



# St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 2020

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Lots has been happening at school over the last couple of weeks. Kindergarten 2021 have been for orientation sessions with their teachers for next year. We had so many happy faces from parents and children. A great start to big school!



At the other end of the school, Year 6 have been busy writing their school yearbook and will shortly begin making their banner for their Graduation Mass. We have a fun day at school for Year 6 with Motiv8 and a Year 6 Night Out in the Hall as well as the Graduation Mass. All these events can take place with a COVID safe plan and some modification.

Year 5 have been very brave and putting themselves forward for leadership positions. This requires research into the qualities of a good leader, writing a letter to the Principal and giving a speech in front of the children in Year 4 and 5. All very nerve wracking! The teachers and students all vote. Not as complex as the USA election and possibly more democratic. The children and teachers' votes were very allied. Congratulations to all and especially to our Captains Kade Ellims and Lexie Beacroft. A full list of leadership positions is in this Newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation with the changed drop off and pick up procedures and for your efforts to get to school on time in the midst of so much construction activity, both at school and in Schofields in general.

The next couple of weeks promise to be busy and fun.

Kind Regards,

**Mrs Lesley Studans  
Principal**

**Assistant Principal**

### **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, 27<sup>th</sup> November      Swimming Carnival (Children turning 8 or older)

## Religious Education Co-ordinator

### The Sacrament of First Eucharist

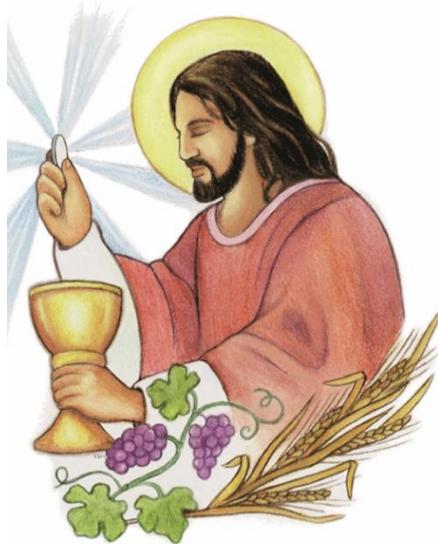
We have students in Year 4 preparing for their First Eucharist over the coming weeks.

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



IN MEMORY *of* ME

*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.*

**Mrs Anne Watson**  
**Religious Education Co-ordinator**

## 2021 School Leaders

Congratulations to the following children:-

### **School Captains**

Kade Ellims  
Lexie Beacroft

### **Vice Captains**

Steven Sumith  
Scarlet McKevitt

### **MacKillop**

Olivia Benson and Oscar Griffin

### **Tenison**

Ashlee Gosling and Cohen Gregory

### **Fitzroy**

Pranav Lalji and Naomi Sultana

### **Penola**

Amelia Vincent and Rhys MacDonald

## From the Library

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

The Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will soon be delivered to students, so a hearty congratulations to all who participated and to those who completed the Challenge.



### **Borrowing**

Students need to bring a library bag for borrowing books from the library. A library bag can be a shopping bag, a pillowcase, or a bona fide library bag. It needs to be big enough, strong enough and clean enough to carry and protect books. Using a library bag helps to protect books from both damage and loss.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
2F and 2SI	K-6 Gold	3G, 3A and 3D
KV and KT	2S	5P and 5TP
	1M,1L, 1G and 1BF	KB and KM
	4L and 4T	6A and 6S

**Mrs Joanna Neil**  
**Librarian**

## Students Not Returning in 2021

Just a reminder that should your child not be returning in 2021, could you please fill in the relevant documentation which is available at the office.

## Uniform Try Ons

Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, we are unable to have uniform try ons in the office at this stage.

## Canteen News

Sushi is now available Monday to Friday.

## Changes to Afternoon Pick-Up

Any daily changes to afternoon pick up arrangements need to be phoned through to the office **before** 2pm each day.

## Slippery Dip News

Next week our slippery dip will be out of action for a while as this is in the area that the new building under construction is being connected to our buildings. There will be no changes to classrooms, though, and we still have plenty of space to play

## Process for asking for Leave

Now that travel interstate and regionally is allowed, you may be thinking of a family holiday or reunion. A reminder that, especially with lost schooling due to COVID this year, school holidays are the best times for taking leave. At the end of the year the children receive their reports, meet their new teachers and classmates, and experience a lot of fun activities focusing on Christmas. Your child's teacher will know their learning so well and lots of very valuable learning growth takes place at this time of the year.

If you wish to take 5 or more days leave, you need to get the Principal's approval, otherwise this leave is coded as not approved. Forms can be accessed on our website and we have copies in the Office as well.

## St John Paul II Catholic College – 2022 Enrolments Open Now!

Year 7 – 10 Campus: 85 Hambledon Road, Schofields, 2762

Year 11 – 12 Campus: Eastern Road, Quakers Hill, 2763

St John Paul II Catholic College is now receiving enrolment applications for Year 7 - 2022 and there are some vacancies in Year 7 -12 - 2021.

Check out <https://www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/What-We-Offer> to see why John Paul II is best for you!

Save the date for St John Paul II's Open Day on March 8th, 2021! Due to COVID-19, we understand that we may have limited numbers for Open Day, but that doesn't mean you can't see the school before joining! Please feel free to check out our campuses online via a virtual tour of our Year 7 – Year 10 campus in Schofields and Year 11 – 12 Campus in Quakers Hill here: <https://www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Virtual-Tours> . You will be given the opportunity to view the school grounds and facilities from the comfort of your own homes.

Enrolment applications are available via the following link: <https://www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol> or contact Fay Lovett in the office at 9208 7200 to enquire further.

We look forward to hearing from you and having you become a part of our community!

*Feel free to check out our Facebook and Instagram page to keep updated on the St John Paul II community journey!*

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnPaul2CC/>

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