



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 4

Week 2

14 October 2015

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| <i>Wed</i> | <i>14th</i> | <i>Student Banking /</i> |
| | <i>October</i> | <i>Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /</i> |
| | | <i>Fair Meeting 7pm Library</i> |
| | | <i>all welcome we need</i> |
| | | <i>your help.</i> |
| <i>Fri</i> | <i>16th</i> | <i>Children's Mission Liturgy</i> |
| | <i>October</i> | <i>12noon / School</i> |
| | | <i>Assembly 1.30pm</i> |
| <i>Sat</i> | <i>24th</i> | <i>Shopping Trip Fundraiser</i> |
| | <i>October</i> | |
| <i>Sun</i> | <i>25th</i> | <i>St Joseph's School Mass</i> |
| | <i>October</i> | <i>Mary Immaculate Parish</i> |
| | | <i>10.30am</i> |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sunday Gospel for 18 October, 2015

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:42-45

Jesus summoned the Twelve and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But is shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Reflection

Most grammar school children have the experience of standing in a long lineup from which captains construct teams for dodgeball or relay races. There are those who are always the first to be chosen and those who wait until the very end to be selected. If you were ever one of those to wait and wait in that lineup, you know what it feels like to be among the last. It is a difficult feeling to contend with. But such a feeling is what Jesus demands as a life attitude for his disciples. He not only wants us to feel this as a result of others' choices, but because we choose to put ourselves there. It takes superior resolve to give one's life as a "ransom for many."



This Weeks Newsletter

From the Principal

The Term Ahead

From the Assistant Principal

From The REC

Assembly Awards

From the Classrooms

Community News

Week 3 GOSPEL ACTION – Helping Others

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent, Carers and Friends of St Joseph's

Welcome to Term 4. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday with their family and friends. It was great to see the children and parents return to school. The Magic Show was a success in creating lots of laughter and curiosity. All the children have been writing about the event and the whole school staff will be using the writing samples for analysis and forward planning for writing instruction in Term 4.

The calendar for Term 4 is filling up very fast. One of the most important events is the *St Joseph's Fair* on Saturday 21st November, 2015.

Tonight we invite you to come and attend the *Parent Meeting at 7.00 pm* in the Library. The parent community members will be finalising the preparation for the Fair and your talents, gifts and wisdom will be welcomed. I look forward to seeing you there. Let us live up to our School Motto 'Together We Can'.

I was very excited last weekend with the parent support for the Saturday and Sunday Working Bee. There was so much achieved over the two days, such as

- Mulch distribution around the school, especially the Bus Bay area, Oval gardens.
- Sanding and painting of the entire bench seating around the school.
- Pruning of bushes in the front of the school.
- Trimming the branches of the trees along the Oval boundary fencing.
- Re-vamped the front garden area of the school so the school's monument and inscriptions are visible to the wider community.

Our school also has some major work being carried out over the coming weeks.

- Bag racks are being install for each grade.
- Demountable blocks have had the stairs replaced
- Toilet blocks are being renovated:- pressure cleaned, painted, broken tiles replaced, new splash backs etc.
- Demountable blocks verandahs are being upgraded and painted.
- Areas of the schools will be repainted, including the Office Block.

The scope of work is being completed and funded by both the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and St Joseph's.

In Week 4, on Wednesday, 21st October at 6.30 pm there is a meeting planned for the Year 2 parents to learn about the BYODD program at St Joseph's. In 2015 our school embarked on the *BYODD program* and it has been a very successful initiative. Mrs Stephanie Mizzi, Mrs Farhat and myself will facilitate the meeting; parents and students are invited to attend.

I am very excited to advise of the great initiatives that our teachers are keen to facilitate at our school:-

Guitar Club – contact Mr Adams

Choir – Miss Fodra and Mrs Bartolo.

Last night our school community welcomed the 2016 Kindergarten parents at the Orientation Evening. I wish to express my appreciation of our staff; Mrs Delvecchio, Mrs Farhat, Miss Mizzi, Miss Fodra, and Mrs Bowden for supporting the presentation. The parents were introduced to the 2016 Kindergarten teachers – Mrs Bates and Miss Boudib. Both teachers are very excited to be teaching the new students to our school. There was a definite vibe of energy and enthusiasm emanating from the parents. I am really looking forward to working collaboratively with the new parents to our school.

Throughout the year our school has been attracting many enquiries for enrolment in the years 1 – 6. We will welcome our new families from Kindergarten to Year 6 at the *St Joseph's Welcoming BBQ* on Friday, 12th February, 2016.

Staff News

Please keep the following staff in your prayers:-

Mrs Sandra Bonnici as her husband, Paul, is recovering from an accident.

Mrs Leanne Fairclough as her mother has been unwell.

