

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS STUDANS

Dear Parents,

What a year 2017 has been! There are too many highlights to mention them all but here a few of my favourite community events:

- * Our Christmas concert
- * Our Spring Fair Spectacular
- * Our 20 year anniversary mass and celebration
- * Our Open Days



Yesterday we had nearly 30 parents come to our parent helper liturgy- a sign of the strength of community involvement. The St Joseph's community is very special and I value so much the way we pull together for the good of our children.

Coming early next week is a calendar of events for 2018 and important information about sports days and after school activities.

Have a very Happy Christmas and peaceful and fun holiday away from school life.

Kind regards,

Lesley Studans



Christmas spirit is alive at St. Joseph's

Coding and Chess 2018

In 2018 we will be continuing Coding and Chess classes after school. Coding will continue to be held on Tuesday afternoon between 2.45 - 4.15pm and Chess on Thursday afternoon from 2.45- 4.00pm. These are extra curricular activities for children that provide them with an opportunity to learn new skills beyond the classroom.

In an ever increasing digital world, coding workshops provide opportunities for students to learn and develop skills of the future. In Term 1, the students will be focusing on "Minecraft Modding Mayhem". Please find the letters attached for further details.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Further details to follow.

St Joseph's - 'Leap in2 Reading' Summer Holiday Challenge

"Books are a uniquely portable magic." Steven King

It is so critical to keep up reading in the holidays with your children. Not only is reading exercise for the brain, it helps develop imagination and teaches children about the world around them. It also continues to develop and consolidate vital literacy skills the children have been learning at school all year. Importantly it helps reduce the risk of 'slide' (Children going back in their reading levels) when they return to school. Research shows that this can happen when children don't read over the school breaks.

Over the summer holiday, keep up the reading and participate in the St Josephs Leap in 2 Reading Summer Holiday Challenge. The challenge is to find yourself 'leap in2 reading' wherever you are during your Summer holiday. Send your photos to stjosephsevents22@gmail.com. These will be published on Facebook and a winner will be decided early Term 1 with a \$100 family movie voucher to be won. Please indicate in the email if you do not wish your photo to be published on Facebook. You will still be eligible for the prize.

AWARDS

Each year we present our students with class and whole school awards. Two students from each class are selected to receive one of the following awards: Student Excellence Award and Mary MacKillop Award. At a whole school level, teachers nominate one student from their grade that they believe meets the criteria for the St Joseph's Award. The leadership team then meets to decide which student across the whole school will receive this award. These awards will be presented to the students on Friday 15th December after the End of Year Mass.

Below are details of the award selection criteria that teachers use when selecting their students to receive these awards.

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Criteria for Student Excellence Awards - Each teacher nominates ONE student per class

who meets at least 3 of the criteria

An "Excellent Student" is someone who has demonstrated:

- Consistent effort and achievement in any one or more areas of learning;
- Effective study habits/organization and responsibility for their own learning;
- Inclusiveness of all class members and helped others in their learning;
- Awareness of social justice by standing up for or by those excluded;
- Interest in the whole school not just themselves or their friendship groups;
- A significant positive contribution to the classroom atmosphere;
- Sensitivity to the needs of others and actively promoted harmonious relationships;
- Consistent courtesy and good manners to all;
- Initiative with ideas and activities that contribute to the life of the school.

MARY MACKILLOP AWARD

Criteria for Mary MacKillop Award:

Each teacher nominates ONE student to receive a Mary MacKillop Award .This is the student from your class who regularly demonstrates the following

”Never see a need without doing something about it”

ST JOSEPH'S AWARD

Criteria selection:

This Shield will be given to ONE student in the whole school who regularly demonstrates the following which also reflects the person that St Joseph was.

A student who - Acts justly, loves tenderly and walks humbly with God (Micah 6:8)

NEED TO KNOW

Families leaving St Joseph's

Any families other than graduating Year 6 children, are asked to advise Mrs Studans of their intention to leave St Joseph's to attend another school. A Leavers form is required to be completed, these forms are available via the school office and may be picked up or sent home with your child.

Final dates for payments in 2017

Due to end of year all receipting must be completed by Wednesday 13th December. Parents are kindly asked to finalise any payments to the office by this date. Thank you for your understanding.

School Fees

2018 School – Based Fees

Due to our school progressing from one finance system to a new system in 2018 there will be some new terminology used regarding our school – based fees.

