

# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 1

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS STUDANS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have come back to school happy and settled after the holidays. So I know miracles would have been performed by yourselves to keep the children amused in all the rainy weather. Term 4 is looking to be a very exciting term.

This is the term where we farewell our most senior students from Year 6, elect our next year's school leaders and begin to welcome our littlest students in Kindergarten. I watch with pride just how much our current Kinders have grown. After enjoying excursions and incursions, sporting gala days, water fun with the swimming carnival and dryland carnival, we finish the year with our beautiful Christmas concert.

Thursday is world teacher's day and this is a time to acknowledge my wonderful teaching staff, who go above and beyond to make this school so warm and welcoming to families and children.

Our enrolments show no signs of slowing down. We welcomed 8 new students to the school this term. Over the holidays the demountables needed for classrooms were moved into position on the side of the grass area at the back of the school. Unfortunately the heavy equipment has made some damage to the playing field that will be rectified over the next few weeks. The next step is for the demountables to be refurbished with new paint, railings, stairs, footpaths, carpet and airconditioning. They will have wireless internet and all the modcons that we currently have. We have ordered special new furniture for the extra Kindergarten classes and we will update and use our current furniture if it is in good condition. There is a lot to plan for the 2019 school year, always keeping in mind that learning can take place in good quality learning spaces with plenty of room for outdoor play. It's also worth noting that we will have a further 4 classroom teachers next year and we will be shortly be appointing those teachers.

Bring on Term 4- it will be Christmas before we know it!

With Kind Regards,



## Registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*before 19<sup>th</sup> October. That's the final day of accepting registrations.*

*We invite students in Year 3 or above who have been Baptised to register for the program.*

*An online registration form must be completed and can be found by logging on to our parish website.*

[www.maryimmac.org.au](http://www.maryimmac.org.au)

*Click on the Reconciliation "Click Here to Register" Icon. A copy of the child's Baptism certificate will be requested to be emailed as part of the registration process.*

*If you would like to know more information about the program please do not hesitate to contact Gerald "Ged" Oblea the Sacramental Coordinator from the Parish office.*

*E: [sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au) P: 9626 3326 Select option "7"*

*For those who have registered a gentle reminder to attend Enrolment masses either Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm or Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9.00am.*



## St Joseph's Busking Day

Term 4 Week 3 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (Term 4 Week 3)** St Joseph's will be holding their fundraiser "St Joseph's Busking Day" from 11:45am – 1pm. **All parents, families and friends are invited to come along and support our Buskers.**

### What is a Busking Day?

Students have been invited to be a Busker, either as a group or individual item. There could be musicians, singers, dancers, magicians and many more busking items to watch. **Each Busker is required to purchase a \$2 busking licence from Mrs Watson, Week 1 Thursday and Friday (recess and lunch)**

The Busking day will operate in three sessions. First session starts at 11:45 – 12:05. Second session will begin at 12: 05 – 12:25. Third session will begin at 12: 25 – 12:45. Buskers will be allocated one session to perform their item.

Buskers are allowed to bring along a change of clothes that they need to perform in. They will have the opportunity to change into their outfits at recess time, ready for their Busking Session.

### How do we support our buskers? How is this a fundraiser?

All students are asked to bring along silver or gold coins to drop into the busking hats while the Buskers are performing. Parents, families and friends can help by dropping coins into the busking hats of the performers as well.

There will also be cakes, packet of chips and Zooper Doopers on sale (Prices range from 20c – 50c) throughout the busking sessions.

**The Purpose of the Fundraising is to raise funds for**

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS - Healing a nation through education in Myanmar.**

**Thank you for your support**





*Reach out. Give life.*

## 2018 World Mission Appeal

This year for World Mission Day 2018 Pope Francis says:

**"Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: many people need me"**

**(Click [here](#) to read Pope Francis' WMD Message.)**

The theme of this year is: **'Healing a nation through education'**

**with a special action focus 'Myanmar'**

**(Click [here](#) for Information about Myanmar to share with your family.)**

**We invite the questions: What response do we make to Pope Francis' call for each one of us to reflect on the fact that 'I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world'. How do we contribute to Jesus' mission of life for all and for everyone to have life to the full? We invite you to wonder about the importance of education as a path to dignity, opportunity and peace for the people of Myanmar. We hope that the students' understanding of 'mission' will be nurtured and that students will be encouraged and supported to live as Christ challenges us...**

