



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 1

Week 10

30 March 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lk 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus... And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognising him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" ... "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene... how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel... Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his Body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. ... And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over". So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at the table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, With that their eyes were opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the Eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Their eyes were opened

The story of the appearance of the risen Lord to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is the most developed and the most beautiful of the post-resurrection stories. It sets before us two kinds of responses to the Lord: first, one is slow of heart to believe (v 25); second, one is overjoyed, one's heart is burning, while listening to the Lord (v 32). The study of the Scriptures nourishes our faith and makes us appreciate the importance of the breaking of the bread and Holy Mass.

*The Bible is like a family album where memoirs of significant people and events in our life are kept.
Read, pray, and study the Bible*

Source: 366 Days with the Lord 2016

THE WEEK AHEAD

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	Fri	1st April	Stage 3 Canberra Trip Whole School Assembly
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Week 11 GOSPEL ACTION—Sharing Peace and Faith with others

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome to Week 10, I hope everyone had a safe and holy Easter break. The students were elated with excitement when they arrived back at school on Tuesday morning because the Easter Bunny had visited some of our St Joseph's classrooms.

Last Thursday, I had the privilege to farewell Mrs Farhat with the students, parents and teachers. Mrs Farhat's last day began with a staff celebration in the staffroom and throughout the day she received many wishes for the future and the arrival of her baby. Leanne is taking 12 months maternity leave and will return in Term 2, 2017. Leanne has been teaching at St Joseph's since 2013 she has taught mainly Stage 2 classes during this time. Leanne was the Learning Technologies Support Teacher for years 2013 – 2014 and in 2015 Leanne was appointed to the Religious Education Coordinator position. Leanne is a valued member of the teaching staff, as well as being an integral member of the school leadership team.

This week we welcome Mr Justin Schelle to our school community. Mr Schelle will be replacing Mrs Leanne Farhat's teaching position in Year 4 White. Mr Schelle brings to our school new talents and life experiences. He has completed a Graduated Bachelor of Science (Information Systems) and Diploma of Education (Primary Teaching). Mr Schelle has been working in a number of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. Mr Schelle brings his experiences in the following areas:

- High degree of skills in ICT including programming, ICT integration within the classroom, digital literacy, and responsible digital citizenship including classroom blogs and social media skills.

- Computer Programming, App Building, database and many more ICT Skills.

- Communication and interpersonal skills.

- COSHC Parramatta Region – January 2011 – Current

- Catholic Education Office in Parramatta provides a range of before and after school, and vacation care services at various locations throughout Western Sydney. He has worked in centres that provides the COSHC services.

- He has experience using innovative teaching strategies (Project Based Learning, team teaching) and the Australian Curriculum.

On behalf of the St Joseph's staff I welcome Justin into our welcoming school community.

Acting Religious Education Coordinator (REC) – Mrs Anne Watson

On behalf of Fr Ruben, the St Joseph's Leadership Team, I welcome Mrs Anne Watson to the Acting Position of Religious Education Coordinator beginning this week. Mrs Watson will be replacing Mrs Farhat on the leadership team as well. We wish Anne the best in her new role at St Joseph's. Mrs Kimberley Turner will be releasing Mrs Watson (2W) on Fridays for the REC executive release. I am very pleased as Mrs Turner teaches Year 2 Blue five days per fortnight. Therefore, there will be a smooth transition for Mrs Watson and all the Year 2 White students.

Holy Week Celebrations

Over the past two weeks our school community have celebrated the Holy Week Celebrations including:-

- Palm Sunday – Kindergarten

- Last Supper – Year 1

- Praying in the Garden – Year 2

- Good Friday – Stage 2

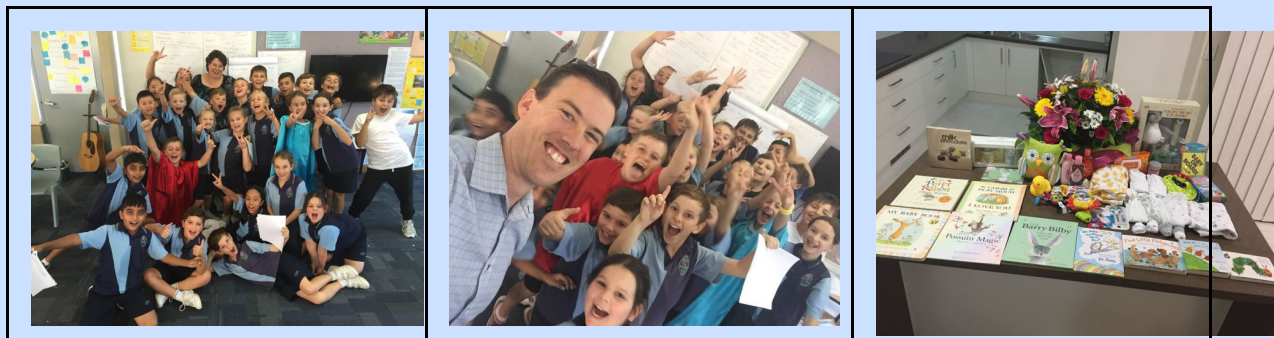
- Resurrection – Stage 3

Thank you to all the students, teachers and parents for contributing to our significant celebrations. 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A Thank you from Mr & Mrs Farhat

Mr Farhat and I have been over whelmed by the love, well wishes and beautiful gifts for our little baby from the staff and students of the St. Joseph's community. Not being at work for a while will be very different and something I will miss, but I am excited about the new journey and challenge ahead. A special thank you to Mr Adams, the Year 4 children and parents for making my last day so special. We are looking forward to sharing a baby update with the school community soon.



Thank You for Your Prayers

Last Wednesday, Vicki, Anne and myself attend the Funeral of **Craig Constable**. Family, friends and acquaintances surrounded Rubie (Year 3B), her mum and brothers. The celebration of Craig's life was so meaningful and demonstrated elements of Craig's life and family. There were many families from our school in attendance as well. I ask all to keep Rubie and her family in your prayers.

Peer Review

Peer Review is a key part of the [School Compliance audit process](#). The process of **Peer Review** allows all schools to view, assess and provide critical feedback on the curriculum that will form a point of focus. All Key Learning Area (KLA) colleagues will view curriculum materials that are presented by a school in a systematic manner. The process of Peer Review enables all schools to assure that they are fully compliant according to BOSTES and CEDP requirements. A sampling approach is used to target specific KLAs and stages of learning and examine these in close detail to ensure that they are meeting syllabus requirements and overall BOSTES specifications such as number of indicative hours etc. Each year all 78 schools in Parramatta Diocese engage in the process of Peer Review to present curriculum documentation and obtain critical feedback from peers in a professional learning context.

This term, Tuesday 5th April, St Joseph's Schofields will be presenting Stage 3 English and Creative Arts. The team attending the Peer Review Meeting will be Mrs Joanna Delvecchio, Mr Trevor Atkins, Miss Victoria Dennett, Mr Daniel Parnis, Mrs Melissa Fraser and myself. Mrs Anne Watson will be in charge of the school on the 5th April, 2016.

NAPLAN DATES FOR TERM 2

Following is the Naplan timetable for Years 3 & 5

Tuesday	10 th May	Spelling, Grammar and Writing
Wednesday	11 th May	Reading
Thursday	12 th May	Numeracy

Parents or carers of students who sit for the NAPLAN tests will receive a written report of their child's achievement in August.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The NAPLAN student report will show your child's results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and your school's average for each test. This means you will be able to compare the performance of your child against other students in the same year of schooling.

The additional student report will list all the questions in each test, along with a brief description of each question. This report will show you which questions your child answered correctly.

A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child's progress through the years.

It is recommended that you make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss your child's results and how to interpret the NAPLAN reports.

Canberra Excursion

Tomorrow, the Stage 3 students and teachers will be leaving to travel to Canberra for their excursion. Mrs Delvecchio, Mr Atkins, Mr Parnis and Miss Dennett will be accompanying the students. I wish the students and teachers a safe and enjoyable excursion. Mrs Delvecchio is attending in my absence, as I am unable to attend due to a family commitment with my daughter and her new twin daughters.

St Joseph's Family Mass – 3rd April, 2016

This coming Sunday is a very special day for our St Joseph's School community. Fr Ruben has invited the students, parents and teachers to attend and participate in the Eucharist celebration at Mass at 10.30 am on Sunday 3rd April, 2016.

We look forward to seeing you and your family.

Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day – Monday 2nd May, 2016

The Term 2 Staff Development Day has been planned for Monday 2nd May, 2016.

The day will be a pupil free day. The staff will be engaged in professional learning in the curriculum area of Religious Education Scriptural Formation. Please ensure you have the date in your diary and have organised childcare arrangements for your child.

Parent Group Meeting – Term 2 - 6.30 pm Wednesday 8th June, 2016

Here is another date to put into your diary. The Parent Group meeting is a great opportunity for parents and carers to get together. I look forward to seeing you there!

Regards

Cheryl Brown

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

Parent Information and Registration Evening for First Eucharist.

For parents whose child/children are in Year 4 and above, who would like them to celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist, there is a Parent Information and Registration meeting on this **Thursday 31st March.**

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Mary Immaculate Church Quakers Hill



Parish Sunday Mass.

This Sunday, 3rd April, our school will be leading the Sunday Mass at 10:30am. All students and their families are invited to join with us to celebrate Sunday Mass together. Please fill in the attached note if your child/children will be attending the Mass and return to the office.

Pastoral Care

We are seeking your help. One of our families are in need of our support by way of meals. If you are able to prepare some family size wet dishes, deliver to school we can freeze and deliver to our family. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated

Anne Watson
Acting REC

CALENDAR OVERVIEW

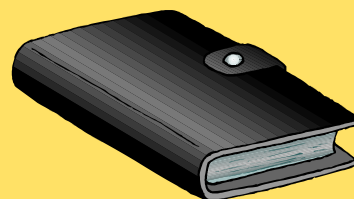
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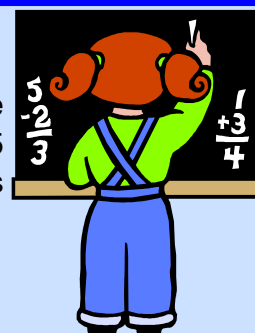
Week 1	Mon	25th April	ANZAC Day
	Tues	26th April	1st Day Term 2 all students Winter uniform
	Tues	26th April	ANZAC Day Liturgy 12noon
Week 2	Fri	6th May	Mother's Day Liturgy 8.50am
Week 3	Sun	8th May	Mother's Day
	Mon	9th May	Ascension In-class Liturgy
	Tues	10th May	NAPLAN
	Wed	11th May	NAPLAN
	Thurs	12th May	NAPLAN



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2017

KINDERGARTEN 2017

We are now accepting Enrolment application forms for Kindergarten 2017. Interviews are being arranged for Term 2. If you have a child or know of a child who will be 5 or turning 5 by 31st July 2017 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.



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Attendance

School attendance is not only mandatory, it is vital to student learning. Students who are absent from school, whether it is a full day or part of the day, may be disadvantaged in their learning progress and ongoing development. At St Josephs we will be monitoring school attendance each week. **Please ensure that you send in a note explaining your child's absence any time they are away. Failure to do so after 7 days means that your child will be marked absent without reason.** The teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal may contact you if we are concerned with your child's attendance at school.

If you require longer leave, please follow the following guidelines.

1-9 days absence: Parents **must** notify the school principal by **mail or email (in written form)** .

10-99 days absence: Parents must complete and submit the **Application for Extended Leave** form prior to commencing leave OR apply for extended leave in writing to the principal directly. If approved, the Principal issues a **Certificate of Extended Leave**. If the principal declines this application (i.e it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming from the school. The certificates are attached to the letter of extended leave or application form .

NAPLAN

Next term Year 3 and 5 Students will engage in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. (NAPLAN). Below are the dates for the NAPLAN in Week 3 of Term 2.

Tuesday 10th May – Language Conventions – (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing
Wednesday 11th May – Reading
Thursday 12th May – Numeracy

Please ensure that your students are at school on the day. If you are planning to be away during the testing period, please let your child's class teacher know. Friday 13th May is a make-up day for any students that did not complete the test on those specified dates.