Next year the school- based fees will be amalgamated into categories rather than individual amounts and will be equally divided into 3 instalments during the year.

For example:

“Activity Fee” will include Excursions, Dance Fever and Gymnastics (Yrs 3-6),

“Resource Fee” will remain as Resource Fee

“Family Levy” will include Technology fee.

“Overnight Excursion” will be the Canberra Excursion, which Year 5 and Year 6 will attend in March 2018.

Please also note that we will no longer refer to the Statement Fees as Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3, but they will be referred to as Billing Periods.

2018 Term 1 - Start Dates

School resumes for Term 1 - 2018: 31st January (Years 1-6)

: 1st February (kindergarten)

**Please note, Kindergarten will finish at 2:15pm on 1st February only.*

Advent



As Catholics, we have begun the season of Advent, a time to wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. It is also the start of the new Liturgical Year of the Church, Year B.

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of **Advent – HOPE!!**

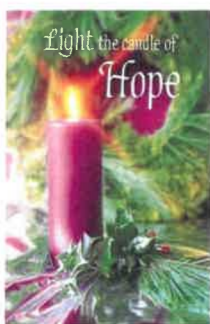
Next week at our Monday morning assembly, the students, teachers and parents will gather together to celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent.

Please join us as we gather together as a school community to prayer during this special time.

First Sunday of Advent

The first candle is called the Prophet's Candle. The prophets announced God's promise of a Saviour. It is the candle of Hope. We wait with hope for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. And we wait with hope for Jesus' return. We are hopeful because Jesus is the Saviour God has promised us.

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we focus on the candle, we celebrate the hope that Jesus brings to us.



A prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

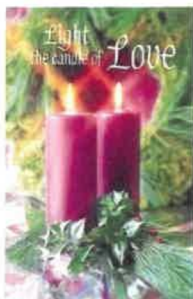
*Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places.
Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely.
Shine hope into our hearts we pray.*

Amen.

This Sunday will be the Second Sunday of **Advent – LOVE!!**

The second candle is called the Bethlehem Candle. This candle reminds us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

It is called the candle of love. God loves us so much that He sent his own Son to be with us.



A prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

*Jesus, you are love even if we are afraid.
Help us to pray to you when we are scared or fearful.
Bring love into our hearts we pray.*

Amen.



tinsel, plates, cups etc.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS

“Christmas is the season of giving!!”

This week is Christmas decorations:

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!!!



Congratulations to the children
in Year 3, who made the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** last Thursday 30th November at Mary
Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the students,
staff and parents who helped in the preparation of our
Christmas Concert with Andrew Chinn.
The students, staff and families enjoyed such
a spectacular night filled with the **JOY of CHRISTMAS**.



Week 10 Tuesday 12th Dec

Year 6 Graduation Mass @ 6:30pm



Week 10 Friday 15th Dec

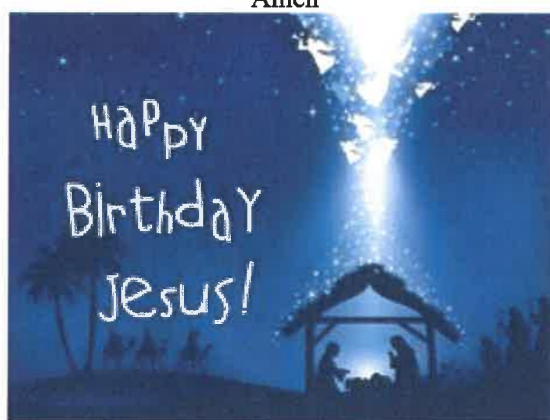
**End of Year Mass and Award Ceremony @
10am, in the Community Space.**

End of Year Reflection

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:
For all the teaching and learning that have taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom,
For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced.
For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed.
For the respect and care that have been given.
We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.
For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles, and for the love that has kept us going.
We give thanks for the community that we are and we ask you Lord – bless our families as we take our
holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.
Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



JOEY'S SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS DIARY

St Joseph's Swimming Carnival

9:15 - 12:30

Thursday 7th December

Swimming Carnival - Emerton
Leisure Centre Year 2-6

35 Jersey Rd, Emerton

Students are expected to travel by bus from school to Emerton Swimming Center. 35 Jersey Rd, Emerton.

However, if parents need to take their child directly there, they must sign-in with the supervising grade teacher who will record arrival time. Children not returning to school via bus will also need to be signed out by a parent with the child's class teacher.

