

# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS STUDANS

Dear Parents,

This week is NAPLAN week. For Year 3 it's their first grown up opportunity to enter the world of formal assessments. On the whole they were excited to see what the experience would be like. Year 5 seemed a little more relaxed. NAPLAN does give us valuable information but its not useful in the day to day teaching and learning of the students as the results take a long time to come.

There's a lot of bad publicity about NAPLAN at the moment and I would agree that its value is overinflated. We assess the students every day at school to see how they are going with their reading, writing and Maths to inform our teaching. We involve the children so they know how well they are going, We do so in informal ways and more formal ways. Just recently we assessed the whole school with their writing in a fun way, using the stimulus of the crate. As a whole, staff are working with a teacher educator from the catholic Education Office using this data to create motivating but rigorous writing lessons for the children..

#### Tell Them from Me Survey

At St Joseph's we use many ways to check how well our school is doing. For example we had the afternoon pickup survey and the communication survey in 2016. Last year we had the Quality Catholic School survey. In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. From next week you are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/dhzc9>

Any parents who wish to complete the survey are welcome to do so. We anticipate one response per family.

With Kind Regards,

Lesley Studans

Last Friday was a great opportunity for many of our mums, grandmothers, aunts, carers etc to take some time out and be a part of our school community celebrating Mother's Day. It was so nice to catch up with so many of you.

As teachers we are continually looking at school improvement from the curriculum to behaviour to ensure that our students are Safe, Respectful and Learners. In terms of curriculum, teachers engage in Professional learning opportunities weekly at school as well as out of school and with behaviour, we are continually monitoring the PBS4L processes and data and our weekly focus comes directly from that. We also change procedures and processes based on the needs presented in the data to ensure a safe, respectful and learning environment for our whole school community.

### UNSW COMPETITIONS

A reminder that the following competitions occur on the following dates. Please be at school by 7.30am.

#### Competition Dates

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|---------------|---------------------|
| · Science     | Tuesday 29st May    |
| · English     | Tuesday 31st July   |
| · Mathematics | Tuesday 14th August |

### OPAL CARDS

Just a reminder that your child requires an OPAL card to travel on the bus. If you are not eligible for a free travel student OPAL card, then you will either need to pay each day or just get a standard student OPAL card and ensure that there is sufficient funds on the account. Opal card is important because it is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't have an Opal card to tap on and off the service will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers. Here is the link to the website - Opal website: [www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/](http://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/)

This term Busways Inspectors will be checking to ensure students are using their Opal cards when boarding the school bus. Students that do not present a valid Opal card will be asked to pay a fare. Failure to produce a valid Opal card or bus fare will result in the Inspector recording the student's name so that we can follow up with you.

### 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 88.9%. Making our way up to the 90% mark. CONGRATULATIONS Kindergarten - you have the highest attendance across the whole school at 94.5%.

Please remember that if your child is absent, a note explaining their absence is required within 7 days.

What is coming up next...	
Week 3	Family Day Liturgy Friday 18th May @ 8:30am
Week 4	Pentecost Liturgy at 12pm

## Sacramental Programs at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill



### First Eucharist 2018 Children Year 4 and Older

**Third Class and Practice** 19th/20th May – Sat or Sun

**First Eucharist** 2nd – 3rd June - Sat to Sun  
(Sat 5.30pm, Sun 9am and 2pm ONLY)

## FAMILY DAY LITURGY



**Friday 18th May 8:30am**

**Gold coin donation**

*Catholic Education and Catholic Care hope to raise awareness of the support services available to families in western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the celebration of Family Day.*

*During this week, students will be creating a family portrait, to give thanks for their families.*

*To assist Catholic Care raise funds, which support the services available to families, students are asked to bring in a **gold coin donation on Friday 18th May**. These coins will be brought up as an offering during the Family Day Liturgy.*

