



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 4

Week 6

16 November 2016

THE WEEK AHEAD

Term 4

*Thurs 17 JPII World Youth Day
November Pilgrims visiting Year 4
and Stage 2 1:30-2:00*

*Fri 18 Whole School
November Assembly Kinder
Hosting All Welcome*

*Sat 19 Reconciliation Practice
November Class Option A*

*Sun 20 Reconciliation Practice
November Class Option B*

*Week 7 Mon 21 Kinder Orientation
November Group A and Parent
Information Session
9:00-11:30*

*Tues 22 Kinder Orientation
November Group B And Parent
Information Session
9.00-11.30*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Last night was my first official parent group meeting although I've met with all the members of the Parent Group executive on an earlier occasion. My aim for the parent group is to build a happy community, having fun working together to raise money for the school and forming friendships with other parents. But of course its not much fun unless the work is shared and everyone feels included. The plan for the Parent Group is to make a schedule for 2017 and have teams working on each event e.g. a team for the disco, a different team to welcome new Kinder parents, a different team for Year 6 fund-raising and so on.

This Friday will be Kindergarten's assembly and at that assembly almost 20 children will receive bronze or silver awards that they have earned for their good behavior in our PBS4L behavior system (positive behavior system for learning). We are refining our expectations for behavior all the time. I met with our PBS4L committee of teachers after school on Monday and we have now added behaviour on the bus to our behaviour expectations. We also looked at the number of incidents of poor behaviour and it was very pleasing to see the decrease in poor behaviour alongside with the increase in good behaviour. Last Friday I spoke with Stage 3 to clarify what our school rule of respect looks like for their age group and this week with Year 4 about respecting others even at home.

Friday was a fun day for the school- we had a jumping castle for the new Kindergarten 2017 students. However the whole school had a turn. We were the Jumping Joeys of St Josephs! In a way it was a reward for good behaviour this term.



This Weeks Newsletter

From the Principal

From the Assistant Principal

The Term Ahead

From The REC

Assembly Awards

Need to Know

With Kind Regards,
Lesley Studans
Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2017 Elected Leaders

Congratulations to our new school leaders for 2017:

Captains

Joel Webb
Charlotte Grima

Vice Captains

Jacob Trinidad
Madison Ozmun

House Captains

Fitzroy

Tyran Brown
Chelsea Smith

Mackillop

Brayden Cauchi
Alana Elders-Gallagher

Penola

Lachlan Hawkes
Amelia DeJesus

Tenison

Aidan Gosling
Stephanie Attard

Classes for 2017

Here are the criteria for 2017's classes:

All children will have a friend or 2 in the class.

Children will be asked to nominate their friends but teachers will choose wisely amongst the list of friends so that children's friendships do not distract them from their learning.

All children will be carefully matched to teachers

Your child may be matched to a teacher that is good for their learning because they have high expectations, they may be matched to a teacher who is good for your child because of their gentle encouragement, they may be matched to a teacher who is creative, and so on. All teachers at this school have my respect because they work hard, are open to learning new skills to help the children and most especially because of the way they manage the diverse social and learning needs of the students in their class.

Classes will have a mix of students

Children learn from each other as well as from teachers. We also aim to develop friendly, tolerant and kind children who accept each others gifts and personality quirks.

Will I be able to request a particular teacher for my child?

All requests will be considered seriously, however may not be able to be accommodated. Considering all the factors mentioned above you won't have much more than the 50-50 chance you would have if you had made no request at all. More often than not parents and the school have the same idea of what's best.

A final thought...

You'll no doubt buy new 2017 school uniforms for your child for that will give them room to grow. Of course, its not only physically that your child will grow- they need room to grow in their learning and socially too. For this they need new teachers, new opportunities for learning and new friends.

