

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 7

FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS STUDANS

Dear Parents,

The beautiful faces of our students who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday week puts a smile on my face. Thankyou to Mrs Fairclough who supplied me with the picture from the mass I attended with her. Mrs Delvecchio, Mrs Lock and Mrs Watson also attended other First Communions. A very important person to our St Joseph's community in the photos is Fr Reuben. Fr Reuben always welcomes our school as part of the Mary Immaculate Parish and has a warm and friendly relationship with the school when he visits for mass and Reconciliation. We are fortunate to have him as our spiritual leader. Holy communion is the highlight of our lives as Catholics, it is by taking Holy Communion that we are reminded of the life of Jesus and gives us spiritual nourishment to live a good life.



Thankyou to all the parents who have filled in the parent survey about the growth of our school. Its giving lots of valuable feedback that we can use to help grow the school gracefully and to keep the welcoming and caring community. So we are looking for designs that will replace the old demountables without taking much playground space but will give ample space for learning. We will keep the cottage feel with modules of 2 class groups.- no barns! We will remain relatively small for our growing area. Currently there are about 8000 residents in the Alex Avenue area and by 2036 when you are all grandparents there will be almost 30,000. Approximately 2000 of these will be of primary school age. We have to look to the future as we celebrate the present. Results of the survey will be published in the next Newsletter.

Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

Dance Fever

St Joseph's students have been hip hopping and waltzing on Wednesday mornings in the community space with the Dance Fever Teachers. In Week 9, the students would love to show off their dancing skills in a Dance Fever Dance Spectacular at school on Wednesday 27th June at 8.45-9.45. All parents, families and friends are welcome to see the performances.

Opal Cards

Thank you to the families that have obtained an OPAL card for their child over the last couple of weeks. There are still a few of students that do not have one. Here is the link to the website -

Opal website: www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Everyday Counts

Daily attendance at school is critical to ensuring that your child is provided with opportunities for learning and socialising.

Congratulations to all the families that have been ensuring that their child is at school each day (and on time) as our attendance is at 89.7%. Continuing to improve as we get closer to 90%.

CONGRATULATIONS again to Kindergarten - you still hold the title of having the highest attendance across the whole school at 96.3%.

Please remember that if your child is absent, a note explaining their absence is required within 7 days. If you wish to take extended leave of **more than 5 days**, please complete the Application for leave form available on the school website, as this leave needs to be approved by the Principal.





First Eucharist



The community of St Joseph's would like to acknowledge all students who celebrate a Sacrament throughout the year. If your child is preparing for, or celebrated a sacrament at another Catholic Parish, please send me an email with the details (via the school email:- stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au) so that we can acknowledge your child's next step in the journey of their faith.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2018 - Online Registration form available now!

Our parish invites students in year 5 and above to register for our Confirmation program. Students must have completed the sacrament of First Eucharist to be eligible to participate. To register log onto our parish website

(www.maryimmac.org.au), locate and click the Confirmation "Register Here" button on the front page of the site.



St Joseph's community will be holding a soup drive for the St Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Starting next week (week 8) students are encouraged to bring in cans or packets of soup to help those in need this cold winter. Students can place their cans or packets of soup near their prayer table in their classroom.

At our Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday 3rd July, we will be offering up a basket of our collection of soup.

Thank you for supporting our Soup Drive

What is coming up next...	
Week 10	Tuesday 3rd July End of Term Thanksgiving Mass @ 12 noon

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday 5th June, the Stage 3 Boys Soccer team participated in their Gala Day at Jamieson Park. The boys played some excellent football, passing and playing as a team. They were declared joint winners of their pool after a last gasp winner against St Patrick's in the final game of the day.

Stage 3 Boys Soccer team: *Cameron Attard, Shane Carroll, Cooper Opdam, Cooper Ellims, Alex Whiteley, David Elias, Morgan Rogers, Soham Gupta, Matthew Martelli, Isaac Beacroft, Arnav Gambir, Rhys Sultana, Lucas Harding, Kynan Smallacombe, Riley McHugh, Jack Adamcewicz*



Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

The Stage 3 girls participated in a soccer Gala Day on the 29th May at Jamison Park in Penrith. The girls represented themselves and the school wonderfully, displaying team spirit and respect for others throughout the day. It was a fun day had by all, we finished with 2 wins, 2 losses and 3 draws to finish in the middle of our pool.

Stage 3 Girls Soccer team: *Sophia Ling, Kaitlyn Chapman, Jade Lennox, Brianna Grima, Sienna Junkiewicz, Natalia Papallo, Olivia Murace, Hayley Hogbin, Skye McKevitt, Imagen Tollis, Meghan Lynch, Lanna DeLuna, Nikisha Rogers, Isabella de Jesus*



Athletics Carnival

Monday, June 18. Peel Reserve, The Ponds.

High Jump and Discus

High Jump and Discus **will not** be events held at the school athletics carnival next week. If your child attends Little Athletics and you would like them to qualify for High Jump and/or Discus at the Zone Athletics Carnival, could you please bring in their relevant results for either event. These results are usually attainable from you club's website or a note signed by the club coach will be sufficient. These can be brought on the day of the carnival and handed to Mr Adams.

Parent Helpers

Parental help is essential in making the athletics carnival a success. We will require many parent volunteers for a range of roles such as time keeping, event assistance, Primary and Infants' tabloid activities. Volunteering is a great way to be involved in an exciting event of your child's schooling. If you are able to assist please send in a note with your child.

2018 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Monday
18th JUNE

**PEEL RESERVE
THE PONDS**



Children's Crossing for Alex Avenue

The Children's crossing for Alex Avenue has been approved and installation will proceed at a date to be determined by Blacktown Council. You will see some new lines on the road and the "Children Crossing" flags will be out during school zone times. When the flags are displayed you must slow down and stop before the stop line if a pedestrian is on **or entering** the crossing. You must not proceed until **all pedestrians have left the crossing**. This is different to a regular pedestrian crossing and is to help keep our children safe when using the crossing. Also, you must not stop on or within 20 metres before or 10 metres after, a children's crossing.



School Fees

School fees were due on Wednesday 6th of June. Thank you to the families that have paid, if you need to organise a payment arrangement please contact the school office.

Second-Hand Uniform Donations

The Second-Hand Uniform store stock is currently low, if you have any uniforms you would like to donate please drop off to the store located in the Community Space each Monday morning or any other time to the school office. If you wish to speak to our parent helper Tina who runs the store, please call her on 0417 457 417.

Lost Property

There are currently many items in Lost Property - if you have labeled your child's uniform we endeavor to get it back to the child via the classroom. At the end of each term all lost property not collected is laundered and sent to the second hand uniform shop.

School Banking Position

We are looking for volunteers to help with school Banking on Wednesday mornings. You would be learning the Banking process and only be assisting when required. You do not need to be available every Wednesday. We would like to get more parents involved with Banking. If you are interested, please visit us at the school office next Wednesday morning from 8am or contact Maria on mborazio@bigpond.com

School Winter Parkas

Winter parkas have now arrived from the supplier - if you would like one please send in \$55 to the school office with the child's name, class and size. Alternatively, you may look at the sizing either via the second hand uniform shop each Monday morning or at other times in the school office.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE A CURRENT NSW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.

Please note: Until both the 'Volunteer Form' and the 'Module' have been completed, parents will not be able to assist in any capacity as a volunteer within the school. (The school receives notification when you complete each section).

'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.

- 1 **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' by accessing the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage www.parra.catholic.edu.au, then click on the 'Volunteers and Contractors-Click here' image (halfway down page on the right hand side).



This image will take you to the Building Safe Communities page.

Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)

Click on Step 1—Volunteer Form and follow the steps

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted.

- Your details will be maintained confidentially in a central database
- **A copy of your confirmation will then be emailed to the School / location where you are volunteering to be kept on file.**

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

- 2 **A reminder that you once you receive your confirmation email, you will need to complete the Child Protection Module.**



www.parra.catholic.edu.au, then click on the 'Volunteers and Contractors-Click here' image (halfway down page on the right hand side). This image will take you to the Building Safe Communities page.

Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)

Click on Step 2—Complete the Online Training Module

Once you complete this online module the school will receive notification that it has been completed and you will be cleared to volunteer.

Therefore in brief :

1. To complete form go to: www.parra.catholic.edu.au and follow Step 1 above
2. Wait for confirmation email
3. On receipt of the confirmation email follow Step 2 above to complete Child Protection Online Module
4. Wait for confirmation email
5. The School will receive an email confirming that you have completed both steps and are now cleared to volunteer.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support of Catholic Education.

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 2 WEEK 3

Armaan Kahlon

Sam McFarlane

Eliana Ortado

Reanne Bhardwaj

Samson Nguweneza

Jean Foppen

Matthew Every

Luke Martelli

Jade Lennox

Isaac Beacroft

Abagael Horvath

TERM 2 WEEK 4

Daisy Goodman

Hunter Staniland

Freya Varsani

Nia Patel

Maya Brenton

Kassandra Gella

Evie Cvetanovski

Cael Gallery

Nikisha Rogers

Jayden Rook

Shannon Sheeny

Alexia Leonardo

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 2 WEEK 4 <i>Love tenderly, acceptance of others</i>
Isabelle Hadler
Senuj De Alwis
Lily Feather
Aanya Maharjan
Emma Gerke
Pranav Lalji
Zayden Joseph
Daniel Karimi
Alex Whitely
Natalia Papallo