Mrs Denise Chircop is slowly recovering from recent surgery.

Miss Katherine Fodra as her grandfather had taken ill recently.

It gives me great pleasure in advising parents that Mr and Mrs Leanne Farhat are expecting their first child.

2016 staffing will be advised when it is finalised.

I look forward to working with you collaboratively throughout the term. Take care and be safe.

God Bless

Cheryl Brown

TERM 4 OVERVIEW

2015

Term 4



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| Week 2 | Mon | 12th October | National Rosary Week / Missions Week |
| | Tues | 13th October | Kinder Orientation Evening |
| | Wed | 14th October | Student Banking / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am / Fair Meeting 7pm Library all welcome we need your help. |
| | Fri | 16th October | Children's Mission Liturgy 12noon / School Assembly 1.30pm |
| Week 3 | Wed | 21st October | BOYDD Information Evening Year 2 parents 6.30pm |
| | Sat | 24th October | Shopping Trip Fundraiser |
| | Sun | 25th October | St Joseph's School Mass Mary Immaculate Parish 10.30am |
| Week 4 | Tues | 27th October | Stage 3 PDHPE information Night |
| | Fri | 30th October | All Saints Day in class liturgy / School Assembly 1.30pm |
| Week 5 | Fri | 6th November | Kinder 2016 Fun afternoon 1.30-3pm |
| Week 6 | Tues | 10th November | Year 2 Excursion Warragamba Dam |
| | Wed | 11th November | Stud Banking / Playgroup / Remembrance Day Ceremony 11am |
| | Fri | 13th November | School Assembly 1.30pm / Christmas Disco |
| Week 7 | Mon | 16th November | Kinder Orientation Group A 9-12 |
| | Tues | 17th November | Kinder Orientation Group B 9-12 |
| | Fri | 20th November | Primary Swimming Carnival Emerton Leisure Centre 9-12.30 |
| | Sat | 21st November | School Fete |
| Week 8 | Mon | 23rd November | Kinder Orientation Group A 9-12 |
| | Tues | 24th November | Kinder Orientation Group B 9-12 |
| | Fri | 27th November | Parent Helper liturgy 12noon School Assembly |
| Week 9 | Thur | 3rd December | Year 6 Big Night In |
| Week 10 | Tues | 8th December | Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.30pm |
| | Fri | 11th December | Class Promotions Day 9am/ School Assembly /Christmas Carols Concert |
| Week 11 | Tues | 15th December | Motiv8 Year 6 Big Day In |
| | Wed | 16th December | End of Year Mass 10am / Year 6 Guard of honour 2.15pm School Closes |

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Wednesday & Thursday mornings 8.30-9.00am or contact Tina on 0417457417

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

NSW History and Geography Syllabus

In 2016 the new History and Geography Syllabus will be replacing the current HSIE syllabus. The aim of the History syllabus is to stimulate students' interest in and enjoyment of exploring the past, to develop a critical understanding of the past and its impact on the present, to develop the critical skills of historical inquiry and to enable students to participate as active, informed and responsible citizens. The aim of Geography in Years K–10 is to stimulate students' interest in and engagement with the world. Through geographical inquiry they develop an understanding of the interactions between people, places and environments across a range of scales in order to become informed, responsible and active citizens. Mr Atkins and Mrs Watson participated in a Professional Learning day last Friday discussing the implementation of this Syllabus. They will be sharing this with the staff this term.

Behaviour Management

St Josephs has been working all year on a whole school behavior management project – Positive Behaviours Support for Learning (PBS4L) which will be implemented in 2016. A team of teachers have been working behind the scenes gathering information and discussing rules, expected behaviours in different areas around the school, consequences and rewards. This team will be working on writing lesson plans over the coming term. Mrs Bartolo and Mrs Delvecchio went to a Professional Learning day last Friday at looking at some strategies in dealing with challenging children that will support the project.

Student Learning

Every Wednesday afternoon, the teachers participate in Professional Learning Meetings. Last week as a staff we took a very close look at the NAPLAN data and discussed the areas of strength and development and also the areas of need of our students. These areas of need will form part of our Implementation Plan goals for literacy and numeracy for 2016.

After the magician act last week, the students across the whole school were given a writing stimulus, similar to a NAPLAN style writing stimulus, about the magician. This week at our Professional Learning Meeting, we will be analysing student writing samples and from this setting goals for learning in literacy based on student's strengths and areas of development. Data is a vital tool for teachers as it plays an important part in informing areas they need to teach based on student needs. As a staff either at a classroom, grade or whole school level, we are continually analysing data in all Key Learning Areas.

Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Thank you

Thankyou to Matthew and Luke Martelli for donating some very special pictures to our school.

Parking Permits

All permits have been revoked. If you require a permit for term 4 please submit your request in writing to the School Principal.