STUDENT AWARDS

GOSPEL AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 4

Gospel Value **Love tenderly -
Reaching out to others in need**

Sofia Petrocco

Harper Alderson

Justin Malinao

Emma Gerke

Cohen Gregory

Hunter Wilkinson

Narishqa Pascual

Ryan Khan

Nikisha Rogers

Matthew Martelli

Jade Lennox

GOSPEL AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 5

Gospel Value: **Love tenderly -
Acceptance of others**

Rhianna Brown

Vruti Kerai

Gabrielle Moussa

Maya Brenton

Kiarna Kong

Ruby Carroll

Georgia Wilson

Sierra Griffin

Imogen Tollis

Sophia Ling

Cooper Ellims

Chelsea Smith

STUDENT AWARDS

GOSPEL AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 6

Gospel Value **Love tenderly -
Acceptance of others**

Chloe Campton

Georgie Carrier

Scarlett Goodman

Sehansa DeAlwis

Steven Sumith

Al Zedric Ocampo

Charlie Kresan

Tristan Holmes

Kristen Kendal

Jessica Khov

Michael Butjerevic

Dianne Palma

Natalia Papallo

GOSPEL AWARDS

TERM 4 WEEK 7

Gospel Value: **Love tenderly - Displaying
patience and gentleness**

Levi Liddicoat

Isaac Torok

Jeimiel Ambanloc

Ethan Sheppard

Chaise Fourie

Lexie Beacroft

Kristin Van Eck

Alaina Sreepathi

Cameron Attard

Katie Stewart

Jack Kresan

Charlotte Feather

STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TERM 4 WEEK 3

Allira Dyer

Joshua Pollard

Jenna Stojanovski

Jerone Johnson

Steven Sumith

Al Zedric Ocampo

Zachary O'Keeffe

Caylum Phieffer

Maddison Saulle

Jessica Khov

Kaitlyn Chapman

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TERM 4 WEEK 4

Lucas Webster

Luca Bagaric

Jeimiel Ambanloc

Rachel Elias

Lachlan Vella

Ashlee Gosling

Madeline Scott

Robson Carrier

Andrew Vella

Yadi Chudal

Brandon Barnsley

STUDENT AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK TERM 4 WEEK 5

Mia Mooney

Ara Mouradian

Addison Judson

Cooper Giardina

Naomi Sultana

Rhys Macdonald

Sarang Naidu

Anna Mouradian

Shania Tavarayen

Eden Kenna

Benedict Chow

STUDENT OF THE WEEK TERM 4 WEEK 6

Jenna Gregory

Bianca Zhu

Felicity Scott

Jean Foppen

Susannah Elias

Evie Sheppard

Isaac Wilson

Charlie Liddicoat



Term 1 Minecraft Modding Mayhem!

In term 1 2017 at St Josephs Schofields, CodeSpace Education is going to be running their popular “Minecraft Modding Mayhem” workshop.

Minecraft has taken the world by storm, with many children listing it as their favourite game. But what if we could turn just playing the game into an educational experience where kids could learn and explore coding?

At CodeSpace Education, that is exactly what we have done with Minecraft Modding Mayhem! Modding (or mods as they are more commonly referred to) are modifications of the traditional game, which are usually comprised of special and crazy items like swords that spark lightning, jetpacks and more!

In this workshop, we develop students coding skills through use of event-based coding to teach them about logic and problem solving.

Not to mention, at the end you can take your own mods home and play them at home! We have put coding and Minecraft put together to create an awesome educational experience for students.

This workshop will run from 2:45pm to 4:15pm in weeks 2-9 (6 February 2018 - 27 March 2018) and is \$169 for the term.

To learn more and register for this workshop, please visit:
learncode.com.au/stjosephs/

If you have any questions not answered online, you can contact CodeSpace Education by calling (02) 8806 3750 or emailing info@learncode.com.au

Limited places are available in this workshop, so get in quick to avoid missing out!



catholic out of school hours care

COSHC ST JOSEPH" S SCHOFIELDS CHRISTMAS OPERATION DATES

To assist COSHC families in planning their child/ren care needs over the Christmas period please find below important dates to remember.

Christmas Closure

- Last day of operation of COSHC service will be Friday 15th December 2017.

January Vacation Care

- COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8th January 2018 to Thursday 25th January 2018.

Commencement of Operation for COSHC 2018

- COSHC will re-open on Tuesday 30th January 2018.

