



St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 2021

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are now well settled into school and have adjusted to new routines and their much breezier classrooms.

This week Kindergarten welcomed some special fluffy visitors into their classroom. This is an event planned for much earlier in the year and we were able to make it happen now. We have lots of little scientists exploring new life, assisted by the teachers who video the hatching chicks and encourage the children to ask questions and find answers.

Our playground continues to be a big attraction with lots of options for the children.

Pictured is our art club run each Recess.



It is such a pleasure to see the school coming alive and the children thriving in their learning and play.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Lesley Studans
Principal

Assistant Principal

The Executive Director's Reading Challenge and the St Joseph's Summer Reading Challenge

Reading sparks our imagination and creativity and is also a great way for students to continue learning outside of the classroom.

It is so critical to keep up reading during the holidays with your children. Not only is reading exercise for the brain, it helps develop imagination and teaches children about the world around them. It also continues to develop and consolidate vital literacy skills the children have been learning at school all year.

Here are two Competitions that you can enter as you read over the Summer Holiday.

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel. Students can access e-books from our student e-book platforms [SORA](#) or [Wheelers](#).

The Executive Director's Reading Challenge

Taking part in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two \$500 JB Hi-Fi vouchers or one of 30 runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website.

Entries open on 1st November 2021 and close at 5:00pm on 25th February 2022. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

St Joseph's Leap in2 Reading - Summer Reading Challenge

Over the summer holiday, keep up the reading and participate in the **St Joseph's Leap in2 Reading Summer Holiday Challenge**. The challenge is to find yourself 'leap in2 reading' wherever you are during your Summer holiday. Send your photos to stjosephsevents22@gmail.com. Entries open on 16th December to 31st January 2022. These will be published on Facebook and a winner will be decided early Term 1 with a \$100 audible children's book online subscription to be won. Please indicate in the email if you **do not** wish your photo to be published on Facebook. You will still be eligible for the prize.

NOW ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS READ!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
Summer
READING
Challenge

WIN A \$500 GIFT VOUCHER!

Entry closes at 5pm on 25 February 2022.
Terms and Conditions apply.



Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Upcoming Important Dates

Fri, 12th November

Wed, 17th November

Fri, 3rd December

Year 6 Reflection Day (on site)

Zoom P & F Elections – 6.30pm

Big Night Out Year 6

Religious Education Co-ordinator

Message from Sister Valerie (Sacramental Coordinator):

Greetings to all of you. As you are aware, the Sacramental program for Confirmation and First Reconciliation had to be postponed in 2021 due to the long lockdown that we all have experienced.



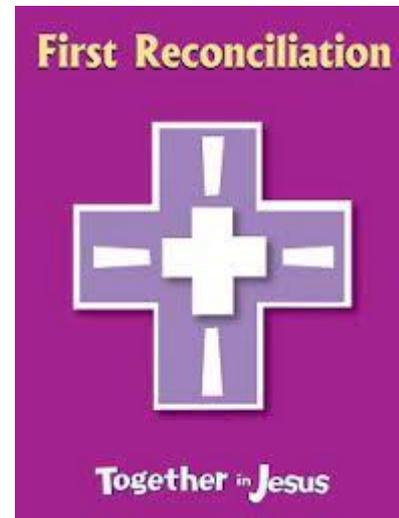
Sacrament of Confirmation

Those who applied for the Sacrament of Confirmation have already received the information about the dates and times. If you have not received any information from me, we have not received your application. We will have the Sacrament of Confirmation in January/February for those who have applied. There will be another Confirmation program in

August/September for any children in Years 5 or older. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have not received the information and you have already applied. The Confirmation ceremonies will happen twice in 2022, so if anyone missed out, you can receive the sacrament in September with the preparation in August 2022.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

For those children who are now in year 3 or older who are seeking to make their First Holy Communion in June 2022, we will combine the Reconciliation and Holy Communion Program. In Term 1 we will do the Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which the children will receive sometime before Easter. After Easter we will begin the Program for First Holy Communion so the children can receive their First Communion during the month of June in 2022. Since the Sacraments will be so close in time, we will have one application for both Sacraments. We will endeavour to have the applications out in December 2021, but they will be due back to us by the middle of February 2022. Another Program for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in October 2022 with the children receiving their First Reconciliation in November 2022 and First Communion in June 2023.