**God bless all the families of our  
St Joseph's Community.**

# SPORTS COORDINATOR - MR LIAM ADAMS

## Diocesan Cross Country Results 2018

8/9 Boys	
Hugo Adamcewicz	30th place
Zachary O'Keeffe	74th place
Kade Ellims	75th place
Mitchell Lennox	80th place
Jean Foppen	Participation
8/9 Girls	
Evelyn Sheppard	79th place
Astrid Gella	83rd place
Lexie Beacroft	87th place
Keyandra OBrien	124th place
10 Boys	
Ethan Sarno	89th place
Lincoln Junkiewicz	91st place
Jack Hutchen	94th place
Keashan Kotli	106th place
Ty Opdam	118th place
10 Girls	
Meghan Lynch	50th place
Eden Alderson	57th place
Nakeisha Kumar	72nd place
Gabriella Borazio	84th place
Madeline Scott	85th place
11 Boys	
Isaac Beacroft	3rd place
Riley Mchugh	71st place
Cameron Attard	73rd place
Isaac Wilson	99th place
Zane Steele	104th place
11 Girls	
Hayley Hogbin	45th place



Sierra Griffin	66th place
<b>12 Boys</b>	
Cooper Opdam	11th place
Cooper Ellims	48th place
Morgan Rogers	83rd place
Charlie Liddicoat	99th place
Jayden Rook	100th place

### Parramatta Rugby Union Tryouts for Mackillop Trials

Congratulations to Lucas Harding (Yr6) for making the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union Team. The team will travel to Forbes in July to compete in the Mackillop Trials.

### Stage 3 Touch Football gala day

Congratulations to the following students who represented St Joseph's at the Stage 3 Touch Football gala day, on the last day of Term 1. Their effort, sportsmanship and team spirit display on the day was outstanding. A huge thank you goes out to our volunteer coaches and referees. We also want to acknowledge all our parent helpers and supporter on the day. We had some great results on the day, with our boys blue team being the champions of their pool.

Stage 3 Boys blue Coach Mrs Ellims	Stage 3 boys dark Coach Mrs Smallacombe	Stage 3 Girls Coach Mrs Lennox
<u>Year 6</u> Charlie Liddicoat Cooper Ellims Jacob Zahra Isaac Beacroft Cooper Opdam Jayden Rook	<u>Year 6</u> Kynan Smallacombe Deacon Smith Lucas Harding Alexander Whiteley Morgan Rogers Matthew Martelli Soham Gupta	<u>Year 6</u> Jade Lennox Olivia Murace Makayla Soltani Charlotte Feather
<u>Year 5</u> Brock Richmond Isaac Wilson Brayden Tavoletti Cameron Attard	<u>Year 5</u> Zane Steele Jeizek Reyes Arnold Foppen	<u>Year 5</u> Brianna Grima Meghan Lynch Nikisha Rogers Hayley Hogbin Isabella Dejesus Imogen Tollis Zhayden Joseph

### School Fees

The School Fee Statement for the second instalment for 2018 will be sent to your home address sometime this week. If you have not received it by 26 May please contact the school office. The reason for you not receiving this statement could be because of a change of address. If you have moved this year, please ensure our office has your current address.

### 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.



### Book Club Orders

Just a reminder that orders for book club are now only accepted on line. Please follow the instructions on the flyer to order.

# Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club  
**Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform.



It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**  
or  

Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.  
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.



Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

# 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](http://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](https://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](mailto: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:

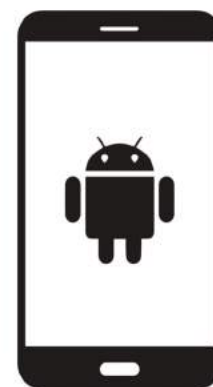
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
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".
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.





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# WEDNESDAY 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**



ST JOSEPHS SCHOFIELDS P & C

# TRIVIA NIGHT

Silent Auction on  
the  
Night

Gold coin games  
on the  
night

Sponsorship  
available

BYO drinks  
and  
nibbles

DATE:  
26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

6PM FOR A 6:30 START

VENUE: ST JOSEPHS COMMUNITY SPACE

\$10 PER PERSON TABLES OF 8 PEOPLE MAX

GAMES ON THE NIGHT, PRIZES FOR BEST-DRESSED  
AND BEST-DRESSED TABLE

BOOK THROUGH FLEXI-SCHOOLS OR DIRECT  
THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE