



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields

St Joseph's Update

Term 4

Week 7

18 November 2015

Week 8 GOSPEL ACTION Being Truthful

Spring fair



At St Joseph's

Come and join the fun.....
Plenty to see and do.....
Saturday 21 November 2015
Gates open 10:00am



Plenty of food stalls

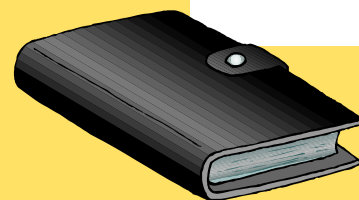
Rides galore



Sand Art
Plaster Painting
Side Show alley
Cake stall
Car show & shine
Chocolate Wheel
Petting Zoo
Market Stalls
Entertainment
Face painting
And loads more.....



IMPORTANT DATES



2015

Term 4

<i>Week 7</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>16th November</i>	<i>Kinder Orientation Group A 9-12</i>
	<i>Tues</i>	<i>17th November</i>	<i>Kinder Orientation Group B 9-12</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>20th November</i>	<i>Primary Swimming Carnival Emerton Leisure Centre 9-12.30</i>
	<i>Sat</i>	<i>21st November</i>	<i>School Fair</i>
<i>Week 8</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>23rd November</i>	<i>Kinder Orientation Group A 9-12</i>
	<i>Tues</i>	<i>24th November</i>	<i>Kinder Orientation Group B 9-12</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>27th November</i>	<i>Parent Helper liturgy 12noon</i> <i>School Assembly</i>
<i>Week 9</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>3rd December</i>	<i>Year 6 Big Night In</i>
<i>Week 10</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>8th December</i>	<i>Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.30pm</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>11th December</i>	<i>Class Promotions Day 9am/</i> <i>School Assembly</i> <i>Christmas Carols Concert</i>
<i>Week 11</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>15th December</i>	<i>Motiv8 Year 6 Big Day In</i>
	<i>Wed</i>	<i>16th December</i>	<i>End of Year Mass 10am /</i> <i>Year 6 Guard of honour 2.15pm</i> <i>School Closes</i>

2016

Term 1

<i>Wed</i>	<i>27th January</i>	<i>School Opens for 2016 MAI Tesing</i>
<i>Thurs</i>	<i>28th January</i>	<i>MAI Testing continues</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>29th January</i>	<i>Year1 to Year 6 return to school</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>1st February</i>	<i>Kindergarten commence school</i>

Huge thank you

Thank you to all those wonderful parents and teachers for supporting our Christmas disco last Friday evening. Together we raised over \$2000.00. The children had an awesome time.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2016

We are in the process of finalising classes for 2016 and have been advised of a few students who will not be returning in 2016. To enable us to prepare our classes for 2016, it would be appreciated if you would kindly notify the School Office if you know your child/children will not be returning to St Joseph's Schofields next year.

If you are planning to return to St Joseph's, however, you are extending the holidays, please write a letter stating the reasons for your late return, and hand it into the School Office as the Census will be completed early in February 2016.

BYOD Purchasing

To purchase the Apple products, families will need to visit <http://byod.parra.catholic.edu.au>. This custom page ensures direct families to CEDP unique portal, and it offers all the same great features and access to all products and accessories of the regular Apple Online Store, like free delivery.

Families can also visit their local Apple Store and letting them know that they are from **Parramatta Catholic School** to get same pricing, advice or discuss the products that they might be considering. The contact centre is also available on 133-622.

Apple offers special iPad and Mac pricing for students attending our schools. This special pricing is available for purchases made at Apple Stores, through our school's customised online store or via the Apple contact centre. If families are purchasing in-store or over the phone just let the Specialist know our school's name.

Ms Mizzi



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS

We have begun collecting food donations for St. Vincent De Paul, over the next two weeks we are collecting:

Week 1: Bottles- this could include soft drink, juice, cordial etc.

Week 2: Savoury Items: snacks, nuts, savoury biscuits, chips etc.

Please keep these items in mind when you next go shopping

Thank you

Mrs Crane, Mrs Farhat and School Leaders



2016 Diocesan School Fees

Dear families

As you may be aware, there is still uncertainty around long term government funding for Catholic schools. Indications are that federal government funding for education post 2017 will be linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which historically has been much lower than the education inflation rate. Funding growth linked to CPI will not meet increases in the real costs of schooling.

To maintain our current service levels we will need to increase diocesan tuition fees by 5%. This increase will mean we can continue to fund important initiatives to improve student learning, including:

- literacy and numeracy programs such as Focus160, Reading Recovery, EMU, EM4 and professional learning for teachers and leaders to support the implementation of these programs
- increasing support for students with disabilities, behavioural and emotional needs
- improving our learning spaces, technology and infrastructure
- building new schools and expanding existing schools to cater for new places

Scholarships and fee arrangements

We are committed to ensuring that **no child will be refused enrolment due to a family's financial situation**. There are a range of scholarship and support programs to assist families including:

- The Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- Fee arrangements and discounts
- The Byallawa co-contribution scheme for Indigenous families

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The fee is only charged for the first three children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools.

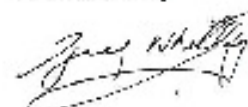
Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure we can expand or build new schools in high growth areas. To ensure this continues we will need to increase the building levy by \$33 per family per year. The levy for 2016 will be \$735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain educational costs and we do not take the decision to raise fees lightly. **If a school fee increase will be difficult for your family to manage, please contact your school principal.** We will provide every assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Yours sincerely



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools

The 2016 Annual Tuition Fees are as follows:

Annual Fees		1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Tuition Fee Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,098	\$825	\$549
	Years 1 - 6	\$1,419	\$1,065	\$711
Tuition Fee Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$1,968	\$1,476	\$984
	Years 9 - 10	\$2,184	\$1,638	\$1,092
	Years 11 - 12	\$2,790	\$2,094	\$1,395