

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOFIELDS

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 9

Dear Parents,

We have almost come to the end of the year. Tonight is the Big Night Out and Monday is our Christmas concert. A big thankyou as always to the parents who have helped decorate the hall for the big night out and to the Parent group who organised lots of food trucks for the picnic on that night.

As always our teachers are hard at work preparing the students for the Christmas concert and preparing the children for their transition to the next grade.

An important event today was the meet the new teacher orientation. Coming home with this newsletter is the list of staff for next year. There are still one or two new people to add to the list but the class teachers will not change.

As always there are some changes in staff. We welcome new classroom teachers to Year 2, Mr Nathan Lane and Mrs Erin Brennan and to Year 3, Mrs Angela Alonzo and Mr Jacob Gemmell. Next year we will also have 2 extra learning support teachers, Mrs Sarah Hunt and Mrs Sarah Watson.

Mrs Farhat will be returning to her pre maternity leave role as Religious Education Coordinator. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Watson for her hard work as the acting REC. You will see from the Christmas concert the fun and care that Mrs Watson brings to her role. Her friendly contribution as a leader of our school has helped in no small way to grow our lovely community. Mrs Watson will remain a much valued member of our leadership team in another role & will also be teaching Year 1.

As well as the extra classroom and learning support teachers we also have a slightly bigger leadership team. Congratulations to Mrs Bates who has received a promotion to Coordinator 2.

Sadly we will be losing one of our classroom teachers. Mr Adams has moved to the country and has found a job there. Our basketball, rugby and guitar playing skills may never be the same again!

Finally we welcomed 10 new students today and there will be more next year. Much care has been taken when matching students to teachers and also to make sure that each child has a friend. Walking around the school the children were very happy.

With best wishes for a very happy Christmas with your family,

Lesley Studans

Principal



I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support this year. I love how the St Joseph's school community; the staff, the students and importantly the parents, all work together to make this school a truly special place. I feel very lucky to be a part of this community. I am sad to be farewelling many of the families that were here when I started but am looking forward to continue the work with the current and new families that are joining our growing school.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and may Christ's light shine on you during this festive season and bring you peace and protection as you spend time together as a family and with friends celebrating this special season in the church.

St Joseph's - 'Leap in2 Reading' Summer Holiday Challenge

The journey of a lifetime starts with the tuning of the page - Rachel Anders

It is so critical to keep up reading in the holidays with your children. Not only is reading exercise for the brain, it helps develop imagination and teaches children about the world around them. It also continues to develop and consolidate vital literacy skills the children have been learning at school all year. 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.

Over the summer holiday, keep up the reading and participate in the **St Josephs Leap in2 Reading Summer Holiday Challenge**. The challenge is to find yourself 'leap in2 reading' wherever you are during your Summer holiday. Send your photos to stjosephsevents22@gmail.com. These will be published on Facebook and a winner will be decided early Term 1 with a \$100 family movie voucher to be won. Please indicate in the email if you **do not** wish your photo to be published on Facebook. You will still be eligible for the prize.

AWARDS

Each year we present our students with class and whole school awards. Two students from each class are selected to receive one of the following awards: Student Excellence Award and Mary MacKillop Award. At a whole school level, teachers nominate one student from their grade that they believe meets the criteria for the St Joseph's Award. The leadership team then meets to decide which student across the whole school will receive this award. These awards will be presented to the students on Friday 19th December after the End of Year Mass.

Below are details of the award selection criteria that teachers use when selecting their students to receive these awards.

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Criteria for Student Excellence Awards - Each teacher nominates **ONE student** per class

who meets **at least 3** of the criteria

An "Excellent Student" is someone who has demonstrated:

- Consistent effort and achievement in any one or more areas of learning;
- Effective study habits/organization and responsibility for their own learning;
- Inclusiveness of all class members and helped others in their learning;
- Awareness of social justice by standing up for or by those excluded;
- Interest in the whole school not just themselves or their friendship groups;
- A significant positive contribution to the classroom atmosphere;
- Sensitivity to the needs of others and actively promoted harmonious relationships;
- Consistent courtesy and good manners to all;
- Initiative with ideas and activities that contribute to the life of the school.

