



# St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8 2021

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was a busy week at St Joseph's for the staff and children. The highlight of the week for many was the disco. This is the first community event that we have been able to hold for a long time. The children had so much fun, supported by the parent helpers and our teachers. A special thank you to our Parents and Friends committee of Karina Ellims, Jackie van der Hout, Melissa Gosling and Caroline Howlett for all their hard work.



Another highlight for some children in Year 4 and their families was the celebration of First Eucharist. Congratulations to these children!

School reports are scheduled to go home next Wednesday and interviews with teachers will take place on the following Wednesday. If you have any concerns about your child's learning, please raise it with the class teacher. In most cases the class teacher can help. However, we also have a team of teachers at school called the Diversity Team, led by Mrs Bates, who support the teachers when there are learning or social difficulties. Our school counsellors are able to help as well. Mrs Bates and her team meet once a week and act both proactively and in response to more substantial concerns raised by parents and class teachers.

My teachers really want to ensure that each child is happy and learning well at school. When parents raise a concern we take it seriously. If you continue to be worried, please contact the stage coordinator or Mrs Delvecchio or myself. If your child is in Kindergarten, the stage coordinator is Mrs Bates. For Years 1 and 2 the stage coordinator is Mrs Murphy. If your child is in Years 3 or 4, it is Mr Atkins and for Years 5 and 6 it is Mrs Watson.

Kind Regards,

**Mrs Lesley Studans**  
**Principal**

## Assistant Principal

### **BUSWAYS**

The School Bus is a convenient way to travel and many of our parents and students select this option to come and go from school each day.

I have had some parents that live in the Altrove Schofields area, the new development area opposite the station, inquiring about a bus service for these students.

I have contacted Busways and Transport NSW today and they have advised that parents need to complete a form on-line with as much detail as possible and photos if appropriate. The more parents that put in this request the more notice they will take and action will be taken. You are also able to track your request and someone will contact you as well.

Go to <https://transportnsw.info/>

On the right-hand side of the webpage is the following icon - Click on one of these options and it will take you to a form that you can complete online.



They could not tell me how long it would take for the service to be put in place.

### **TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY**

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *St Joseph's*.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/bhmv9>

## **STEM LEGO ROBOTICS AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES**

We have been running after school STEM Lego Robotics classes. Due to its popularity, we will be running these classes again next term over two afternoons (Monday and Tuesday afternoon) in order to accommodate the interest. See brochure below on how to book in for these after school classes.

## **UNSW COMPETITIONS**

We will run the UNSW competitions again this year. This is an **optional assessment** that you may like your child from Year 3 – 6 to complete. The dates for the assessment are the following.

### **Competition Dates**

- English Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at **3pm - 3.45pm**
- Mathematics Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at **3pm - 3.45pm**

The tests are done online and the students will require their iPads to complete the tests. Each test costs \$17.05. To purchase a test please go to the following website <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> And type in the following code: **MXF529**

**Please note that there are closing dates to purchase the tests. Tests cannot be purchased after this date.**

English - Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021  
Mathematics - Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## **ATTENDANCE**

It is so good to see that many parents are making every effort to ensure that their child is at school on time. Arriving at school on time is just as important as being at school each day. 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. **Remember school starts at 8.30am.** If your child arrives after 8.30am you will need to park the car outside the school grounds and walk your child to the office as there will be no teacher to assist at the Kiss and Drop area. Please do not park in the school car park.



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Program Details:

- Year 1- Year 6
- 7 Sessions through the Term
- Term price only \$168 (plus GST)
- Sessions commencing on 19/07/2021
- Classes from 2:45 - 4:15 pm every Monday
- Level 2 STEM Coding for existing students
- Level 1 STEM Coding for new students
- All teachers with WWCC
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**Mrs Joanna Delvecchio**  
**Assistant Principal**

**Upcoming Important Dates**

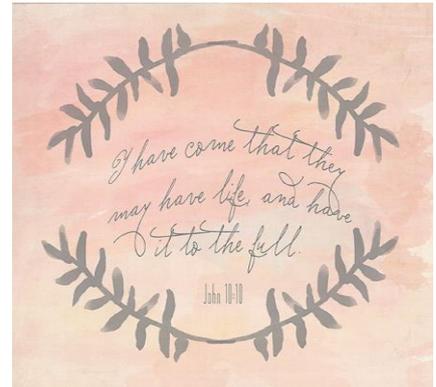
Fri, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Infants Sports Carnival (K-Yr2)
Mon, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Primary Sports Carnival (Yr3 – Yr 6)
Thurs, 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary Assembly, 1.30pm – Parents/Carers welcome
Mon, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Holiday
Wed, 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports go home
Thurs, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Infants Assembly, 1.30pm – Parents/Carers welcome
Wed, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mon, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupil Free Day (Term 3)

## Religious Education Co-ordinator

### Naming our New Religious Education Curriculum

Last week we received the exciting news of the new name given to our New Religious Education Curriculum. The curriculum will be known as

***Living Life to the Full***,  
a scriptural reference to Jesus' words



***“I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10***

Bishop Vincent announces the name on the new curriculum ***Living Life to the Full***. Here is a link to [Bishop Vincent's video](#). As Bishop Vincent says here, this reflects “the richness of our Catholic Tradition that enables fullness of life through the Gospel”.



*First Eucharist Sacramental Program 2021  
at Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill*

Over the next following weeks, we have 21 Year 4 students who will be making their First Eucharist. This is a very important step in their Faith Journey.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for their First Eucharist.

## Prayer for a Child's First Eucharist

Bless the children coming forward to receive  
Holy Communion 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

### First Eucharist Mass Dates:

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June -	First Eucharist Mass 6pm
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	First Eucharist Mass 2pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	First Eucharist Mass 6pm
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	First Eucharist Mass 2pm

### First Eucharist

Students in Year 4 and Year 5 will be making their First Eucharist over the next coming weeks.

Please keep these students in your prayers.

Eliana Ortado, Ethan Cross, Lily Tiqui, Lucas Webster, Mia Mooney, Myron Shah,  
Jayden Xerri Jeimiel Ambanloc, Marie Oviedo, Sofia Petrocco and Avalon Olsen.

### **Preparation and Celebration of Sacraments at other Parishes.**

*The community of St Joseph's would like to acknowledge all students who celebrate a Sacrament throughout the year. If your child is preparing for, or celebrated a sacrament at another Catholic Parish, please send me an email with the details (via the school email)*

*[stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au)*

*so that we can acknowledge your child's next step in the journey of their faith.*

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



## *Let's inspire to BE More*

### **Book Donations Needed**

Thank you for the donations of books so far. We will be collecting more book donations until the end of this week.

The donations of both adult's and children's books are for the **Caritas** Book stall we will be holding at school in Week 9 Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June (during recess). Students are asked to bring in a gold coin to buy a book on this day.

If you have any books (all genres) still in good condition that you no longer need or want, could you kindly please drop them off to the office.

All money raised will be donated directly to Caritas.

Many thanks for your support,

**Mrs Watson & Mrs Turner**



## Lost Property

Just a reminder that it is very important that clothing, hats, drink bottles and lunch boxes are labeled with your child's name. Many items that are found around the school, do not have names on them.

At school, all staff remind the children to take responsibility for caring for their property. Any lost property with names is returned to the children each Friday.

# Wheelchair Sports

## Wheelchair Sports

On Tuesday and Thursday last week Stage 2 and Stage 3 had the opportunity to take part in Wheelchair basketball and Wheelchair AFL.

The children had a great time and experienced for a short time what is like to use a wheelchair.

Thank you to Mrs. Turner for organizing this excellent learning experience.

Katie Bates  
Diversity Leader



A massive thank you to Rick who came and shared his story with us. He passed on some very valuable road safety information and braved the freezing, wet conditions to deliver this amazing program.

**Mrs. Kimberley Turner**  
**Sports Coordinator**

## Stitches & Squares Knitting Group

Earlier in the term we started our very own 'Stitches & Squares' Knitting Group. We have a very keen group of primary aged children who have learnt how to knit and are busy creating squares. We will be using these squares to make warm, cosy blankets for those in need in our community.

We have had lots of interest amongst many children to join and we are now ready to grow our group. However, for this to happen we need help from our school community to support this initiative!

We are kindly asking for:

- donations of yarn and/or needles for your child or others to use
- knitters to knit squares from home



We are using 6mm needles and 12ply yarn to create squares with 20 x 20 stitches. The thicker needles and yarn have made it easy for the children to handle. (We have found these reasonably priced at Kmart).

It would be wonderful if you could support us. 'Together we can' knit together to outreach to others in our community!

Many thanks,

**Mrs Stevenson & the Knitting Team**

# Canteen

A reminder that the cut off time for online lunch orders is 9am.

There has also been a name change to the canteen as shown below.

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