A reminder our car park is also a pedestrian walk area and drivers should proceed with extreme caution as children can be very unpredictable. So we would appreciate your support in only requesting a pass if it is absolutely necessary. We need to limit the amount of traffic flowing into this area. Permits issued will show the current term.

Thank you for your support

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

NATIONAL ROSARY WEEK

St. Joseph's are participating in the national rosary week this week. At 12pm after the Angelus, the students are participating by saying a decade of the Rosary as a class each day. Students are invited to bring in their own rosary beads to assist them in saying the Rosary in class.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH MASS

Our next School Mass in the Parish will be held on Sunday 25th October at 10.30am. I hope that lots of our families will be able to attend as our children have been invited to participate as readers, commentators and participate in the offertory procession. A note asking for student/parent volunteers went home on Friday. Please complete the tear off slip and return it to school by Friday 16th October, so that readings can be given out in advance for the children to practice.

CHILDREN'S MISSION LITURGY

We would like to invite you to attend a whole school liturgy to celebrate World Mission Sunday in the Community Space on Friday, 16th October at 12:00pm.

We are celebrating World Mission Sunday, as it is the day traditionally set aside for Catholics to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity throughout the world.

At this liturgy we are also launching our Mission Fundraising activity- Operation Christmas Child.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – OUR MISSION PROJECT - CHARITY FUNDRAISER

This year our School mission project will involve supporting Operation Christmas Child. This is a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. It provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple but hands-on project that has the power to transform children's lives.

At Christmas, we recall the birth of Jesus, the ultimate gift from God. As Christians we believe it is important to help people in need. Jesus' ministry was founded on the belief that we should help and care for everyone. Through Operation Christmas child we have an opportunity to help other communities around the world. We can make a difference to a child's life.

For many of these children these boxes are the first presents they have ever received. Each shoebox gift is personally delivered to the community, the child that receives the box treasures it and it is a lasting reminder that he or she is precious to God.

Operation Christmas children will run for three weeks only from **Friday 16th October to Wednesday 4th November**. Each family will receive a shoebox and pamphlet explaining how to fill the box this Friday. During this period filled boxes can be returned to the school office for delivery to Samaritan's Purse.

The Staff have already kindly donated four boxes; below are photos of the contents and these photos will be uploaded to the St. Joseph's Facebook page as well as displayed on the community space window, as examples of possible ways to fill the shoeboxes.

Participation in Operation Christmas Child is voluntary. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Mrs Farhat.



Boy Year 5-9 Box



Boy Year 10-14 Box



Girl Year 10-14 Box

Leanne Farhat - REC

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards Week 10 Assembly

Congratulations to Sienna Junkiewicz

Huge Achievement in Athletics

Rhys Sultana



| Student of the Week—Week 9 | Student of the Week— Week 10 |
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| Cohen Gregory | Danial Prior |
| Kaiden Bryce | Olivia Hogbin |
| Fizah Razvi | Maximos Fredericks |
| Simrit Kaur | James Sinclair |
| Maddison Saulle | Andrew Vella |
| Georgia Pafumi | Sophie Sultana |
| Kaitlyn Chapman | Morgan Rogers |
| Sophia Ling | Cooper Opdam |
| Zachary Vella | Alana Elders Gallagher |
| Darcy O'Brien | Adrian Murdaca |
| Nathaniel Hawkins | Tara Hughes |
| Dante Miles | Justin Alcasas |
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| Gospel Value —Week 10 | Gospel Value— Week 1 |
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| Jack Wilkinson | Hunter Sultana |
| Hunter Wilkinson | Mathew Every |
| Summer Warren | Georgia Wilson |
| Susannah Elias | Ryan Khan |
| Hayley Hogbin | Michael Butjerevic |
| Maddison Ruprecht | Imogen Tollis |
| Jade Lennox | Olivia Murace |
| Matthew Martelli | Marissa Thomas |
| Molly McGaughey | Billy Lloyd |
| Lya Outschoorn | Rachel Montebello |
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FROM THE COMMUNITY

Canteen Meal Deal



St Joseph's Shopping Tour

Saturday 24th October 2015

Cost \$58.00 per person includes lunch and transport

Depart: 7am St Joseph's and return approx. 6.30pm

Contact Karina Ellims 0400146229



SHOW 'N' SHINE AT SCHOOL FAIR

Do you know someone with a car or bike? Vintage, Hot Rod or Classic. Then why not ask them to support our fair by entering their pride in the Show 'n' Shine to win a prizes Entry Fee is only \$10. To register your interest please email info@blissfulevents.com.au or call Kylie 0415 311 752



FROM PLAYGROU—Every Wednesday 8.30-10.45



Busy in the garden.
Plenty of green thumbs here