MARY MACKILLOP AWARD

Criteria for Mary MacKillop Award

*Each teacher nominates **ONE** student to receive a Mary MacKillop Award. This is the student from your class who regularly demonstrates the following*

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

St Joseph's Award Criteria and Selection

This Shield will be given to **ONE** student in the whole school who regularly demonstrates the following which also reflects the person that St Joseph was.

A student who - Acts justly, loves tenderly and walks humbly with God (Micah 6:8)

After School Activities

Thank you for your responses to the After School Activities Survey. There was an overwhelming response in support of after school activities. I will be looking at what activities we will be providing in 2019 in response to the survey and will advertise this early next year.





St Vinnies Christmas Hampers



Thank you so much for all your kind donations. It will definitely make Christmas a wonderful and joyous celebration for families in our community that need extra care and love this Christmas.



St Joseph's Christmas Concert.



Monday 17th Dec

Picnic from 5:30pm

Concert begins at 7pm

From St Joseph's students and staff, we invite our families and friends to celebrate Christmas together. Bring along a picnic dinner to share with your family. There will be a variety of food trucks available:- Burgers, Pizza, Chicken, Donuts, and Ice cream. **Children need to gather in their classrooms by 6:40pm.** The children will

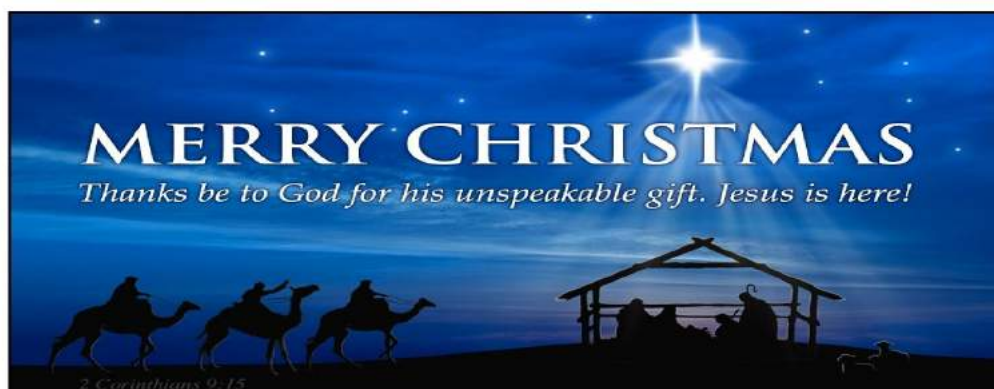
be sitting in their class groups for the entire Christmas Concert. Come along and enjoy the Christmas Story retold from the Little Donkey's point of View.



End of Year Mass and Awards Ceremony

Wednesday 19/12 @ 10am

We invite all family and friends to come along to celebrate our End of Year Mass and Award Ceremony.



As 2018 draws to a close I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the parents, carers, staff and of course the students who have made this year of sport incredibly successful. Over the course of the year many students have displayed their skill, developed new skills, challenged themselves and stepped out of their comfort zone. We have seen many students go on to represent St Joseph's at all levels of representation, as well as trying out for and being selected for representative teams in their chosen sports.

All three of our school carnivals; Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming, as well as our gala days proved extremely successful mainly due to the generous support of our parents. Thank you for all of the parents who selflessly donate their time and energy to the further development of the students. Sport at a school level can not be possible without the help of many people, especially the staff. We are so blessed here at St Joseph's to have a staff that is very passionate about sport and I would like to acknowledge their contribution to progressing the students.

I wish every person in the St Joseph's community a very holy and safe Christmas and all the best for the coming year.

"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than any government in breaking down the barriers between people." - Nelson Mandela





