



# St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7 2020

## Principal's Message

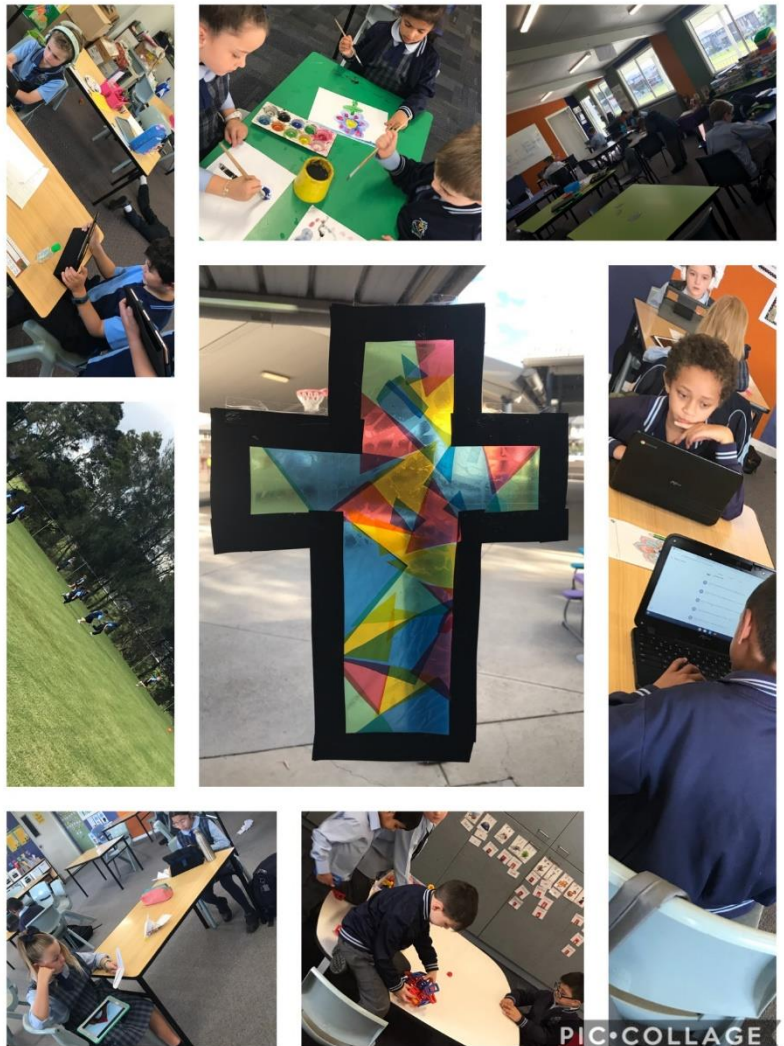
Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first Newsletter for Term 2.

