

St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7 2021

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

There's a lot in the Newsletter today. We have some more dates for this term and Term 2 that I know you'll want to put in your diary. Whilst our building project is finishing, we don't have the correct space yet for parents and carers to attend events that have the whole school gathered together. However, there are many other events!

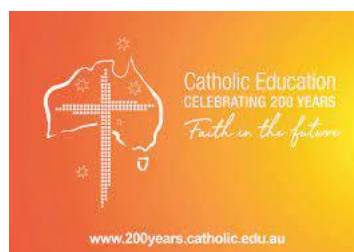
There's information about NAPLAN for students in Years 3 and 5. Mrs Delvecchio has put information about attendance, reminding of the importance of arriving at school on time.

Mrs Watson has put important information about sacramental dates and highlights the starring role that Fr Oliver and Mary Immaculate parish have in the Catholic Outlook magazine sent home this week.

There are photos of our faith in action- children caring for the environment. We are also recycling drink containers for the Return and Earn scheme with money raised going towards the catholic charity Caritas' Project Compassion appeal.

This week is Catholic Schools week. 201 years ago catholic schooling began in Parramatta on the site of St Patrick's Cathedral. Parramatta would have looked very different then without the giant stadium and high rise. In those days Catholics were mainly Irish, many of whom came to the country as convicts. Education was a big deal as it is today, opening up many opportunities for the future. Schofields is an area built and being built for the future, so our school plays a special role in building this future.

*"In the century ahead grant those teaching and
Learning in our schools....
And the families that entrust their young people to us,
A love of learning and a willingness to be the face of Christ
In the world of tomorrow
Pour out your abundant blessings upon all involved
AMEN*



I was very proud of our school captains and vice captains today as they confidently articulated what they love about our school and the learning they experience to parents visiting the school to enrol their child. I have faith in the future of our students!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Lesley Studans
Principal

Assistant Principal

Congratulations to Alexia Kaawi for being the winner of the St Joseph's Summer Reading Challenge, winning a \$100 online book voucher. Thank you to all the other students that sent in their photos for the competition. KEEP UP THE READING!

PBS4L (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT FOR LEARNING) AT ST JOSEPH'S

I AM SAFE, I AM RESPECTFUL and I AM A LEARNER is our Joey Code at St Joseph's. This is part of our Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L), a framework we use to create a safe, consistent and positive learning environment for students, staff and parents.

Students can earn Joey tickets anywhere in the school by any staff member when they are seen to be demonstrating the Joey Code. Our main focus is reinforcing and rewarding positive behaviours.

Once students have collected 10 Joeys, they get a stamp on their Joey Card. There are three levels of Joey Cards and Awards – Bronze, Silver and Gold. 10 Stamps for a Bronze award, 15 stamps for a Silver Award and 20 Stamps for a gold Award.

AWARDS

Each week the students in the school are given awards. Normally we would do this at assembly but the teachers have been giving them to the students as a grade. As of next term, when assemblies start again, these awards will be handed out then. We have different awards that we give out each week. If your child is receiving an award, your child's teacher will notify you via Seesaw.

Gospel Value Award - this award is given to a student that demonstrates the Gospel Value that we are focussing on. This term the Gospel Value is **Aspire not to have more but to BE more.**

Leap to Learn Award - this award is given to a student who demonstrates the following qualities when doing their work - Having a Go, Hard Thinking, Effort, Perseverance and Explaining their Thinking

Joey Award - There are three levels of the Joey Award - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Students earn these awards over time as they earn Joey Tokens as mentioned above.

ATTENDANCE

REMEMBER - EVERY DAY COUNTS

Please ensure that your child not only attends school each day but that they arrive at school on time. Arriving at school on time is just as important as being at school. **Every minute at school counts.** When your child is late to school they miss valuable start of the day procedures and learning that sets them up for a successful day.



If your child is away, please ensure that you write a letter to the teacher explaining why your child was absent or provide a medical certificate if appropriate. Please keep your child at home if they have flu symptoms and get them COVID tested. Results must be sent to the school before your child can return.

NAPLAN

If your child is in Year 3 or Year 5, they are required to sit the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) test. NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

The NAPLAN test will be done online. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday, 11th May and finishes on Friday, 21st May 2021. There are opportunities for make-up times should your child not attend on the scheduled day due to unforeseen circumstances.