CHESS LESSONS

We are pleased to be continuing chess lessons on Thursday afternoon from 2.45 – 3.45 in the library at St Josephs again next term. Please find attached the letter with all the information about the chess lessons if you are new or are interested in starting next term. If you have any questions please feel free to come and ask or come and check out a lesson on Thursday afternoon.



Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Student of the Week —Week 7	Student of the Week– Week 8
Hunter Judson	Meera Dave
Faith Hanchieng	Cooper Thornburn
Isabelle Birch	Pranav Lalji
Kiarna Kong	Kassandra Gella
Ethan Sarno	Zachary O'Keefe
Keashan Kotli	Robson Carrier
Rubie Constable	Brock Richmond
Dion Bedrossian	Nikisha Rogers
Dianne Palma	Kynan Smallacombe
Cooper Opdam	Lilah Magro
Matthew Cremona	Miguel Sanchez
Alexis Caruana	Jai Ellims
Noah McGaughey	



Gospel Value —Week 8	Gospel Value– Week 9
Cooper Giardina	Natalie Edwards
Jake West	Jack Gillett
Lexie Beacroft	Mathew Every
Noah Blanchard	Cohen Gregory
Susannah Elias	Dhruvi Vekaria
Isabelle Iannello	Robson Carrier
William Spiteri	Hayley Hogbin
Meghan Lynch	Faried Smith
Mustafa Hashim	Benedict Chow`
Alisha Sultana	Sophia Ling
Luke Galea	Sebastiano Petrocco
Tyran Brown`	Eden Kenna
Alana Elders-Gallagher`	



Principal Awards Week 8–

Jacob Cremona
Mujtaba Kazim
Elijah Rillera
Jonah Mondragon



NEED TO KNOW

Student Banking

From the 27th April through to 29 June each time you make a deposit your name will go into a draw to win one of our Hamper prizes.

Prizes will be drawn at the end of term assembly.

Hampers will be on display each Wednesday with the Banking Co-ordinators



Cool Kids Music Co.

Keyboard ♪ Guitar ♪ Drums ♪ Singing ♪ Ukulele

1st lesson FREE to new students who enroll now for Term 2*

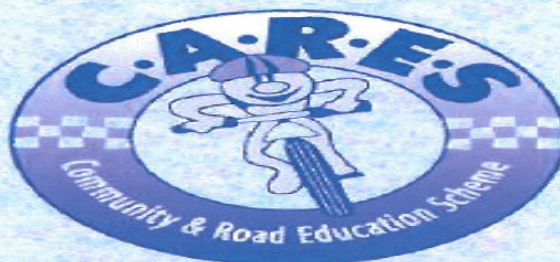
- ♪ Group music tuition at your school
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- ♪ Weekly, 30 minute lessons
- ♪ Music books included
- ♪ \$12 per lesson, paid by the school term*
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Step 4: Click 'Register Now'

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AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT

TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2016

10AM – 2PM

Come along during the school holidays and ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet

FREE Face Painting

Parking is on site and free

Bring a picnic

Sausage sizzle and drinks

Adult Supervision required

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Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

Educational Benefits of Chess:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds



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learning
with fun!**

St Joseph's School (Schofields) Chess Classes, 2016
[Thursdays 2:45PM - 3:45PM]

Term 1	Cost: \$75	4th Feb - 7th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$75	28th Apr - 30th Jun
Term 3	Cost: \$75	21st Jul - 22nd Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$67.50	13th Oct - 8th Dec

TO ENROL:
Please collect a form
from the school office.



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24th March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Parish School Mass will be held on Sunday, 3rd April at 10.30am at Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill. We invite all students and their families to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our wonderful school community.

We are inviting students to read at the mass and be a part of the offertory. We are also inviting a parent or student to be the commentator and introduce the mass and the readings. If your family or children are interested in participating, please return the slip below.

Children wishing to participate are asked to wear their full summer uniform to mass.

Please return the tear off slip to the office by Tuesday, 29th March.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and we look forward to celebrating our school community. Together We Can.

Leanne Farhat
Religious Education Coordinator



Cheryl Brown
Principal

St Joseph's Parish Mass

I would like my child _____

from _____ (class) to participate in the mass on Sunday, 3rd April at 10.30am.

I would like them to read / commentate / participate in the offertory (please circle one)

I _____ would like to commentate the mass.

Parent/Carer Signature