TERM 2 WEEK 5 <i>Love tenderly, demonstrating forgiveness and peace to others</i>
Lucas Zondanos
Raghav Parmar
Giada Kuizon
Jermiel Ambanloc
Olivia Peroni
Halyana Onate
Khwahish Kahnkhanwala
Cayden Kong
Jonah Mondragon
Bernice Oviedo
Diane Palma
Olivia Murace

Thank you to all the Trivia Night Sponsors





St Joseph's Schofields - Term 2 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WK 1	30/04/18 PUPIL FREE DAY - Staff Development Day	01/05/18 Term 2 Resumes ANZAC Day Liturgy @12pm Diocesan Cross Country Sydney Motor Sport park	02/05/18 School Banking & Newsletter Year 1 Excursion to Australian Museum	03/05/18 Drama Club (K-2) 10:30-11:00am Drama Club (3-6) 2:30-3:30pm	04/05/18 Year 6 Fundraiser Cake Day 6W	
WK 2	07/05/18	08/05/18	09/05/18 School Banking & Newsletter Assembly - Year 2 Hosting @ 1:35pm Motiv8 Sports Clinics 2:45-4pm	10/05/18 Mothers Day Stall Drama Club (K-2) 10:30-11:00am Drama Club (3-6) 2:30-3:30pm	11/05/18 8:50am Mothers Day Liturgy & Morning Tea	
WK 3	14/05/18	15/04/18 NAPLAN	16/05/18 NAPLAN School Banking & Newsletter P & C Meeting @ 7pm Motiv8 Sports Clinics 2:45-4pm	17/05/18 NAPLAN Drama Club (K-2) 10:30-11:00am Drama Club (3-6) 2:30-3:30pm	18/05/18 Family Day Liturgy @ 8:30am	
WK 4	21/05/18 Pentecost Liturgy @ 12pm	22/05/18	23/05/18 School Banking Assembly - Year 1 Hosting @ 1:35pm National Simultaneous Storytime Motiv8 Sports Clinics	24/05/18 Drama Club (K-2) 10:30-11:00am Drama Club (3-6) 2:30-3:30pm	25/05/18	26/05/18 P & C Trivia Night 6pm
WK 5	28/05/18 Holy Trinity in class Liturgy Year 6 @ JPPI for Steve Agrisand Performance	29/05/18 ICAS Science Assessment Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day Year 4 Excursion Museum of Sydney	30/05/18 School Banking & Newsletter Motiv8 Sports Clinics 2:45-4pm	31/05/18 Drama Club (K-2) 10:30-11:00am Drama Club (3-6) 2:30-3:30pm	01/06/18	03/06/18 Year 6 Fundraiser Bunnings BBQ @ Marsden PK
WK 6	04/06/18	05/06/18 Stage 3 Reconciliation Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day	06/06/18 School Banking School Assembly - Kindergarten Hosting @ 1:35pm Motiv8 Sports Clinics 2:45-4pm	07/06/18 Drama Club (K-2) 10:30-11:00am Drama Club (3-6) 2:30-3:30pm	08/06/18 Feast of the Sacred Heart Liturgy @ 12 noon	
WK 7	11/06/18	12/06/18 Year 4 Reconciliation @ 12noon	13/06/18 Motiv8 Sports Clinics 2:45-4pm	14/06/18 Drama Club (K-2) 10:30-11:00am Drama Club (3-6) 2:30-3:30pm	15/06/18 Year 2 Incursion "Fizzics"	
WK 8	18/06/18 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL Peel Reserve The Ponds	19/06/18 Year 5 Class Liturgy @ 11am Year 6 Class Liturgy @ 11am	20/06/18 School Banking School Assembly - K6 Gold Hosting @ 1:35 Motiv8 Sports Clinics 2:45-4pm	21/06/18 Drama Club (K-2) 10:30-11:00am Drama Club (3-6) 2:30-3:30pm	22/06/18	
WK 9	25/06/18	26/06/18 Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day	27/06/18 DANCE FEVER SPECTACULAR 8:45-9:45 School Banking & Newsletter Reports Go Home Motiv8 Sports Clinics 2:45-4pm	28/06/18 Drama Club (K-2) 10:30-11:00am Drama Club (3-6) 2:30-3:30pm	29/06/18	
WK 10	02/07/18	03/07/18 End of Term Thanksgiving Mass @ 12 noon	04/07/18 School Banking School Assembly - Year 4 Hosting @ 1:35pm Parent - Teacher Interviews	05/07/18 Drama Club (K-2) 10:30-11:00am Drama Club (3-6) 2:30-3:30pm	06/07/18 Term 2 Concludes Term 3 resumes - 24th July	

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



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".
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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.



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