For further information click on this link <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>.

In Week 9 this term, the students will be given an opportunity to practice taking the NAPLAN test online. This is just a practice and results of this practice are not recorded or accessed.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Thank you to the parents that completed the after school activity survey. I will be using this information to look into after school activities that we can offer at St Joseph's.

Chess has been a success this term and will continue next term. Please refer to the note to book in for next term.

Also we are looking at introducing a Stem Learning and Coding Program using Lego for Robotics on a Tuesday afternoon. If you are interested in your child participating in this activity, please put forward your expression of interest on the following link. <https://www.trybooking.com/BPNHA>. This program is suitable for students from Year

1 - Year 6. More information on the flier attached to the newsletter.

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Upcoming Important Dates

Parents/Carers are welcome to attend many events now, as indicated below:-

Sat, 13 th March	Open Day (10am – 2pm) Parents/Carers of new enrolments welcome
Mon, 15 th March	School Cross Country (Yr 2-6) – Parents/Carers welcome (8.45 – 1.30pm)
Thurs, 18 th March	Big Vegie Crunch for Crunch & Sip time
Friday, 19 th March	St Joseph's Feast Day Mass
Tues, 23 rd March	Parent Helper Training – 6pm (Note to follow)
Thurs, 25 th March	Parent Helper Training – 8.30am (Note to follow)
Thurs, 1 st April	Easter Hat Parade – Last Day of Term
Mon, 19 th April	Staff Development Day
Tues, 20 th April	Students First Day of Term
Thurs, 29 th April	Primary Assembly – Parents/Carers welcome
Wed, 5 th May	Parents & Friends Meeting – 7pm
Thurs, 6 th May	Infants Assembly – Parents/Carers welcome
Fri, 7 th May	Mothers Day & Open Classrooms (8.40-9.30am) Parents/Carers welcome
11-21 st May	NAPLAN testing period

Religious Education Co-ordinator



First Eucharist Sacramental Program 2021 at Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill

Our parish First Eucharist program is for students in year 4 and above, who have already received the sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Each candidate must attend all preparation sessions at the church and **submit** the required materials provided by the sacramental team, to be eligible to receive their First Eucharist.

Registration Details

5th March 2021

19th April 2021

Online Registration opens

Online Registration closes

To register - you will need to register by filling out the registration form online ([here is the link](#)) to the Parish Website, go to the **Sacraments** section) and send it back along with a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate if the child was not baptised in our parish.

Preparation Sessions

There will be three or four preparation sessions for this sacrament which will be done in the church on the dates below.

Monday Classes will begin at 4.00pm or 7pm and run for 1 hour.

Tuesday Classes will begin at 4.00pm or 7pm and run for 1 hour.

Monday 26th April or Tuesday 27th April

First Class - In the Church

Monday 3rd May or Tuesday 4th May

Second Class- In the Church

Monday 17th May or Tuesday 18th May

Third Class- In the Church

Monday 24th May or Tuesday 25th May

Fourth Class- In the Church

You will be expected to come to the same session each week. In case of an emergency change, please contact Sr Valerie on 0414 638 884.

Masses for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be a limit on the number of guests for each family that are able to attend the First Communion ceremony. This will be communicated during the preparation of the sacrament. We appreciate your prayers, support and understanding during this time.

First Eucharist Mass Dates:

Thursday 3rd June

First Eucharist Mass 6pm

Sunday 6th June

First Eucharist Mass 2pm

Thursday 10th June

First Eucharist Mass 6pm

Sunday 13th June

First Eucharist Mass 2pm

Thursday 17th June

First Eucharist Mass 6pm

Sunday 20th June

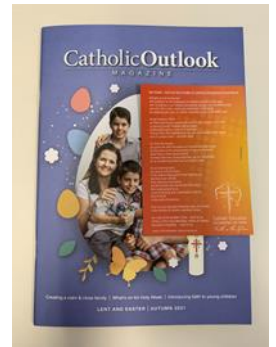
First Eucharist Mass 2pm

If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact: Sr Valerie – mobile: 0414 638 884 (no calls after 8pm please) or email

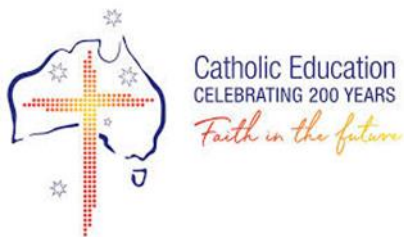
sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au

Catholic Outlook Magazine

This week a new issue of the Catholic Outlook has been sent home with the students. It is a free publication with lots of information on what our diocese is up to as well as some fun activities for children. Our Parish Priest Fr Oliver Aro MSP (page 34) and Mary Immaculate Parish (page 36) are the feature articles in this edition of the Catholic Outlook.



Grab a cuppa and read “A cuppa with the priest: Fr Oliver Aro MSP. A very intriguing read of Fr Oliver’s journey to our Parish.



Celebrating 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia

To help celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia, we would like to share with each family a special prayer card (attached to the Catholic Outlook Magazine).

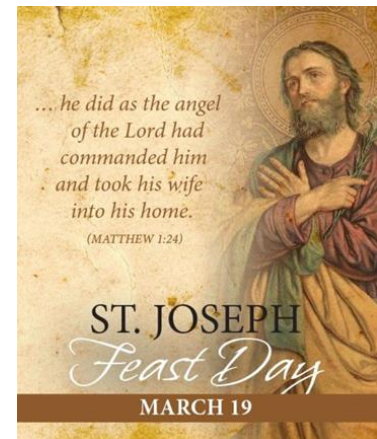
Do you or members of your family have any old photos to share of their years of Catholic Education in Australia? If you would like to share them with our school community, please send a copy of your photos to my email, awatson@parra.catholic.edu.au.

If you would like, attach a small note of some information about the photo:- Year, name of the school, location of school. (for example:- 1980, St John Vianney’s Greenacre NSW). It would be great if we could create a wall of photos displaying Catholic Education in Australia over the past years, decades.



St Joseph's Feast Day Friday 19th March

Next Friday (19th March) is the Feast Day of St Joseph. The staff and students will be gathering together with Fr Oliver for a Mass to celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day. This is an important day for our school as St Joseph is our patron saint. This year Pope Francis has proclaimed "Year of St Joseph", so that "every member of the Faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." (Pope Francis)



Mrs Anne Watson
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Clean Up Australia Day

Last Friday afternoon St. Joseph's played their part in Clean Up Australia Day. We donned our gloves and piece by piece the school became cleaner. It looked amazing afterwards.

A big thank you to each and every little eco warrior for playing a role in helping to keep Australia clean.



Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following swimmers who made it through to the Diocesan Swimming Carnival which was held on Tuesday, 9th March at Blacktown Aquatic Centre.

Lexie Beacroft - 50m Breaststroke & 50m Butterfly
Owen Haider - 50m Freestyle
Charlotte Whitford - 50m Freestyle
Chloe Ganchingco - Junior Girls Relay
Antonia Bonilla - Junior Girls Relay
Rachel Elias - Junior Girls Relay
Olivia Peroni - Junior Girls Relay



A special mention goes to Owen Haider, Max Wilkinson & Isaac Gotsis for also qualifying in the Junior Boys Relay.

St. Joseph's Cross Country Carnival

Next Monday is our annual Cross Country Carnival. Students from Years 2-6 will have fun running around the school striving to win a place on our school's Cross Country team. Should they run under the qualifying time they will go on to represent our school at the Diocesan Carnival on Wednesday, 5th May.



Please ensure your child brings a towel to sit on, a water bottle, sun cream, asthma puffer (if necessary) and some healthy snacks to enjoy.

Students will need to wear their full sports uniform with their school hat. House colour accessories may be worn for the run, excluding hair colours/dyes. Bandanas and hair scrunchies are perfect for showing team spirit!!

Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 will have an afternoon of fun activities in which to participate in.

Parents are most welcome to attend both events.

The Big Veggie Crunch

Next Thursday, 18th March at 9:30am St. Joseph's will join hundreds of other schools around the state in trying to break a record of the greatest number of children crunching on vegetables at any one time.



Please ensure that you pack some vegies (not fruit) next Thursday for crunch and sip so we can add your child into the count.