CALENDAR OVERVIEW

2016

Term 4

Week 6	Thurs	17 November	JPII World Youth Day Pilgrims visiting Year 4 and Stage 2 1:30-2:00
	Fri	18 November	Whole School Assembly Kinder Hosting All Welcome
	Sat	19 November	Reconciliation Practice Class Option A
	Sun	20 November	Reconciliation Practice Class Option B
Week 7	Mon	21 November	Kinder Orientation Group A and Parent Information Session 9:00-11:30
	Tues	22 November	Kinder Orientation Group B And Parent Information Session 9.00-11.30
	Fri	25 November	Parent Helpers Thanksgiving Liturgy –12 noon
Week 8	Mon	28 November	Kinder Orientation Group A 9:00-11:30
	Tues	29 November	Kinder Orientation Group B 9:00-11:30
	Wed	30 November	Kinder Class Liturgy 11am
	Fri	2 December	Whole school Assembly K6Gold Hosting All Welcome
	Fri	2 December	School Disco
Week 9	Wed	7 December	Year 6 Big Night Out
	Fri	9 December	Christmas Carols & BBQ
Week 10	Mon	12 December	Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:30pm
	Tues	13 December	Year 6 Big Day In
	Fri	16 December	Year 6 Guard of Honour 2:10pm
			School Closes

2017

Term 1

Week 1	Fri	27 January	Staff commence School—Testing Day
Week 2	Mon	30 January	Testing day
	Tues	31 January	Year1 to Year 6 students return normal classes
	Wed	1 February	Kindergarten commence



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S (GREG WHITBY) SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

EXPAND YOUR IMAGINATION BY READING THIS SUMMER

These summer holidays, I am once again launching my Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!



Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel. This year we have made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize.

HOW TO ENTER

It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it.

The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis.

For more information – go to the following link:

<http://parra.catholic.edu.au/summer-reading-challenge>

Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

School Photography Guidelines for Parents and Carers

Information for Parents and Carers

We recognise that parents and carers enjoy photographing and recording the progress of their child at school and on school activities. We recognise that many of you like to share these personal memories online and on social media.

We ask for your cooperation and care concerning the use and distribution of photographs of other children at our school. Some families have very real legal and safety issues which could put a child at risk if an image is made public online. More generally, it is respectful of the privacy of other members of the school community to ask permission before posting an image online. Even if your social media settings are private, it is easy for images to become public, particularly if they are tagged or shared by others.

Best practice guidelines

The following best practice guidelines have been adopted by our school to keep our students and school community safe, and to ensure respectful practices concerning the use of social media. When taking photographs or recordings at school or at school events and your images include other identifiable persons please follow these guidelines:

Crop out other students or seek the permission of the student or (for students under 16) his or her parent/carer before posting online.

Do not tag or name the person without permission.

If a parent or carer requests that you do not circulate an image of their child to others, please comply with the request.

Please seek the permission of our staff to photograph or record their activities at school. Photography of staff presenting or receiving awards is permitted.

The school will periodically review these best practice guidelines.

Mandatory policies:

The school may from time to time determine that photography or recording at school events or on school grounds is restricted. Where restriction is notified, failure to comply may result in your exclusion from school premises or activities. There may also be consequences as set out in the enrolment agreement.

Under no circumstances may you photograph or record in private areas such as change-rooms, or in school offices or staff-rooms, or at meetings, without express permission.

Queries and further resources

The following resources provide further information about safety online, privacy and avenues for complaints about privacy online. If you wish to discuss an issue further with the school, please contact Lesley Studans, the principal.

FURTHER RESOURCES

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

<http://esafety.gov.au>

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, FAQs about social media

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/individuals/faqs-for-individuals/social-media-ict-identity-security/social-media>



FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS

"Christmas is the season of giving!!"



Each year our school creates food hampers to donate to St. Vincent De Paul from our community. Each class will be collecting food items, to create these Christmas Hampers to be presented to St. Vincent de Paul representatives at the Christmas Concert. There are many people in our parish who depend on these hampers, so they too can have a joyous Christmas with their families. We are collecting food donations over a four-week period that began this week.

Each week we are asking for different items to create the Christmas Hampers.

This week: Bottles- this could include soft drink, juice, cordial etc.

Next week: Savoury Items: snacks, nuts, savoury biscuits, chips etc.

Week 8: Sweets: lollies, Christmas pudding, mince tarts, cakes, sweet biscuits, long life custard etc.

Week 9: Christmas: decorations, tinsel, plates, cups etc.

Please keep these items in mind when you next go shopping.



Together we can spread the joy of Christmas to those in need in our local community!!!



The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated by our Year 3 students, Thursday 24th November at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill.

Through prayer, we join in an intimate conversation with God. We ask him to open these children's hearts to him and ask for his infinitely merciful forgiveness.

Let us Pray, asking God to prepare these children for this great Sacrament. Amen.



Parent Helpers Thanksgiving Liturgy

All staff and students would like to invite our parents to the celebration of **Parent Helpers Thanksgiving Liturgy, Friday 25th November at 12 noon.**

We would like to celebrate the contribution that our parents make in a variety of ways to our school community. You, our parents are a very special gift to our school community, because of your support we are able to achieve many things in our school.

Please join the staff and students of St Joseph's to say thank you!!



Mrs Watson
Religious Education Coordinator

NEED TO KNOW



EVERY MONDAY FROM 9 – 11

COME AND BRING YOUR BUB FOR SOME FUN OR COME AND HAVE A CATCH UP AND A CUPPA WITH US!

CONTACT JENNIFER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
0458 159 073

Meal Deal \$5.00



Meal Deal 1

- Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich
- Bottle of Water
- Zooper Dooper



Meal Deal 2

- Chicken Schnitzel Wrap
- Juice Popper
- Zooper Dopper



Available from 31st October - 18th November

Girls night out

COME JOIN US

for some Christmas drinks
a dance and some fun at

Bella Vista Hotel.



Please contact

Tina Sultana - 0417 457 417
Jacinta Sinclair - 0422 100 856

Date - Saturday 19th November 2016

Time - 6pm till closing time.

**Address - Bella Vista Hotel
13 - 15 Lexington Dr
Bella Vista**

RSVP - Please let Tina or Jacinta know by or before Saturday 12th November as we need to book cocktail tables.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Student of the Week — Week 3	Student of the Week— Week 4
Meera Dave	Daniella Marinovic
Priya Sihra	Jackson Cortez
Evangeline Cvetanovski	Ryan Thomas
Cassandra Gella	Naomi Sultana
Mia Macdonald	Lincoln Junkiewicz
Ava Gleeson	Zac Vagas
Maddison Saulle	Brianna Grima
Sierra Griffin	Jacob Cremona
Kynan Smallacombe	Isaac Beacroft
Cooper Ellims	Sophia Ling
Lachlan Hawkes	Alexis Caruana
Chelsea smith	Christina Marinovic

Gospel Value — Week 4	Gospel Value — Week 5
Justin Malinoa	Yashasvi Attreya
Faith Hanchieng	Nia Patel
Isabelle Birch	Evie Cvetanovski
Cohen Gregory	Oscar Griffin
Dhruvi Vekaria	Connor O'Brien
Cameron Grima	Maximos Fredericks
Luke Martelli	William Spiteri
Maddison Ruprecht	Fariel Smith
Marissa Thomas	Benedict Chow
Alexander Whiteley	Cooper Opdam
Daniel Lizzio	Chloe Hodgson
Ella Stewart	Brayden Cauchi
	Lya Outschoorn

Bronze Awards

Hussein Moussa
Stephanie Attard
Joshua Power
Alana Elders-Gallagher
Zachary O'Keeffe
Ryan Andersen
Miguel Sanchez
Keashan Kotli
Jasmine Chidgey

Silver Awards

Juliana Murace
Charlotte Grima
Aidan Gosling

SPORTS UPDATE

Gymnastics competition

On Friday 4th November, St Joseph's Gymnastics team attended the Catholic schools gymnastics competition at SGAC also known as the Sydney gymnastics and aquatics centre at Rooty Hill. We had several weeks of training to prepare for this day.

