



# St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



**Term 1**

**Week 10**

**1st April 2015**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Joseph's,

As the term comes to a close next week, I wish to express that I truly am enjoying working in partnership with every member of the St Joseph's community. Our children are at the center of everything we do in our school. It is great to see them coming to school and enjoying the learning.

Term One has been a very successful beginning of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. Student learning is a high priority in everything we do at our school.

This week has been very exciting as we journeyed through the Holy Week celebrations beginning with:-

Palm Sunday with Kindergarten

The Last Supper with Year One

Praying in the Garden with Year Two

Good Friday with Stage 2

All the staff, parents and students of St Joseph's have experienced a very Holy week of celebration. Seeing and doing helps us to remember significant events in our lives.

On behalf of the staff and myself, I wish you and your family members a Holy Easter together. Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. On this Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catholics, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent. Through spiritual struggle and self-denial, we have prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter.

### **The Fulfillment of Our Faith**

Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

### **The Coming of the Kingdom**

That new life began on Easter Sunday. In the Our Father, we pray that "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven." And Christ told His disciples that some of them would not die until they saw the Kingdom of God "coming in power" (Mark 9:1).

The early Christian Fathers saw Easter as the fulfillment of that promise.

With the resurrection of Christ, God's Kingdom is established on earth, in the form of the Church.

I wish to remind our school families of the following:-

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM – TERM 2 WINTER UNIFORM**

As the term draws to a close, I remind all parents and carers about the School Uniform Policy and will be expecting all students to be wearing their correct winter and sport uniform when they return to school in Term 2. The correct uniform is very important at our school, for example,

short white socks (not 'no show' or 'low cut'),

boys to wear grey socks with coloured ribbing.

Jewelry – gold or silver sleepers or studs – no gems or coloured stones.

Black school shoes only (not black joggers).

Sport shoes – predominately white.

For your child to be exempt from wearing a particular item of the correct uniform I would appreciate you making an appointment with me to discuss the matter. I would also suggest that if it were for a particular reason please bring paperwork (e.g. doctor's certificate) to support your request.

If your child comes home with a uniform note, please support your child by providing them with the correct item.

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## KISS AND DROP

The morning 'Kiss and Drop' in the bus bay has been flowing very well and we thank everyone using this facility for your cooperation in observing the outlined safety procedures.

- The bus bay is available to use in the morning **after 8AM**.
- Children ready to exit via the **passenger side only**.
- School bags to be in car with children, **not in the boot**.
- Children are only to get out of the car on the **passenger side**.
- Please **DO NOT overtake** in the bus bay. Please wait patiently for cars in front of you to start moving before leaving the bus bay.

**No parking** in the bus bay, parents remain in the car.

Ensure your children have stepped well away from the car and up onto the footpath before driving away.

## CAR PARK REGULATIONS

Thank you to the many parents who have been respecting the NO ENTRY sign for the School Parking Area. Parent support is vital in ensuring that our school, St Joseph's, is a safe school for all members.

## PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

I was very excited to have the Principal's Morning tea this week, as I met with 4 Stage 3 children who have been very conscientious with their learning and are great role models. Congratulations to the following students:

\* Gabriella Papallo                      \* Andrew Bagaric  
\* Danielle Cremona                      \* Dante Miles

## ANZAC DAY 100 YEARS

As Australia prepares to commemorate 100 years of the Gallipoli Landing, St Joseph's will be holding a special 6.30 Dawn Service at school. This will be an opportunity for families and extended families to gather together to mark this momentous occasion.

WHEN: 6.30 am Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

WHERE: St Joseph's Area 1 Playground

The service will be followed by the Parents and Friends Group serving a breakfast of cereal, toast, fruit and juice at approximately 7.00 am under the COLA.

The children will then gather in the Community Space and watch a video presentation on ANZAC Day supervised by school staff, until regular supervision commence at 8.00 am.

Each family would have received a letter this week with a tear off to indicate who will be attending. If you haven't returned the slip yet, can you please do so tomorrow THURSDAY...

## 123 MAGIC PARENTING WORKSHOPS

In Term 2 our school will be running a parenting workshop '123 Magic' over three Tuesday evenings. The evenings will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. A letter will be sent out in Week 1 of Term 3 inviting parents to attend.