St Joseph's Schofields 2019 Staff

Principal	Mrs Lesley Studans		Monday - Friday
Assistant Principal	Mrs Joanna Delvecchio		Monday - Friday
REC	Mrs Lea Farhat		
Coordinator 0.2	Mr Trevor Atkins		Thursday
Coordinator 0.2	Mrs Katie Bates		Thursday
Coordinator 0.1	Mrs Anne Watson		Thursday
K R	Miss Zara Richards	Cottage 1	Monday – Friday
KBS	Mrs Katie Bates/ Mrs Teresia Sobb	Library Cottage	Monday – Thursday Friday
Year 1L	Miss Maria Longo Mrs Melissa Stevenson	Demountable 13	Monday– Thursday Friday
Year 1D	Miss Victoria Dennett	Demountable 12	Monday – Friday
Year 1 L	Mrs Anne Watson	Demountable 11	Monday - Friday
Year 2C	Miss Denise Chircop	Demountable 9	Monday - Friday
Year 2L	Mr Nathan Lane	Demountable 10	Monday – Friday
Year 2 TP	Mrs Erin Brennan	Demountable 7	Monday – Friday
Year 3 G	Mr Jacob Gemmell	Year 3 Demountable	Monday - Friday
Year 3 A	Mrs Angela Alonzo	Year 3 Demountable	Monday – Friday
Year 4 L	Mrs Karen Lock	Year 4 Demountable	Monday - Friday
Year 4 F	Mrs Leanne Fairclough	Year 4 Demountable	Monday - Friday
Year 5 TP	Mrs Victoria Powell Mrs Kimberley Turner	Year 5 Demountable	Monday –Wednesday Thursday - Friday
Year 5 P	Mr Daniel Parnis	Year 5 Demountable	Monday - Friday
Year 6 S	Mr Justin Schelle	Year 6 Demountable	Monday - Friday
Year 6 A	Mr Trevor Atkins	Year 6 Demountable	Monday - Friday
Student Learning Support	Mrs Margaret Slater		Monday - Friday
Student Learning Support K-1	Mrs Katie Bates		Friday
Student Learning Support Year 4-6	Mrs Sarah Watson		Wednesday- Friday
Student Learning Support Year 2-3	Mrs Sarah Hunt		Wednesday-Friday
Reading Recovery Learning Support (K-1)	Mrs Sandra Bonnici Mrs Leanne Farhat		Monday – Friday
EMU Specialist – Middle Years	Mrs Angela Alonzo		Monday – Friday
EMU Specialist – Infants	Miss Zara Boudib		Monday – Friday
Third Wave Reading Intervention	Mrs Sandra Bonnici Mrs Margaret Slater		Monday – Friday
LTST	Mr Daniel Parnis		Thursday
Teacher's Aides	Mrs Freda Crane Mrs Vicki Bourke Mrs Jennifer Dal Bon Mrs Val Winkle Mrs Jade Bradatsch		Monday - Thursday Monday - Friday Monday - Friday Monday Tuesday Thursday Monday - Wednesday Friday
RFF	Mrs Tammy Ible Mrs Melissa Fraser Mandarin Teacher (TBA)		Wednesday and Friday Wednesday and Friday Wednesday and Friday
Library Technician	Mrs Joanne Neill	Library	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Finance Secretary.	Mrs Leonie Beck	Office	Monday – Friday
Admin. Secretary	Ms Lisa McLaren	Office	Monday - Thursday
Admin Secretary	Mrs Kerry Grima	Office	Thursday, Friday
Maintenance	Mr Andrew Jenkins		
School Counsellor	Monique Belinger	Office	Days to be advised
Aspect K-6 Gold	Mrs Joy Musa Mrs Gayle Evangelista		Monday - Friday

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

2019

Win an
**IPAD
MINI**

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of four iPad minis.

The more books you read, the more chances you have to win. Enter online www.parra.catholic.edu.au

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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.

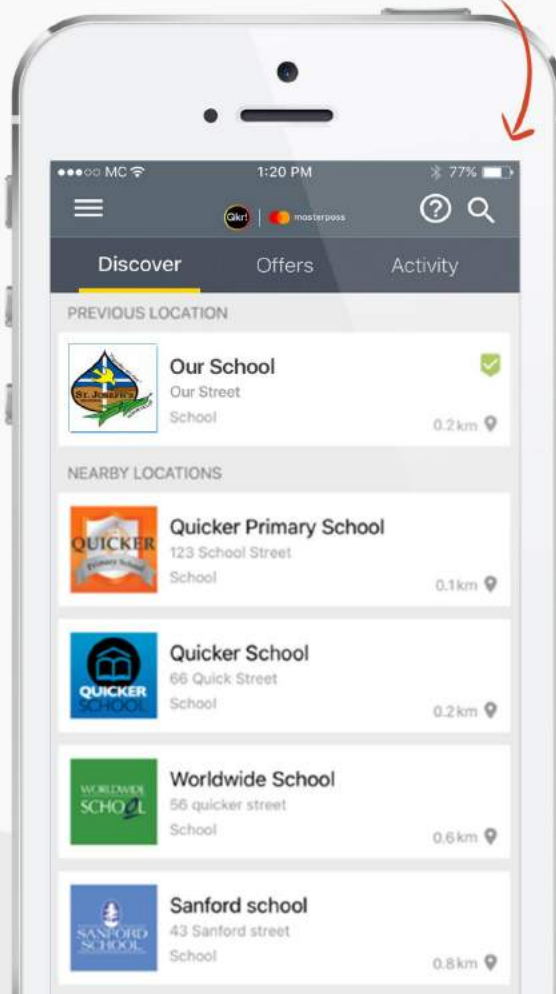
Step 4 Register your children

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



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

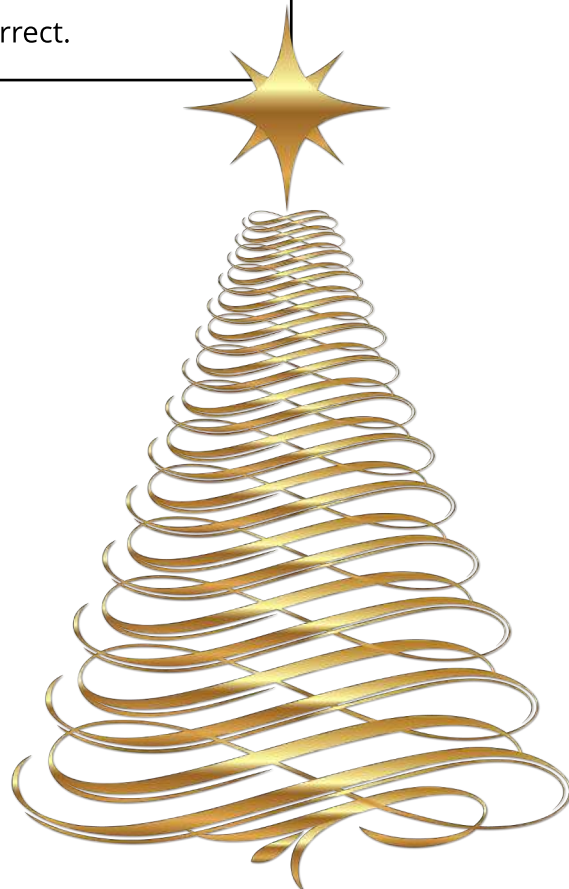


On behalf of all the Staff at St Joseph's, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy & safe New Year.

Years 1 - 6 Maths Assessment Interviews	29th & 30th January 2019
Kindergarten 2019 Maths Assessment Interviews	29th, 30th & 31st January
Term 1 - 2019 : Years 1 to 6	Thursday 31st January
Term 1 - 2019 : Kindergarten	Friday 1st February

Please be advised that due to end of year accounting, payments can not be accepted after Tuesday 18th December. Please ensure any payments families are wishing to make are completed by this date.

All 2018 school fees should now be finalised by most families. Thank you to all the families that have finalised their 2018 school fees. Families will receive 2019 statements around the end of February 2019, which will include Flexible Payment Plan options. PLEASE NOTE: Any outstanding amount in school fee accounts will not receive the BPay or Direct Debit plans for 2019 fees. Please ensure that your mailing address is correct.



OUR MASS TIMES AT MARY IMMACULATE



Mary Immaculate Church

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 8.30am

Tuesday: 8.30am

Wednesday: 9.15am Mass and Novena 7.00pm

Thursday: 9.15am

Friday: 8.30am Mass and Holy Hour 7.00pm

Saturday: 8.30am

NB: During school holidays our Morning Masses between Monday~Saturday are celebrated at 8.30am

YOUTH MASS

Every 2nd Friday - 7.00pm Followed by P.A.R.T.Y Youth Program
(Praying, Accepting, Reaching, Teaching, Youth)

Sunday 6.00pm on the Second weekend of the month.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During school term on Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am Masses.

No Children's Liturgy during school holidays.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday Afternoon 4.00pm - 5.00pm

MASS FOR THE SICK

Every three months on the 3rd Saturday - 10.00am

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday except the 2nd Friday of the month - 7.00pm

Extended adoration Every 1st Friday of the month

After 8.30am Mass until 12.00pm.

After 7.00pm Mass -until 10pm.

