks. From the conclusion of school until 4.30pm children who are enrolled meet Coach Xander & the Motiv8sports coaching team on the school oval where a role call takes place and the sports clinic commences. From the time your son/daughter commences the afternoon they are in our duty of care and experience first class supervision and discipline equal to school.

Over the course of 8-weeks children will experience a wide variety of non-contact team sports in a SUPER SPORTS EDITION format including: AFL, SOCCER, 4-BALL, OZ- TAG, VORTEX GRIDIRON, KRAZY KRICKET, STREET HOCKEY, BASKETBALL, FLAGBALL, 6 x AWESOME SPLASH CITY WATER SESSIONS & THE list keeps going & going.....*I Look forward to bringing the MOTIV8SPORTS CULTURE to your school this term.*

Coach David (Director) Motiv8sports

STARTS: WED 9th MAY 2018
TIME: End of school to 4.00pm every WEDNESDAY
COST: \$90 for the 8-week clinic
AGE: Kindy to Yr 6
VENUE: ST JOSEPH'S SCHOFIELDS
BOOK ONLINE or CALL 88147729