



St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

This week is Catholic Schools Week that celebrates the special nature of Catholic education. Catholic education in Australia began in Parramatta 200 years ago. The first school was in Hunter Street, Parramatta, close to the dwellings of the poor Irish convicts. At that time all children were not guaranteed an education, certainly not poor children or girls. The school had 31 students and a lay teacher who was an ex-convict with some protestant pupils. The idea was that the education was for all.

We continue with this inclusive mission today. The teachers and I were very pleased to welcome so many visitors yesterday to our liturgy and open classrooms and also to 1G and IBF's assembly. I understand the effort that you take to organise your family and work to attend and I hope you felt welcomed. I enjoyed the chance to chat with the visitors about the education that they observed in action. Most classes were continuing their regular day. Reading groups were taught with the teacher actively leading a small group of students with precision. Maths tasks were designed that stretched the children's thinking that meant the children were engaged with this challenge; ratio and fractions being used at a high level requiring algebraic thinking. Many games were being played to make learning fun. Ipads were used by the students to clarify the task set by the teacher and as a tool to help with the learning. Some older students were asked to share their learning on seesaw which meant that parents who were not able to be there could see the learning happening. Year 5 had on display a new addition to the school- a 3D printer that they are using in their mathematical learning and, also for their geography unit. Adjustments we make for the children with disabilities were also on display. Parents who visited would have seen extra teachers and teacher assistants working in the classroom with the regular teachers so that the learning for the students can be targeted at the right level for all students in a way that is natural and inclusive and cares for the dignity of the children.

Assembly is a chance for us to highlight the values of our education. Children are coached and expected to listen respectfully. It's a chance for the children's writing, music and drama to have an audience. Most especially our learning and Gospel values are highlighted. There are a lot of awards! That's because we have lots of beautiful children who strive every day to be kind, try hard and work hard.

With Kind Regards,
Lesley Studans
Principal

Donation

Thank you to the P & F Committee for their very generous donation of \$10,000 that will go towards setting up our new buildings with fabulous technology.

School Photo Day – Amended Date

School Photo Day is Tuesday, 19 May 2020. Children will need to wear their **full winter uniform**.

Food Items

Just a reminder that **foods containing nuts or nut products are not** to be sent to school.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Lenten

Reflection

Week 2

Monday 2 to Sunday 8 March

**“I have come that you may have life and
have it to the full” John 10:10**

Loving Father

**Open my heart so that I may love like You. May I listen to the cry of
those who call my name, so that I may sing a song of compassion
and tolerance. Help me to find in You this Lent, grace, forgiveness
and a fullness of life.**

St Joseph's Feast Day Mass



All welcome to our St Joseph's
Feast Day Mass

Week 8 Thursday

19th March

12 noon

2020 Sacramental Programs



Our Sacramental Program at our Mary Immaculate
Parish.

First Reconciliation Program is offered to Year 3 children who have been baptised. Online registration open 16th August this year.

First Eucharist Program is offered to Year 4 children who have been baptised and made their First Reconciliation. This begins 29th March.

Confirmation Program is offered to Year 5 children who have been baptised, made their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This begins 30th May.

Information for our Mary Immaculate Parish Sacramental Programs will be in our school Newsletter or you can contact the Mary Immaculate Parish Office: 96263326 or email sacramentalcoordinator@maryimmac.org.au

If your child will be attending another Parish Sacramental Program, please let Mrs Watson know via the school office, so we can celebrate with you and your child.



What is coming up next...

Week 11 Holy Week Reflections

For Holy Week Reflections during Week 11, each grade will be sharing a short reflection of a Holy Week Event. Parents are welcome to reflect along with the students of the significance of each event Jesus experienced leading up to Easter Sunday.

Wk11 Holy Week Reflections

Mon 6/4 Kinder:- Palm Sunday @ 2pm

Tues 7/4 Year 1:- Last Supper @ 1:45pm followed by
Year 2:- Praying in the garden

Wed 8/4 Year 3:- The Arrest @ 12:30pm

Thurs 9/4 Years 5 & 6:- The Stations of the Cross @ 12 noon

Term 2 Week 1 Tues 28/4 Year 4 The Resurrection @ 11am

Pupil Free Day – Term 2

The next pupil free day is Monday, 27 April 2020 (Term 2). No students at school.

From the Library

Premier's Reading Challenge

- St. Joseph's School students will be taking part in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2020. It runs from 2nd March to 28th August 2020.
- Reading log sheets will be given to students next week, with passwords to the PRC website following soon after.
- Books read after last year's Challenge can be counted in this year's Challenge.
- K-2 students can read books on their own, read them with someone, or someone can read the book to them.
- Students in Years 3-6 must read the books themselves, but may have someone help choose the books.
- You must read a certain amount of books as prescribed in the table below

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4, 5-6	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6

It is a wonderful challenge to participate in as reading broadens our horizons in many ways, increases vocabulary, helps in writing, is calming and expands empathy.

Should you need more information, I will be happy to help.

Joanne Neill
Library Technician

Sports News

Zone Swimming Carnival 2020

Looking quite the part with our new swimming caps, our team of super swimmers did us proud at the recent Zone Swimming Carnival at Mt. Druitt Swimming Pool on Thursday, 13th February.

It was a wet, but very steamy day and I had the pleasure, along with Mrs. Crane, of accompanying our team for the event. I loved how everyone cheered and supported each other. There were constant words of support and congratulations throughout the day and I could not have been prouder of the way each of our students behaved in and out of the pool!!

A massive congratulations to all the boys and girls in the team and especially to Sienna Kim, Isaac Torok and Lexie Beacroft for making it through to the Diocesan Carnival.

We are looking forward to another big year of sport at St. Joseph's!



Kimberley Turner

Mufti Day

St. Joseph's
EASTER MUFTI DAY
 FRIDAY 20th MARCH

All Children are invited to wear Mufti Clothes on **Friday 20th March 2020** in exchange for a donation of a **GOLD COIN** for our Easter Raffle. The funds raised will be used to purchase prizes for the Easter Raffle.

The Easter Raffle will take place in conjunction with the school Easter Hat Parade. Raffle tickets will be sent home in the coming weeks.

For the safety of our students please ensure that they wear enclosed shoes (no sandals or thongs) and a top that covers their shoulders (no singlets).

Thank you from the P&F team for your generosity!



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