***"The Church's mission of evangelization has always been accompanied by teaching and the founding of schools, since education promotes the dignity of the person and provides for the full development of his or her God-given gifts. Illiteracy and lack of access to education are in fact a form of poverty and injustice."***

### **World Mission Month**

**World Mission Day (part of World Mission Month here in Australia) is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Christians committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times. This year, World Mission Sunday is 28th October 2018.**

**Missionary activity is, fundamentally, a going out of oneself in love, a reaching out to see God in everyone and to share God's love with each person we meet – especially our poor and marginalised. Catholic Mission around the world has the responsibility of promoting a dignified and fruitful celebration of World Mission Day. [Click here](#) for more information on Catholic Mission.**

**Jesus' mission of creating a world where all can live a fully dignified life is still far from completion. Therefore, the whole month of October has been dedicated to reflecting on the central mission of the Church to help all Christians in their commitment to Christ's mission of love, mercy, forgiveness, peace and justice for the world.**

### Who is Catholic Mission?

***"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)***

Catholic Mission is the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. Locally and globally, we answer the call to love God and to love our neighbour, and work to establish the Reign of God through building communities of missionary disciples who share their faith by proclaiming the Word, serving people in need, acting for justice and creation, and adopting child-focused, community-based development programs.

Compelled by the message, life and love of Jesus Christ, Catholic Mission forms Australians for mission and raises funds for mission – in Australia and around the world. This enables heroic missionaries to reach out to help children and communities in need, and provide vital training for seminarians and other young Church leaders.

Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries to support initiatives in 1,100 dioceses, including remote Australia. Grassroots needs are identified by local Catholics, to give people the opportunity for a full, enriched life – physically and spiritually – regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender.

Mission in action happens right now and for generations, to help people immediately, longer term and eternally. We engage in mission when we proclaim our faith through our words, actions and lives (*Redemptoris Missio* 42)

Founded in 1822 by a lay single woman named Pauline Jaricot, today Catholic Mission is the Pope's own mission organisation. Catholic people are called to give priority to Catholic Mission as the agency provides essential funding for the Church in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and parts of South America. Internationally Catholic Mission is called the Pontifical Mission Societies or Missio, and historically is known as Propagation of the Faith, Children's Mission and St Peter Apostle.

#### ***Term 4 Liturgies/Masses***

##### **Wk3**

- 29/10 Children's Mission Liturgy @ 11am followed by Busking Day.
- 1/11 All Saints' Day In Class Liturgy
- 2/11 All Souls' Day In Class Liturgy

##### **Wk 5**

- 12/11 Mon Remembrance Day Liturgy @11am

##### **Wk9**

- 10/12 Mon Parent Helpers Thanksgiving Liturgy @12
- 11/12 Tues Year 6 Graduation Mass @ 6:30pm

##### **Wk10**

- 17/12 Mon Christmas Concert Picnic 6pm Concert begins 7pm
- 19/12 End of Year Mass and Award Ceremony @ 10am



# 2019 REP Team Sport Trials - OPEN

**Registration window open only for Basketball & Tennis ONLY**

**Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Wednesday 31st October as these trials will be held in November 2018.**

**All OTHER sport registrations will open in November for 2019 trials.**

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2019 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2018 and Term One & Two in 2019.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2019 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au).

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2019 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the child's school**. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.**

***Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.***

Detailed information can be found on the website:

[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au).

### **Application for Extended Leave - Travel (5 days or more)**

Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child's attendance, the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child's participation and progress at school. Application forms are available on the school website and in the school office. Relevant travel documentation such as an eTicket or itinerary must be attached to the application. Parents will receive a Certificate for Extended Leave on approval of the application.

### **Medication, Allergies & Anaphylaxis**

There are a number of students at St Joseph's with severe food allergies.

We ask that **no nut products** be sent to school.