## 2016 KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS

I will be involved in the 2016 Kindergarten Interviews in Term 2. If you have a sibling to enrol for 2016, I suggest you call into the office to collect the Enrolment paperwork and submit it as soon as possible.

## NEED TO KNOW

Bookings have been made for Dance Fever and Healthy Harold next term. More information coming in Term 2.

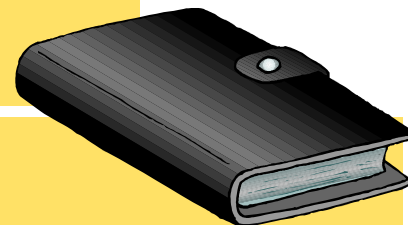
Thank you for your support throughout the term.  
Together We Can  
God Bless and Keep Safe

Cheryl Brown  
Principal



# IMPORTANT DATES

Check out the new calendar on our website!



2015

Term 1

Week 10

Holy Week

Wed 1st April Year 2 Praying in the Garden 1.30pm

Thurs 2nd April Year 3 & 4 Good Friday 1.30pm

End of Term

Term 2

Week 1 Mon 20th April First Day Term 2 Winter Uniform

Mon 20th April Stage 3 Easter Sunday 1.30pm

Fri 24th April Anzac Day Ceremony 6.30am

Sat 25th April ANZAC Day

Week 2 Fri 1st May School Assembly 1.30pm Community Hall Year 3Blue and 3White hosting

Week 3 Tues 5th May Eastern Creek Cross Country

Wed 6th May Healthy Harold Van visiting St Joseph's

Thurs 7th May Mothers Day Stall

Fri 8th May Mothers Day Liturgy and Morning Tea

Week 4 Tues 12th May Naplan Spelling, Writing and Grammer Assessment Years 3 & 5

Wed 13th May Naplan Reading Assessment Years 3 & 5

Thurs 14th May Naplan Numeracy Assessment Years 3 & 5

Fri 15th May Ascension Liturgy In class

Fri 15th May School Assembly 1.30 Community Hall

Week 5 Fri 22nd May Pentecost Liturgy 12pm

Week 6 Mon 25th May Staff Development Day –No Students at school

Tues 26th May National Sorry Day

Wed 27th May Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Fri 29th May School Assembly 1.30 Community Hall

Week 7 Wed 3rd June ICAS Science

Week 8 Mon 8th June Queens B'day Public holiday

Thurs 11th June School Photo Day

Week 9 Mon 15th June ICAS Spelling

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## EMU Program

The EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) Program offers more intensive specialised mathematics instruction and is designed for children in Year 1. As the EMU specialist teacher I take a group of three students for 30 minutes, 5 days a week for 10-20 weeks. During the sessions we explore counting and number concepts, engage in an investigation that highlights mathematical thinking, investigation and problem solving. These experiences are designed to target the particular needs of the children. Activities typically involve contexts such as working with patterns, addition & subtraction, multiplication and division. Emphasis is given to the children discussing their strategies and solutions and identifying the most efficient strategies for solving a problem or determining solutions.

The EMU program aims to accelerate children's mathematics learning so that after the 10-20 week program the children are more capable and confident in their approach to their classroom mathematics investigations.

Anne Watson  
EMU Specialist



## CHESS

A letter went home a couple of weeks ago regarding Chess lessons at St Josephs on Thursday afternoon. You do not need to know how to play chess to be a part of it. It is not too late to come and get a letter if you are interested. Lessons start Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April at 2.45



## ICAS Competitions

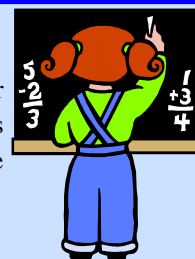
A note went home a couple of weeks ago regarding the ICAS University of NSW Competition tests. If you are interested in your child participating and have not completed and sent in your form can you please do so by the end of the term. The first competition is Digital Technology that is being held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30am.

Regards

Joanna Delvecchio  
Assistant Principal

## Kindergarten 2016

We are now accepting Enrolment application forms for Kindergarten 2016. Interviews are being arranged for May & June. If you have a child or know of a child who will be 5 or turning 5 by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and the parents are interested in becoming part of the St Joseph's community, you can pick up an enrolment package from the school office.



## Important Information

**EMAIL.** The school sends most notes and all newsletters home via email. Newsletter and updates are sent weekly. If you do not receive an electronic copy of this newsletter today then you will miss out on receiving important information in the future. You may also need to check your spam folder in case we are delivered to it. Should your email change or you stop receiving weekly newsletters please contact the school office immediately.

**SKOOLBAG APP.** Please take the time to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just look for our school name "St Joseph's Primary, Schofields" in the Apple App Store for iPhone" or Google Play Store for Android. This is an important form of our communication that is used regularly.

**FACEBOOK.** Like us on Facebook to follow what's happening in the St Joseph's community.

# FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

## WEEKEND MASSES

### St JOHN'S PARISH RIVERSTONE

164 Garfield Road East Riverstone

Holy Thursday 2 April	7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 3 April	10:00am The Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday 4 April	7:00pm Celebration of the Paschal Vigil
Easter Sunday 5 April	7:00am 9:00am Easter Sunday Celebration

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

1 Wellgate Avenue, Corner Withers Road and Wellgate Ave Kellyville,

Holy Thursday 2 April	7:30pm Evening Mass of the Last Supper Adoration will be available till 10:00pm Night prayer
Good Friday 3 April	10:00am Stations of the Cross Confessions available after the Stations 3.00pm The Passion Liturgy
Easter Vigil 4 April	6:30pm Mass
Easter Sunday 5 April	8:30am Mass 10:00am Mass 5:30pm Mass

## MARY IMMACULATE

125 Barnier Drive Quakers Hill

Good Friday 3 April	10:00am Way of the Cross Multi-purpose area of Mary Immaculate Primary Quakers Hill Solemn Liturgical Action commemorating the Lord's Passion. Church will remain open till 9:00pm Collection for Holy Places will take place today.
Holy Saturday 4 April	3:00 - 4:30pm Individual Reconciliation 7:00pm (NOT 6:00pm) Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday 5 April	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Children's Mass & Baptisms 6:00pm Mass Mary Immaculate Church Quakers Hill



### Second Hand uniform Shop

Open Monday and  
Thursday mornings 8.30am  
or contact Tina on  
0417457417

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRE-MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday  
9th May 2015  
7.00pm until 1am



RSVP to  
Tina - 0417 457 417  
Jacinta - 0422 100 856

**Bella Vista Hotel**  
**13-15 Lexington Drive,**  
**Bella Vista**

*(Booths near dance floor  
under Tina and Jacinta)*

*before Sunday 26th April 2015  
so we can reserve tables*



## Assembly Awards

Student of the Week—Week 7	Student of the Week—Week 8
Jayden Farrugia	Ruby Carroll
James Taylor	Amelia Rainbow
Dhruvi Vekaria	Isabella Ianello
Kyah Morris	Jack Poulton
Casey Monk	Andrew Vella
Nikisha Rogers	Maddison Ruprecht
Charlie Liddicoat	Mustafa Hashim
Marissa Thomas	Lilah Magro
Molly McGaughey	Katherine MacColl
Jasmine Chidgey	Cameron Tollis
Aaron Rillera	Shivika Kausik
	Dominic Azzopardi



Gospel Values Award Week 8	Gospel Values Award Week 9
Naomi Sultana	Zachary O’Keeffe
Mollie Watson	Jackson Bond
Simrit Kaur	Cameron Attard
Summer Warren	Brayden Tavoletti
Hayley Hogbin	Morgan Rogers
Cody Szkut	Aidan Akturk
Olivia Murace	Aidan Gosling
Pranith Reddy	Adrian Murdaca
Jacob Trinidad	Juliana Murace
Mathew Cremona	Ben McAuliffe-Turner
Darcy Lynch	Isabella Howlett
Brendan Nelson	Mali Garay



### Principal’s Award

Congratulations to the following students who received Principal’s Award at our Assembly in Week 8.

Dante Miles

Gabriella Papallo

Danielle Cremona