Feel free to call me or email me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Sister Valerie csfn

Sacramental Coordinator

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11 NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget



Remembrance Day

What is Remembrance Day in Australia?

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month each year we remember the moment in 1918

when World War I came to an end.

On Remembrance Day, we remember Australian men and women who have served in war and peacekeeping activities. Remembrance Day does not glorify war – it honours the memory of all those who laid down their lives for Australia.

As a mark of respect to those who have served, we stop to observe one minute's silence.



This year will mark the 103rd anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War. One thing we can do for the people who fought for our country, is to continue the tradition of remembering them.



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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 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 this week, 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
<p>Week 6</p>	<p>Drinks - this may include Soft drink bottles, fruit juice, cordial</p> 
<p>Week 7</p>	<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

COVID Testing

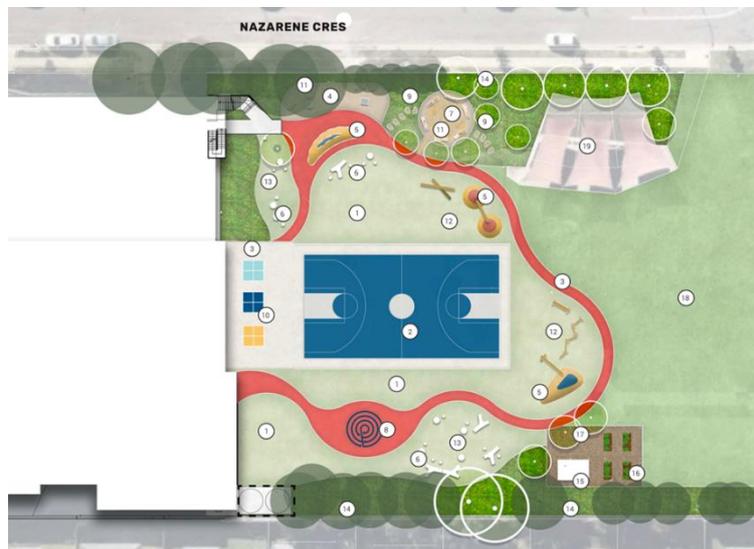
A very big thank you to parents and carers who are picking up unwell children from school and getting them tested. If you suspect allergies or asthma a letter from your doctor can be obtained instead of a test. A clear COVID test or a letter from a doctor is required before they return to school.

Staff Absences

Teachers are also required to stay at home and get tested if they have symptoms of COVID and some have been unfortunate enough to have a COVID case in their child/ren's school /day care, so you can expect more absences than usual. In most cases we are able to get teachers to replace the classroom teacher who are familiar with the class e.g. job-share teachers, teachers who work in learning support , sport or art on the class. Knowing that absences may be a possibility, we have planned this strategically so that, as much as possible, the children's learning is seamless.

Building News

In 2022 at the end of the building project, we have some exciting landscaping planned. We'll have a covered hardcourt that will also double as an outdoor assembly area, space for chickens and kitchen gardens. As well as a native and indigenous garden area. The landscaping will take place in the space directly behind the new buildings and will incorporate the area that we currently call Area 2 and the builders compound. The demountables on the large green playing fields will be removed. This will give us even more space for the older children and sports lessons.



Parent Group Elections

Next Wednesday night will be our Parents and Friends elections. A note will go home separate to this newsletter with the Zoom link and nomination form.

Athletics Age Champions

A huge congratulations goes to our athletics carnival age champions who received their special medals last week.

Junior Girls:

Age Champion: Sienna Maniscalco
Runner Up Age Champion: Ella Murphy



Junior Boys:

Age Champion: Jaxson Potts
Runner Up Age Champion: Yueil Abusalah

11 Years Girls:

Age Champion: Caralene Mafi
Runner Up Age Champion: Maya Brenton

11 Years Boys:

Age Champion: Jeremiah Elrayah
Runner Up Age Champion: Oscar Griffin

Senior Girls:

Age Champion: Olivia Hogbin
Runner Up Age Champion: Shanae Lafou

Senior Boys:

Age Champion: Roland Arifin
Runner Up Age Champion: Lucas Rives

Our St. Joseph's swimming carnival will be held on Monday, 6th December (Week 10) at Riverstone Swimming Centre. This carnival is for children turning 8 or older in 2022 who can swim 50m confidently. Notes have gone home for this event and only need to be returned if you would like your children to compete in the carnival. It is assumed that if your child does not return their note they will not be competing and they will be staying at school

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