For more information and to check out our countdown clock go to <https://healthy-kids.com.au/bvc2021countdown/?id=4128>

Kimberley Turner
Sports Coordinator

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge 2021

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) has begun for 2021 and will conclude on 20th August. Each child is encouraged to complete the challenge to help discover an array of books and cultivate an appetite for reading.

This is not a competition, but a challenge. Listed below is an outline of the challenge rules for various age groups;

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of books PRC	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	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9,

PRC Reading Log sheets have been distributed to students for them to list the books they have read, which will later be put on the PRC website when the students have their passwords.

If your child completed the Challenge last year but did not receive their certificate, please contact me.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Library Borrowing Days

This is a reminder of which days students are visiting the library to borrow books.

Monday: Years 1, 2 and K-6 Gold

Wednesday: Year 5 and classes 3M and 3F

Friday: Kindergarten, 3S, Years 4 and 6

Library bags are required for students to borrow books, as a library bag helps to protect the books and save them from being lost. The requirements of a library bag are;

- It must be big enough to contain books
- It must be strong enough to hold books
- It must be clean
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Please make sure your child is equipped with a library bag on their library day.

Joanne Neill

Library

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- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

St Joseph's School (Schofields) Chess Classes, 2021

Thursdays 2:45PM - 3:45PM

Term 1	Cost: \$96	11th Feb - 1st Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$120	22nd Apr - 24th Jun
Term 3	Cost: \$120	15th Jul - 16th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$120	7th Oct - 9th Dec

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code **BGQ4E7KLOX** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term. No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for. For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery)			
<i>To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment</i>			
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$31 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$31 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$46 [SPECIAL OFFER]	
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$42 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$34 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock – Cost: \$77 [Recommended for All Ages]	

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a **free chess set or workbook 2** valued at up to \$34. Offer expires 31st March, 2021.



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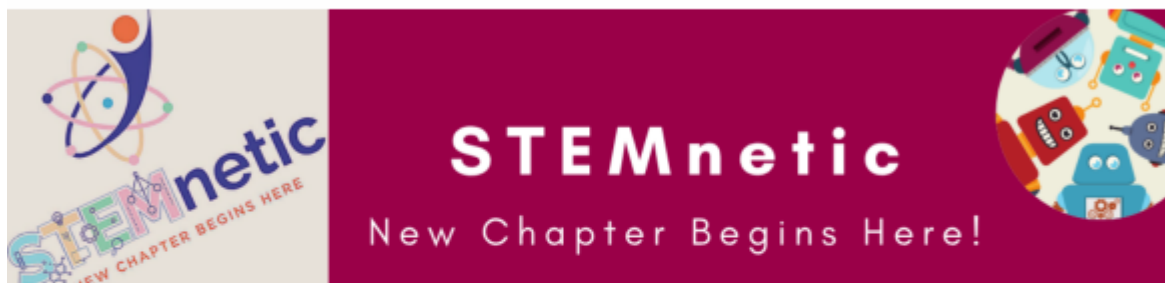
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Parent Interest

As a parent, you are invited to express your interest / support for this program by using the link below and clicking "**Book Now**".

The Program will be available to St Joseph's PS students and will commence from Term 2 2021.

Program Details:

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- Year 1 - Year 6
 - 7 Sessions starting from Term 2
 - First session on 27/04/2021 Last Session on 08/06/2021
 - Term price only \$168 (plus GST)
 - Classes from 2:45 to 4:15 PM
 - New STEM model every week
 - All teachers with WWCC
 - Creative Kids Approved provider
 - COVID Safe Registered
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Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPNHA>

Please note, this is only an expression of interest registration. The sessions will only commence if minimum numbers are met. New Enrolment links will be sent out later for the program.

Your child will be able to develop their knowledge through a proven - hands on, inquiry-based approach whilst addressing many essential elements of the curriculum - not only science and technology.

For further enquiries, please contact: STEMnetic

Nav: 0490 041 408 | Email: admin@stemnetic.com.au | Website: <http://www.stemnetic.com.au>

Open Day



St Joseph's Schofields

ALL WELCOME!

Saturday March 13

78 Alex Avenue Schofields

10am-2pm

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see our wonderful learning spaces

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