There were four events, Floor, static, single mini-tramp and vault. We got there at 8:30 for warm up. Our first event was vault, second was static, then floor followed by single mini.

After everyone had competed there was a jump off. A jump off is when the people who tied re-compete to get their new placing. Taeya was in the jump off for mini-tramp.

Congratulations to Taeya and Callum who both came sixth place in single mini. Everyone performed well, tried their best and encouraged each other.

We all really appreciate Kelly Bowden's help to prepare us for the competition and on the day. She was our team coach and manager. We would also like to thank the parents who supported us on the day.

We had a great time and hope to do it again next year.

SPORTS UPDATE

Swimming Carnival

What a lucky day we were blessed with! The day went off with participation from just about every student in either the novelty events or competitive races. Students should be commended on their behaviour and sportsmanship showed throughout the day.

As announced at the carnival Penola won the day! Congratulations Penola.

Age champions for swimming 2017.

Jnr Boys

Champion - Isaac Beacroft

Runner Up - Issac Wilson

Jnr Girls

Champion - Rubie Constable

Runner Up - Meghan Lynch

11yrs Boys

Champion - Charlie Liddicoat

Runner Up - Cooper Ellims

11yrs Girls

Champion - Kaitlyn Chapman

Runner Up - Natalia Papallo

Snr Boys

Champion - Tyran Brown

Runner Up - Corey Ritchie

Snr Girls

Champion - Stephanie Attard

Runner Up - Alexandra Ocampo

Congratulations and well done to all.

JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - juniorscienceacademy.com.au

At the Junior Science Academy, children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University.

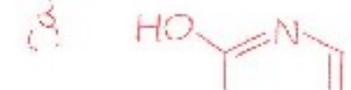
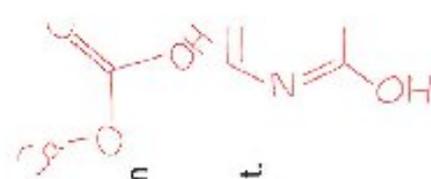
The courses aim to teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.

We provide students with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.

We add and rotate courses each school holidays and drop off and pick up times are designed for the working parent. The Junior Science Academy is for children in years 1-6 in primary school.



Drop Off	8:30am-9:30 am
Activities	9:30am-4:30pm
Pick-Up	4:30pm-5:30pm
Cost	\$120



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOFIELDS



★ Your Invited... ★

The P&C would like to invite all students to our end of year Christmas disco for 2016. The children are invited to come along and celebrate the final weeks left of the school year, dressing up and enjoy a night of music, dancing and great fun.

Date: **Friday 2 December** Cost: **Disco entry only \$5.00**
Disco Package \$10.00
Time: **K to 2: 4:45pm to 6pm**
3 to 6: 6:15pm to 8pm (Package incl. Entry, BBQ & Drink)
Place: **School Hall**

Each child will receive a glow stick, packet of chips and a popper on the night.

Available for purchase on the night will be a range of glow products temporary tattoos and colour hair spray. There will also be a lucky dip for boys and girls.

There will be a BBQ and cold drinks available for purchase on the night.

If you would like to attend please:

- Complete the ticket order form below and return to the school office by **Friday 25 November 2016**. (Please note for catering purposes this is essential so that we have enough items on the night.)

Thank you
P & C Committee Members

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO TICKET ORDER FORM

STUDENT NAME	CLASS	ENTRY ONLY	DISCO PACKAGE	Allergies (Please advise)	COST

Total Money Enclosed: \$

We also require helpers on the night.

If you are available to help could you please complete box below and fill out contact details.

Name:	Contact No: Email:
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