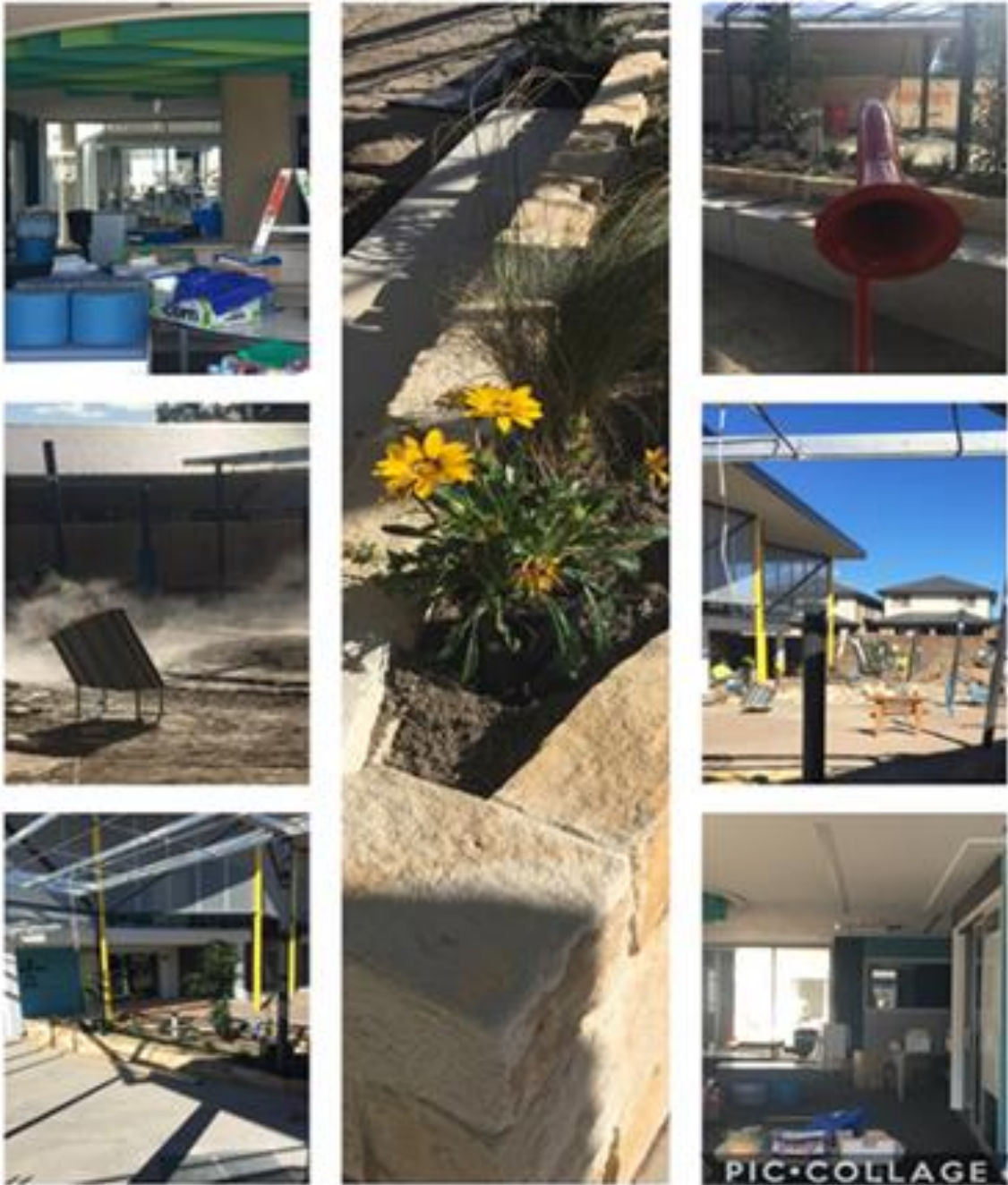
What a pleasure to have the children back at school again! Even more of a pleasure to know that Australia has been saved the terrible fate of other countries with COVID-19. All of us, parents and teachers can feel proud of the way we protected our community and the children.

We are very thankful for all your efforts with home learning. Our children have come back to school more independent with their learning than before home learning thanks to your hard work with the activities created by the teachers. Many of our little ones have learned to record their voices and their new skills will be able to be used in the classroom to explain their learning. This is invaluable to the teachers who want to know what the children are thinking to help with the next steps for learning. It's also a great skill for the children. We want our children to be articulate and confident speakers.

The teachers are now busy assisting the children to grow, especially in English and Mathematics. We're also helping the students settle back in socially.



Our new buildings with all the wonderful possibilities for learning are almost finished. Everything inside is done and the furniture has arrived. Over this week we are completing the landscaping and the last of the roof.



We can't help but look forward to the future in this trying time. Our Christian story of Easter teaches us that.

Kind Regards,

**Lesley Studans**  
Principal

## Assistant Principal

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE - I have really enjoyed standing at the gate in the morning greeting all the children as they come through and seeing their smiles as they greet their friends and teachers.

Our attendance rate has been great so let's keep that up! Remember being at school contributes to your child's learning and building relationships. Every minute missed of learning adds up. Mrs Bourke and I are here if you need any support.

It is not only important that your child attends school each day but that they arrive at school on time.

Please make allowances for traffic and parking as these often cause delays.

If your child is away from school, it is important that you provide the classroom teacher with a note outlining the reason that your child was away within 7 days. The teachers are required to mark on the roll the reason for the student's absence. If no note is given then no explanation can be provided for the absence.



**Mrs Joanna Delvecchio**  
**Assistant Principal**

## From the Library

Everyone is looking forward to moving into the fabulous new buildings, which means the library will be reinstated and borrowing will be back! In the meantime, the Premier's Reading Challenge is continuing and is due to finish on 28 August, so there is plenty of time to complete the Challenge!

Here is a guide of what is required to be read to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge:

Challenge for Grades	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	20	10	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	10	10	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9

**Joanne Neill**  
**Library Technician**

## Afternoon Pick Up

An important letter was sent home via Skoolbag yesterday. Please make sure that all in your family and friends who pick up children from St Joseph's are aware.

