



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 2

Week 8

10 June 2015

Gospel Value for Week 9
Showing Care & Compassion

THE WEEK AHEAD

*Wed 10th June Parent Meeting Group 7pm
Community Space*

*Thurs 11th June School Photo Day—Full
Winter Uniform / Chess
Lessons 2.45-3.45*

*Fri 12th June Feast of the Sacred Heart
and End of Term Mass –12
All Welcome*

*Tues 16th June Year 2 Excursion to The
Pioneer Village Wilberforce*

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sunday Gospel for 14 June, 2015

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown, in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade". With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

Reflection

The parable of the mustard seed suggests that we should never get discouraged with small attempts to do God's will. In fact, God's way of measuring the growth of the Kingdom is surely like no system of measurement we know. God is patient and waits for the fruition of the seeds he has planted. How cooperative are you with God's mysterious ways? Who knows how much the Kingdom grows by offering a minute of time to someone who is lonely?



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers of St Joseph's

Welcome to Week 8, this time of the year is very busy for schools. The teachers are finalising report writing and preparing for the Parent Teacher Interviews.

Parent-teacher interviews are a great way to find out how your child is going and show your interest in your child's learning and school life. These interviews are short meetings – about 15 minutes – between you and your child's teacher.

Parent-teacher interviews give you a great opportunity to:

- learn more about your child's academic, emotional and social development
- meet and get to know your child's teachers
- help your child's teacher understand more about your child
- make plans with the teacher about how you can both support your child
- build a relationship with your child's school.

If you don't have any particular concerns, you might wonder whether it's worth going to parent-teacher interviews. But going along is one way to show your child that you're interested in his/her learning needs and what's happening for him/her at school.

Of course, if you do have concerns, it's a chance for you to raise them with your child's teacher if you haven't done that already. If you require more time, other than the 15 minutes, I suggest you make another appointment, convenient to you and the teacher.

On behalf of the teachers, I request that you honour the 15 minute timeframe for the meeting, as the parent-teacher meeting schedule is tight and doesn't allow for the meetings to run over time. Your child's learning is important so I suggest again making another time for a longer meeting if desired.

Parent Group Meeting

Tonight St Joseph's Parent Group will be meeting in the School Community Hall at 7.00 pm. The evening begins with Senior Constable John Bollard. He will be talking to parents regarding the safe use of social media, internet and encourage parents to ensure that their child's digital footprint is respectful to themselves and others.

Following the Cyber Smart talk the Parent Group will discuss general business matters and fundraising, especially the up and coming St Joseph's Fair on the 21st November, 2015.

I encourage all parents and carers to attend this evening, as we need your help and support. Together we can do great things for our school community members, especially the children.

World Youth Day 2016

How are you going selling the raffle tickets for the World Youth Day 2016 fundraising?

At this point in time we have 10 raffle ticket books returned to the office. We would love to have all the raffle tickets sold and returned by the last week of this term, before the holidays! Can you please help our school achieve this goal!!!

Sacred Heart and End of Term Mass – Friday 12 pm

This coming Friday our whole school community will be celebrating the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is observed on June 12, 2015. The Feast of the Sacred Heart (properly the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus) is a solemnity in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. It falls 19 days after [Pentecost](#), on a Friday. The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar since 1856

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced and well-known devotions, taking Jesus' physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity. This devotion is predominantly used in the Catholic Church and among some high-church Anglicans and Lutherans. The devotion especially emphasizes the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity.

The call that comes from this important feast day is first of all, a call to Eucharistic adoration, because in the Sacred Host the Lord Jesus is truly present and He offers each of us His Heart, His Merciful Love. To spend time in the Presence of the Eucharistic Lord, to adore Him, is the best expression of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which, as we know, spread all over the world thanks to Jesus' revelations to Saint Margherita M. Alacoque in the 17th century: "Behold the Heart which so loved mankind"!

We look forward to seeing you at Mass on Friday, at 12.00 pm.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Australian Early Development Census

Between June and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is the nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. A letter will be going home to the Kindergarten parents regarding this census.

Dance Fever

Dance Fever lessons will be completed next week on Thursday 18th June, 2015. Ms Mizzi will be sending home an invitation to parents to attend the dance lessons of their child so they can celebrate with them on the final day.

Joey's Playgroup – Leader - Vacant Position

Our school community has been blessed with the support of Mrs Jacinta Saunders in assisting mothers and infant children to gather together on Wednesday mornings as the Joey's Playgroup. Time has come for Mrs Saunders to step down from the playgroup, therefore I am advising that our school community is in need for a community member to volunteer their time to manager the Joey's Playgroup. If you are interested in keeping the Joey's Playground alive in our school and have some ideas of how we can manage this. I would be very keen to meet with you to discuss your ideas. Please write a letter or email expressing your interests to me and hand it into the school office.

School Banking

We are also looking for more support with school banking on Wednesday mornings. We have a few very committed parents helping with the banking; however, there is a need for more support to ensure that it doesn't always rely on the same people. The idea of the school banking process is to offer the opportunity for our children to experience banking their money and building money literacy. Together we can do anything!!!

In closing, I remind you to book your Parent-Teacher interview time for Week 10. I look forward to seeing you tonight and Friday.

Take care and be safe.

God Bless

Cheryl Brown.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The Dorothea Mackellar Writing Competition is on again this year. The optional theme is *The Open Door* or you can write a poem about anything you like. If you are interested in entering the competition can you please get your poems to Mrs DelVecchio before the 25th June. You can email them to the school address or you can submit a paper copy of the poem. Make sure it has your name, class, and date of birth on it as I will be entering them on line. If you would like further information you can go to - <http://www.dorothea.com.au>



FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

Feast of the Sacred Heart and End of Term Mass—Friday 12th June

We would like to invite you to attend a whole school liturgy to celebrate the Feast day of the Sacred Heart and our End of Term Mass in the Community Space on Friday 12th June at 12:00pm.

P.A.R.T.Y - Youth Group for Children in Year 4, 5 and 6

Our next P.A.R.T.Y program will be held on Friday 12th June.

P.A.R.T.Y is an acronym for Praying Accepting Reaching Teaching Youth.

P.A.R.T.Y Youth and Young Adults program happens at our Parish (Mary Immaculate) every 2nd Friday of the month.

This program starts from 7pm with Youth Mass until 10pm.

Gold Coin donation is requested and we encourage participants to bring a friend.



Stage 2 and Stage 3 IN-CLASS LITURGIES – Thursday 18th June

The family and friends of Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) and Stage 3 children are invited to attend an in-class liturgy led by the respective Stage 2 and Stage 3 children and teachers. The children and teachers are very excited to celebrate a liturgy and this term's Religious Education learning with you in their learning spaces. The Stage 2 liturgy is at 11:00am in Cottage 3 and the Stage 3 children will be at 12:00pm in the Stage 3 Demountables. We hope you can make it.

Leanne Farhat

Religious Education Co-Ordinator

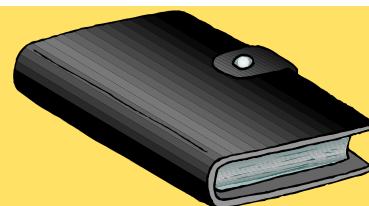
TERM 2 OVERVIEW

2015

Week 8	Mon	8th June	Queens B'day Public holiday
	Wed	10th June	Parent Meeting Group 7pm Community Space
	Thurs	11th June	School Photo Day—Full Winter Uniform / Chess Lessons 2.45-3.45
	Fri	12th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart and End of Term Mass –12 All Welcome
Week 9	Tues	16th June	Year 2 Excursion to The Pioneer Village Wilberforce
	Thurs	18th June	Stage 2 In class Liturgy 11am / Stage 3 in class Liturgy 12noon
	Thurs	18th June	Dance Fever Performances—Open Lessons see Newsletter for timetable
			Chess Lessons 2.45-3.45 pm Library
Week 10			Parent Teacher interviews
	Thurs	25th June	Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
	Thurs	25th June	Registration & Information Evening for Confirmation at Mary Immaculate Parish 7.30pm
	Fri	26th June	Last day of Term

Term 3

Week 1	Mon	13th July	1st Day Term 3
	Wed	15th July	Primary Gymnastics Program Every week Term 3
Week 2	Tues	21st July	Netball Gala Day
	Sun	26th July	Year 6 Graduation fundraiser Masters BBQ
Week 3	Fri	31st July	St Joseph's Athletics Carnival
Week 4	Thurs	6th August	Year 1 Excursion Rouse Hill Farm



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.

Please check these dates regularly as events are continually added or dates changed depending on schedules.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards Week 6 Assembly

Tyran Brown

Jacob Trinidad

Brayden Cauchi

Luke Sultana

Shivika Kaushik

Khloe Buere

Tara Hughes



Student of the Week—Week 5	Student of the Week— Week 6
Naomi Sultana	Lexie Beacroft
Mali Garay	Pranav Lalji
Dhruvi Vekari	Ty Opdam
Kazika Jeykumar	Luke Sultana
Michael Butjerevic	Luke Martelli
Isaac Wilson	Jacob Cremona
Olivia Murace	Jacob Zahra
Pranith Reddy	Samira Alcasas
Taeya Hogbin	Dylan Bond
Charlie Sultana	Charli-Belle McCammont
Nathaniel Hawkins	Juliana Murace
Dante Miles	Jai Ellims

Gospel Value of the Week—Week 5	Gospel Value of the Week—Week 6
Jack Wilkinson	Harley Lockeridge
Ryan Thomas	Ashlee Gosling
Suhanee Patel	Khushi Rupakula
Jackson Bond	Rubie Constable
Lachlan Allsop	Isabel Tyagi
Nikisha Rogers	Braidyn Collins
Charlie Liddicoat	Billy O'Brien
Erin whiteley	Darcy O'Brien
Caitlyn Morris	Malcolm Pujado
Danielle Cremona	Lya Outschoorn
	Branden Holmes

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dance Fever Performances

This term at St Joseph's Primary School, our students have been participating in Dance Fever. It is an opportunity for all to engage in dance lessons run by trained professionals from Multi Sport Australia.

We would like to invite you to an open class to observe what the students have learning.

Please see the attached timetable for Thursday 18th June, Week 9:

Year 2	10 am – 10:30 am
Year 1	11 am – 11:30 am
Kindergarten	11:30 am – 12 pm
Stage 2	12 pm – 12:45 pm
Stage 3	1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

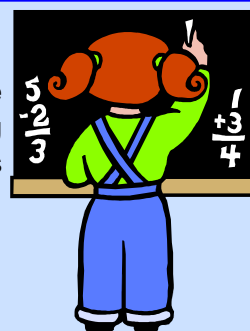
PLAYGROUP

Meets every Wednesday morning 8.30 – 10.30. Come along and have some fun. Make some friends and share ideas. They always have a great time.



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 31st 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

It's On The St Joseph's School Fair

Last chance to book before we open to general public

On 21st November we will be holding our School Fair. To make this event a successful one we are looking for Sponsors and Stall holders.

If you or a family member own a business and would like to take up this opportunity to gain great exposure or make some extra cash then please contact me to book your space prior to us opening this to our broader community on 1st June.

There will be 10 sponsorship positions

1xPlatium Sponsor – Major sponsor (\$1500)

4 x Gold Sponsors (\$500) – 3 Positions Left

5 x Silver Sponsors (\$100) – 3 Positions Left

Stalls will be \$50 each and we will be limiting the number of stalls in each category so we don't have an overload of the same products.

To book your space or discuss your options please call Kylie Small on 0415 311 752.

Parent meeting group—Tonight

When: 10th June 2015 Time: 7pm Where: Community Space All welcome

Special Guest Speaker Constable Bollard Quaker Hill Police station

Lost & Found

Could all families please check their child/ren jackets are in fact theirs, some students are missing their from within the classroom / Community space. Also we have some jewellery & other items in the office which have been found. Please ensure all items brought to school are labeled with your child's name.

Second Hand uniform Shop

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

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

On Thursday 4th June Mrs Slater accompanied fourteen Stage 3 girls to the Girls Soccer Gala Day. It was a great day we won 5 games, drew 3 and lost 1. We played against some really competitive players. We were all great sports and worked together as a team. We came second place overall so it was a fantastic result for us. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Mr Hughes who acted as our coach for the day and to all the parents who came to support us.

By Abbey, Amber and Charli-Belle - Stage 3



FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Great fun & learning was captured on camera at St Joseph's last week.



MARY IMMACULATE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS PROGRAM
Praying Accepting Reaching Teaching Youth
FRIDAY 12th JUNE 2015 | 7-10PM

bring a friend!

FROM LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS GROW

"With God, faith as little as a mustard seed can grow
into something big and great."

JOIN US IF YOU'RE IN YEAR 4 - 12

GOLD COIN NON-COMPULSORY DONATION