



St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

By now you would have been hearing many stories from the kids about the wonderful classrooms for K,1,3, 5 and 6 and play spaces for all the children. I know the teachers have been sharing lots of photos on SeeSaw for you to see.



Each classroom and the outdoor spaces have been designed for the kids to actively learn. In this Newsletter, we highlight the play spaces that Kinder and Year 1 can access and in future Newsletters we will highlight the other spaces.

Our new spaces have been blessed by Fr Oliver and indeed we have been blessed to have our new buildings. Along with the news of the new buildings, comes the news that we now have a crossing supervisor approved. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this position please encourage them to apply.

Kind Regards,

Lesley Studans
Principal

Assistant Principal

Every day counts for our students and every minute missed of learning adds up. Keep up the attendance (if there are no flu-like symptoms) and remember that if you have any concerns to speak to either Mrs Bourke or Mrs Delvecchio.

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. If you would like to send an electronic message about absences, we ask that you do not send it through SeeSaw but use the Skoolbag app instead.



Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Coronavirus News

As Coronavirus is still unfortunately persisting in NSW, particularly in western Sydney, our social distancing and hygiene measures will continue to ensure the health and safety of all. These are:

- Parents not on site yet (But we will try to include you with the progress of learning and play in the new spaces via the Newsletter, Facebook and SeeSaw).
- Prospective parents will shortly be invited to an open day on a weekend which will have a tour of one family group at a time.
- Minimal visitors to the site and for minimal time (for example school photos). CEDP employees who are visitors are allowed on site at this time where it enhances the learning of the children (e.g. dance lessons for Year 4 and Year 1, professional learning for teachers.)
- Teachers are required to socially distance, as are parents waiting to pick up their children in the afternoon. We have created 2 staffrooms so that this is able to happen for teachers.
- Enhanced cleaning, availability and use of soap and hand sanitisers for all. Increased supervision of children eating to ensure hands are washed and outdoor and indoor spaces are kept clean.
- Extra assistance with drop off and pickup by the teachers - capacity for 3 cars at a time in the bus bay in the morning. More teachers in the afternoon to speed up rolling pickup. In the morning, please give plenty of time. Supervision starts from 8am. In the afternoon please don't arrive too early for rolling pickup as this makes a queue form that can block our neighbours or cause a traffic jam on Alex Avenue. The time taken to get the kids through the gate is not affected by the length of the queue and I'm sure you've noticed the friendly reception from the teachers in the morning or afternoon. When our new crossing supervisor begins this will help with afternoon pickup and morning drop off.
- Teachers are asked not to attend school if they are unwell and this is the same for children. We are adjusting to the extra absences that this means. If at all possible, class teachers are replaced by casual teachers known to the children. Both children and teachers are asked to get tested for coronavirus if they show symptoms and to follow NSW health guidelines if they have visited a hotspot at the time when it was infectious.

Absentee Photo Day

A catch-up photo day will be held on Tuesday, 4 August for those students who missed the previous photo day.

Uniform News

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

School Fees

Term 3 Fee Statements will be sent to home addresses in the next week or so. Please advise the office if you have moved recently so that we can update your details.

If you wish to apply for Fee Relief due to COVID, please go to the following link:-
<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/Our%20Schools/School%20Fees/Fee%20Relief>

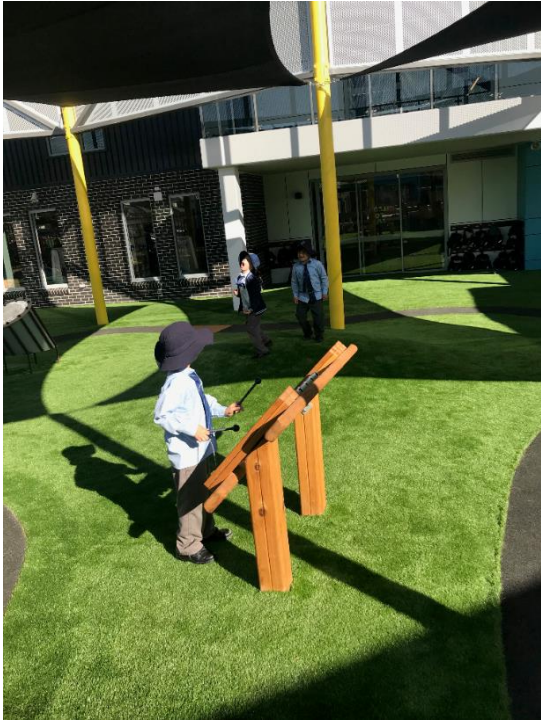
The Catholic Education Office in Parramatta have advised that **cash payments will no longer be accepted** by schools. We will only accept EFTPOS. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

The New Joey Park

We have lots of fun in Joey Park. We have a drum to play, a xylophone to make music, we send secret messages through the talking tubes, experiment with water and sand, run around the race track and stop at the traffic lights, climb along the obstacle course, roll down the hill or just sit and enjoy the garden.



Open Day for New Enrolments

Whether you have already picked up an enrolment pack or are interested in enrolling your child at St Joseph's, we are having an open day on Saturday, 8th August between 10 am to 2pm so that you can see our new and wonderful learning and play spaces.

We are doing 4 tours at a time in 15 minute intervals. In order to complete the booking please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au then select 'Make a Booking' in the top right-hand corner, enter the code **rrqtd** and select a time that suits you.

If you have any queries, please call the school office on 8869 8100.

School Calendar Change

There will be no parent group meeting on Tuesday, 4th August 2020. This has been cancelled due to COVID.



Part-Time Work

Multiple Permanent Part-Time positions – Blacktown Local Government Area - 5335

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.15am – 9.15am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

- Marayong South Public School
 - Rooty Hill Public School
- Ropes Crossing Public School
- Schofields Public School

Morning and Afternoon shifts for various schools in the area during the school term are listed below:

- St Joseph's Primary School - 8.00am – 9.00am and 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- Tyndale Christian School - 8.05am - 9:05am and 2.35pm-3.35pm
- William Clarke College - 8.00am - 9:00am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
 - ✓ Community spirit
 - ✓ Positive energy



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If it does, visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today!

Applications close: Sunday 9th August 2020