



St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4 2021

Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. What a delight to write to you within a Newsletter rather than a special COVID communication!

Attached to the Newsletter is our term calendar. Advice for schools is changing all the time and we will keep our procedures updated.

The children (and teachers) have settled in well to new routines in the classroom and on the playground. We hope you too are settling into your new routines of school drop off and pick up, school lunches and uniforms!



As I write, lots of Halloween decorations are up on houses. There's a connection to our Catholic faith. Halloween is on the night before the feast of All Saints. This feast is about the goodness in all people ("all saints") It celebrates the famous saints, like St Joseph, and the everyday saints in our lives. It's a great celebration at this time as so many people have gone above and beyond to care for our children and community. They are the everyday saints and deserve our prayers and love.



Kind Regards,

Mrs Lesley Studans
Principal

Assistant Principal

Welcome back everyone. So good to see the smiling faces walk through the gates in the morning and the children just enjoying being together.

UNSW COMPETITIONS

Due to COVID, the ICAS assessment sitting dates have been extended. The dates for the assessment are the following.

Competition Dates

- English Tuesday, 16th November 2021 at **2.45pm - 3.45pm**
- Mathematics Thursday, 18th November 2021 at **2.45pm - 3.45pm**

The assessments will take place in the library. You can collect your child from Nazarene Crescent gate at 3.45pm.

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Upcoming Important Dates

Fri, 12 th November	Year 6 Reflection Day (on site)
Wed, 17 th November	Zoom P & F Elections – 6.30pm
Fri, 3 rd December	Big Night Out Year 6

Religious Education Co-ordinator



St Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Each year our school community collects items to create Christmas Hampers to give to families in our local area, who are in need. Each class will be collecting Christmas Hamper items, which will then contribute to St Vinnies Christmas Hampers.

These Christmas Hampers will be given to many families in our parish who will be able to enjoy a lovely Christmas treat, thanks to the generosity of St Joseph's school community. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by these families in need.

We will be collecting donations of hamper items over a four week period of time, starting Week 6. Each week there will be a different item. Your child/children will place the donations into a box in their own classroom. Below are ideas for each week's donations:-

	Hamper item
Week 6	<p>Drinks - this may include Soft drink bottles, fruit juice, cordial</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>
Week 7	<p>Savoury food items - nuts, chips, savoury biscuits (eg BBQ shapes, Jatz)</p>

	
<p>Week 8</p>	<p>Sweets- lollies, chocolates, christmas pudding, long life custard, mince pies, sweet biscuits</p> 
<p>Week 9</p>	<p>Christmas decorations- tinsel, christmas decorations, plates, cups</p> 

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Anne Watson
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Illness

At this time of return to school we can expect that children will come to school with cold and flu symptoms, asthma and allergies that are also the symptoms of COVID. If this is the case, we are asking for the children to be tested for COVID or a letter from the doctor to say that they don't need to be tested. As this is the first time that lots of children are congregating together, illness will be more prevalent.

This requirement is also there for staff. We are blessed with regular casual teachers and work in teams of 2 so that interruption to the children's learning is minimised in these cases.

Absences

Please let your child's teacher or the Office know when your child is absent.

Motiv8

Motivate will **not** be returning to St Joseph's until 2022.



Qkr App for Payments

We have been advised of a problem with our Qkr App. If you have previously downloaded the Qkr app and there is no data in it, please delete it and download it again. The old app has now been replaced with the correct one.

Please see below for details:-

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

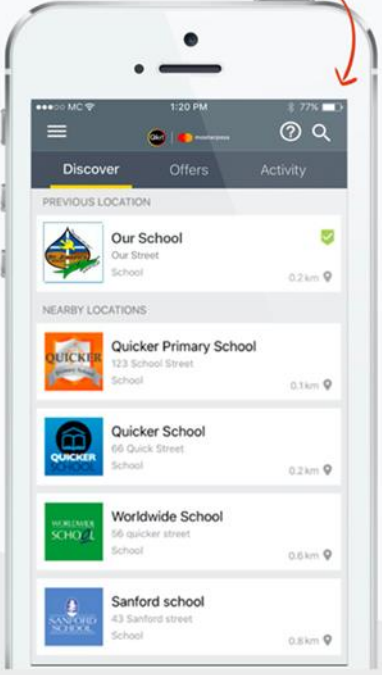
Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.



Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name



School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOFIELDS PARENT CALENDAR

Weeks 4-11 TERM 4 2021

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 4 Oct	25 ALL CHILDREN AT SCHOOL Year 2 - Year 6 return to school; K and 1 continue at school	26	26	27	28	29/30
Week 5 Nov	1	2	3	4	5	6/7
Week 6 Nov	8 2022 leadership letters to the Principal (Year 5)	9	10	11 2022 School Captains Leadership elections	12 2022 Sports Leaders elections Year 6 onsite Reflection day	13/14
Week 7 Nov	15	16 ICAS English Assessment (2.45 - 3.45)	17 6.30pm P & F meeting - Thankyou and nominations for new committee	18 ICAS Mathematics Assessment (2.45 - 3.45)	18	19/20
Week 8 Nov	22	23	24	25	26	27/28
Week 9 Nov/ Dec	29	30	1	2 3pm Kinder Orientation Group 1	3 5:30 Big Night Out Year 6	4/5
Week 10 Dec	6 Swimming Carnival 3pm Kinder Orientation Group 2 Year 6 Reports go Home	7 11.30 - Year 6 Graduation Mass 3pm Kinder Orientation Group 3	8 Big Day In Year 6 K-5 Reports go home	9 3pm PBS4L Team Meeting	10	11/12
Week 11 Dec	13 Orientation for 2022 Years 1-6	14 End Of Year Liturgies in class groupings - Presentations of Awards (more information to follow)	15 Last Day of School 2:10 Year 6 Guard of Honour	16	17	18/19



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SCRATCH INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1



Y1 - Y6

WEDNESDAY

4 - 5:30 PM

3 NOV - 8 DEC

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WITH WWCC**

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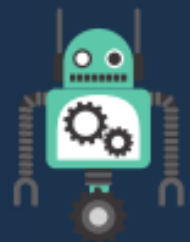
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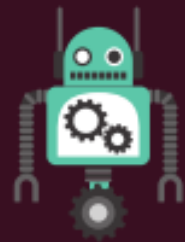
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