30th January 2018 will be a Pupil Free Day and applications will be sent via email to all families by 30th November 2018.

Please contact COSHC St Joseph's if you have any queries regarding the above information.

Kind Regards

COSHC Staff

2018 Diocesan School Fees

24 November 2017

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2018 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.6% increase on the fees from 2017.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.6% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

Tuition Fees - 2018

The 2018 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,515	\$1,137	\$759
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,976	\$2,232	\$1,488

The 2018 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

Instalment FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Years 1 – 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
	Years 7 – 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 – 12	\$992	\$744	\$496

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH FAIR

Save The Date!

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2017 - 10.00AM ~ 4.00PM

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MARY IMMACULATE PARISH FAIR

As you are aware our parish community will be holding a parish fair on Saturday 16th December between 10.00am - 4.00pm.

This activity is being spearheaded by a sub committee that has been put together by our parish council and supported by our parish finance committee.

WHY ARE WE HOLDING A PARISH FAIR?

The parish fair is a great way for our parish community to gather together in a social atmosphere where we are all given a great opportunity to meet, interact and bond with our fellow parishioners and parish school community members.

Secondly all the money raised from this event will go into the Master Plan of expanding our Church, Parish Offices and Parish facilities to cater for our the growing parish community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Without the support of our parish and school communities this event would not be a success! Therefore we are inviting you to participate in a number of ways.

1. Attend the event as there will be "No Entrance Fee"
2. You can volunteer your time to assist on the day for various roles.
Rosters and Job roles will be available in the coming weeks. Be a look out for it!
3. Donate various items for our white elephant store, prizes for our chocolate wheel, plastic bags and clean and empty jars.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT!

EMPTY JARS NEEDED

Do you have any spare clean jars with lids at home that you would like to get rid of?

We will happily take them off your hands.

There will be a box in the foyer of the church **this next weekend** to place these!

PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

Plastic bags can be dropped off in the designated box in the foyer of the church **this next weekend!**



HAVE A SMALL BUSINESS?

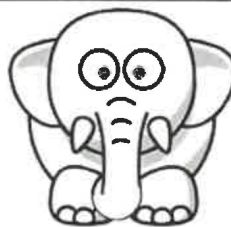
We are looking for stall holders to sell their goods at our Parish Fair on 16th December.

If you are interested and need more information please contact Ged via

Ph: **0477 151 279** or

Email: gerald.oblea@maryimmac.org.au.

STALL SPACES FROM \$30.00



WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Donations will be accepted for the following items for the white elephant stalls at the parish.

Saturday drop off dates between 9am-12pm

11th November - Clothing

18th November - Books and CD's DVD's & Bluray's

25th November- 2nd Hand Items.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you wouldn't buy it please don't donate it!

Please ensure all items are clean

No Damaged Items.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
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Mass
SINCE WORLD YOUTH DAY SYDNEY 2008

The Domain, Sydney

9 DECEMBER 2017
www.acyf.org.au

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How to know *What's Happening* at St Joseph's

Communication between parents/caregivers, teachers and children is important to create and maintain a strong sense of community within the School. Here are a few ways to get information and keep up to date.

Skoolbag Application - Download the "St Josephs Schofield's Primary School" Skoolbag application for free on all Apple and android devices and receive notifications, school notes, and alerts on your smartphone or tablet!



www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au - The School website is the centre point for all communication and is constantly updated with notices, reminders, news stories, galleries, events, school notes, & blog posts. Save it in your favourites for instant access.

www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Primary-School-Schofields

Like "St Josephs Primary School Schofields" on Facebook for instant reminders, notices, pictures, videos and news.



Ph: 9626 1328 - Our Office Staff are always happy to help!

The staff are available from 7.45pm to 3.45pm, Monday to Friday.

stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au - Email the School for all your questions and queries. An email form can be found on the school website.



The Parents Chat Group during week 3 of each term is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to gather with the principal to discuss current issues within the School. Dates are available on the School website calendar. Mrs Studans is available for appointments, for parents wishing to meet one on one with the School Principal.

The School Newsletter is sent out via email and available on the school website every 2 weeks throughout the term. Subscribe to the Newsletter via the school website to receive it straight to your email inbox.



School Calendar. This is an up to date calendar for parents to get their school event dates from. Updated as dates become available and includes an agenda, week or month view. Available on the School website under Important Dates

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