In the afternoon: Please do not turn R into Jerralong or cross Alex Avenue from Jerralong if there is a queue on Alex Avenue. Instead turn R into Gozo St, make a safe u turn and then turn L into Alex Avenue.

Consider arriving just after 2.30 pm as, at that stage, the queue is moving and wait times are less. Once the gates are open at 2.30pm, the queue moves 4 cars at a time and Alex Avenue is then free of waiting cars.

Always display your number so that all are aware that you are in the rolling pickup line and not a parked car or a resident.

## School Reports

Teachers are currently busy preparing reports to be sent home Friday, 26 June. This year the report will be modified to take account of home learning. Our usual parent teacher interviews will be via phone or Zoom. More information to follow.

## School Photos

A new date has been scheduled for **Tuesday, 28 July 2020**. Photos will be taken differently this year. Children will have individual photos taken with appropriate hygiene and health consideration. Class photos won't be taken but children will receive in their pack a composite of portraits of their classmates and teacher to remember their 2020 school year.



### St Joseph's Primary School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

**Tuesday 28 July 2020 and Tuesday 4 August 2020**

**ORDER NOW go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code  
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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by *advancedlife*. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9 digit **advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to [enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au)

## Uniform News

A reminder that all children should be in winter uniform.

Some sizes between our old supplier and new supplier may be different. You may need to check the size of the new stock before ordering or be prepared to swap for a better fitting size. Joe from Oz fashions will be happy to do the swap. We are looking at noting on the app if the stock is old or new to help parents when ordering.

**The Second Hand Uniform Shop** is open on Mondays from 8 am to 8.30 am.

## School Fees

Term 2 Fee Statements have been posted to your home address. Please advise if you have not received a statement, as we may have the wrong address. You may notice that there is no due date on these fees. We are very aware that some people may have been affected by COVID-19 so there is no timeline for you to pay your fees. If you wish to apply for Fee Relief please go to the following link:-

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/Our%20Schools/School%20Fees/Fee%20Relief>

The Catholic Education Office in Parramatta have advised that **cash payments will no longer be accepted** by schools. We will only accept EFTPOS. Thank you for your understanding.

## Kindy 2021 Enrolments

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2021. Kindy is filling up quickly! Please visit the office for an enrolment package or download the enrolment application from our website.

## Nut Products

Just a reminder that students are **not** to bring any nut products to school. This also includes spreads like Nutella.

## Mary Immaculate Parish Communication

### **ATTENDANCE AT MASS:**

As you may have noticed the NSW government has announced a relaxation for attendance at religious services from June 1 2020.

Twenty people will be able to attend weddings, fifty people will be able to participate in religious services at places of worship and fifty people can attend funerals, subject to the four square metres rule. We ask parishioners to use the main entrance of the church, sign in our visitors register and sit only in the designated spaces.

If you wish to attend any of our Masses we ask you to email ([parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au)) or call (9626 3326) the parish office to advise you if are interested in attending. If you come to church and have not registered for a particular service, please be prepared to be turned away.

We will be adhering to the safety plans as directed, and we will ensure that hand hygiene, physical distancing and cleaning of the seats in the Church take place. Of course, people who are unwell should not come to the Church but rather stay at home. There are also restrictions in regards to singing at religious services.

As Citizens of NSW, we are bound to follow the law. Once the designated number is reached, we will have to turn people away. We are aware that these limitations will create difficulties at times, but I ask you to be patient and even at times to accept being turned away.

If we do obey these rules, then we can be optimistic that the number of people able to attend will increase gradually.

Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta continue to be dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice. (Canon 1248 paragraph 2 and Canon 2181).”

### **FOR WEEKDAY MASS FROM JUNE 1 & SUNDAY LITURGIES FROM JUNE 7**

1. If you wish to attend any of our Masses we ask you to email ([parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au)) or call (9626 3326) the parish office to advise you are interested attending. If you come to church and have not registered for a particular service, please be prepared to be turned away.

2. Only 50 people will be admitted into the Church, and this will be through the main door.

3. All people entering the Church need to use hand sanitiser before entering the Church.

4. All people entering the Church need to sign IN with their name and contact details.

5. You are asked to be at the Church at least 10 - 15 minutes before the commencement of Mass.
6. Parishioners are to sit only in the seats that are designated for sitting.
7. We also ask that people volunteer to sanitise the seats and any place they come in contact with, after each Mass. Anti-Bacterial wipes will be available at the front of the church.

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