Parents of children with allergies are asked to provide an action plan signed by your doctor, to be displayed in the sick bay in the office. We also ask that any medications, including EpiPens, are given to the office to be kept in the sick bay for treatment if a reaction occurs. A school EpiPen is carried in each of the playground medical bags that may be used in case of an emergency.

### **Afternoon Pick Up Arrangements**

Each child is required to have an afternoon pick up arrangement in place using the form provided by the school. This informs the teacher how the child gets home each afternoon. Afternoon pick up arrangement forms are available from the school office and on the website under school notes. If you need to change arrangements on a one-off basis please call the school office before 2pm.

### **Second Hand Uniforms**

Second Hand Uniform shop is opened every Monday 8:30 - 9:00 am

**Please contact Tina Sultana on 0417 457 417**

## 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](http://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.**



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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](http://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 3 WEEK 7

Lucas Zondanos

Matthew Bowman

Ara Mouradian

Hunter Judson

Niti Patel

Kade Ellims

Maximas Fredericks

Ezekiel Leuluai

Zhayden Joseph

Andrew Vella

Morgan Exley

Olivia Murace

## TERM 3 WEEK 8

Gurneet Nijjar

Cara Fredericks

Logan Fish

Pranav Lalji

Ethan Sarno

Rubbie Constable

Aiko Granada

Lanna De Lunna

Aidan Keevil



# 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 3 WEEK 7	TERM 3 WEEK 8
Amelia Stojanovski	Dhiaan Priyadarshi
Max Straw	Ara Mouradian
Angela Austria	Jenna Stojanovski
Jake West	Niti Patel
Natalie Edwards	Keon Pires
Indie Smith	Evie Sheppard
Tristan Holmes	Emma Smith
Zachary Krajancic	Jonah Mondragon
Sophie Sultana	Jessica Khov
Cooper Ellims	David Elias
Breana Williams	Soham Gupta



# **Calling out for Buskers!!**

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### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

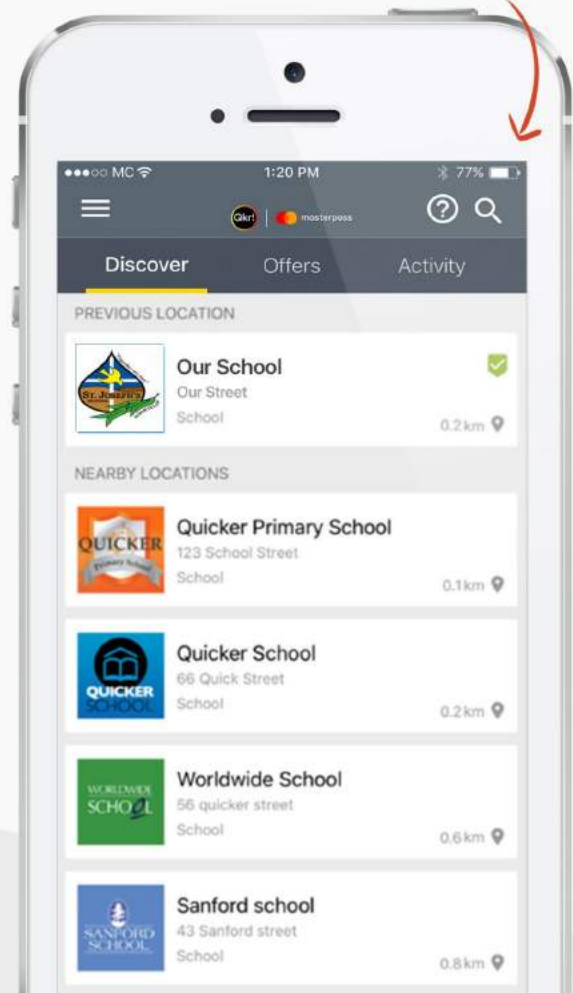
### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name







# KINDERGARTEN 2019

## **PARENT MEETING**

*TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER*

*@ 6:30PM*

*THE COMMUNITY SPACE*

*St Joseph's Primary School Schofields*

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*Come along and meet your child's  
teachers and learn how to prepare your  
child for school.*