



St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Those of you who use rolling pickup in the afternoon would have noticed the new building foundations are well underway. The picture below shows what the new building will look like from Nazarene Crescent. The proposed, wide, entrance to Nazarene Crescent is shown. You can also glimpse the bike rack, which is in front of the new canteen, and some outdoor leaning areas. The roof to the very left of the picture is our current library which will remain the same after the building is finished. The builders are saying that it will be completed by the end of Term 3 next year.



Part of the building work is the demolition of the toilet block adjacent to the carpark at the front of the school. This will happen in about 2 weeks' time. It will mean some minor changes to the entrance to and exit from the school from Alex Avenue so that the carpark will be expanded, landscaped and ready for the new school year.

Last Friday was World Teachers Day and I would like to thank all my wonderful teachers who go above and beyond to help our students and their families. I know they

have appreciated the kind words from parents but we also appreciate our students' families. This is especially true in 2020.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Lesley Studans
Principal

Assistant Principal

Last Friday we celebrated **World Teachers Day**. It was so nice to see the gratitude that so many of our children and parents showed the teachers. A big thank you to the P & C for organising a beautiful lunch on behalf of the parent community. The teachers were very grateful and enjoyed the yummy selection of Subway sandwiches and juice for lunch.



Shout out to Mrs Neil and some Year 5 students who presented the story Whitney and Brittney - Chicken Divas by Lucinda Gifford, to the infant students during Book Week last week.



ATTENDANCE

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



Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday, 6th November Kindy Orientation

Friday, 27th November Swimming Carnival (Children turning 8 or older)

Religious Education Co-ordinator

The Sacrament of First Eucharist

We have students in Year 4 preparing for their First Eucharist over the coming weeks.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Body Of Christ for the first time and continue their journey of their Faith.

Sibelle Robalino
Rachel Elias
Olivia Peroni
Oliver Whiteley
Cayden Kong
Carly Powell

Astrid Gella
Emma Gerke
Antonia Bonilla
Jackson Cortez
Kiarna Kong

Breeana Batubara
Cara Fredericks
Sebastian Goupy
Chloe Ganchingco
Zachary Hogan



Dear Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive the Eucharist for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Amen

IN MEMORY *of* ME



Thank you for your generous donations for **Socktober- Crazy Sock Day**.

We raised \$577.95 for Catholic Mission



Mrs Anne Watson
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Wednesday's Mixed Touch Football Competition

This term, Stage 3 are having a fun, in school, mixed touch football competition on Wednesday afternoons after lunch. This allows the House Captains to showcase some of their great leadership skills as well as encouraging school spirit amongst all players.

The winners of this competition will then get to verse the teachers in a fun teachers versus students match in week 6.



Mrs Kim Turner

Operation Christmas Child

Last week, Stage 3 had the opportunity to bring in a gift-filled shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Our Religious Education focus for Term 4 is restoring human dignity and this was a perfect way that the students of St. Joseph's could make a positive difference to their world.

Collectively as a school, we packed nearly 70 boxes. This, in turn, will help change the lives of 70 young people and their families across the world.

A massive thank you to all the students and staff who took the time to contribute to this worthy cause.

Last Saturday some of the teachers had the privilege of volunteering for Samaritan's Purse who are the organisers of Operation Christmas Child. We helped process and pack hundreds of shoeboxes and it truly was a very rewarding experience for all involved.



Mrs Kim Turner

From the Library

Book Week in 2020 may have been virtual, but it was a lot of fun! There was an online Book Fair, and a virtual visit from some very entertaining performers who brought some of this year's shortlisted books to life.

During Book Week the Infants' classes thoroughly enjoyed a presentation of *Whitney and Britney, Chicken Divas* by a cast of talented Year 5 students. The last Book Week activity to conclude is the announcing of the Book Week Colouring competition winners, which will be on Friday.

Keep on reading!



Mrs Joanna Neil
Librarian