St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8 2021

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this, there is just over one month to Christmas. I know we are all hoping and praying that we will be able to have some kind of family celebration this year and thankfully this looks very likely.

At school we teach the children the 'reason for the season' through our lessons in Religion on Advent and in the way we give to the poor through the Vinnies Christmas Hampers. Christmas is a season of peace , hope and love. The message of Christmas is such a powerful one, that a humble, poor child could be the son of God and grow to change the world.

At school we are busy preparing for 2022. Next week we begin our delayed Kinder orientation. Over the last 2 weeks we have had our School Leaders elections. Under the guidance of parents and the Year 5 teachers, the children wrote wonderful speeches and letters of application. I was so proud of the maturity and care for our school shown by the children. I did have to break the news that we couldn't have chocolate cake in the canteen though! All of our Year 5 students will make wonderful school leaders.

Maltese style Christmas crib

Last week we also had our Parents and Friends election. Congratulations to our new committee and many thanks to our outgoing committee.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Lesley Studans
Principal

Assistant Principal

AWARDS

Each year we present our students with class and whole school awards. Two students from each class are selected to receive one of the following awards: Student Excellence Award and Mary MacKillop Award. At a whole school level, teachers nominate one student from their grade that they believe meets the criteria for the St Joseph's Award. The leadership team then meets to decide which one student in infants and one student in primary will receive this award. **These awards will be presented to the students on Tuesday, 14th December for Infants and Wednesday 15th December for Primary after the *End of Year Class Liturgy*. More information regarding times will follow so parents can zoom in. Parents will be notified via a phone call if their child is receiving an award.**

Below are details of the award selection criteria that teachers use when selecting their students to receive these awards.

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Criteria for Student Excellence Awards - Each teacher nominates ONE **student** per class who meets **at least 3** of the criteria

An "Excellent Student" is someone who has demonstrated:

- consistent effort and achievement in any one or more areas of learning;
- effective study habits/organization and responsibility for their own learning;
- inclusiveness of all class members and helped others in their learning;
- awareness of social justice by standing up for or by those excluded;
- interest in the whole school not just themselves or their friendship groups;
- a significant positive contribution to the classroom atmosphere;
- sensitivity to the needs of others and actively promoted harmonious relationships;
- consistent courtesy and good manners to all;
- initiative with ideas and activities that contribute to the life of the school.

MARY MACKILLOP AWARD

Criteria for Mary MacKillop Award

*Each teacher nominates **ONE** student to receive a Mary MacKillop Award .*This is the student from your class who regularly demonstrates the following:

“Never see a need without doing something about it”

St Joseph's Award Criteria and Selection

This Shield will be given to **TWO** students in the school who regularly demonstrates the following which also reflects the person that St Joseph was.

A student who - Lives justly, loves tenderly and walks humbly with God (Micah 6:8)

There will be an Infants and a Primary St Joseph's Award

The infants focus will be - A student that” Loves Tenderly”
The primary focus will be - A student that “Lives Justly”
And both that... “walk humbly with God”

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!

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Upcoming Important Dates

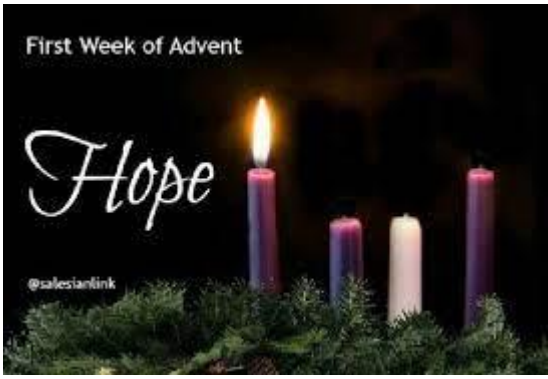
Fri, 3rd December	Big Night Out Year 6
Tues, 7th December	Yr 6 Graduation Mass
Wed, 8th December	Big Day In Year 6
2022	
Fri, 28th January	MAI (K-6) Booking details to follow
Mon, 31st January	MAI (K-6) Booking details to follow
Tues, 1st February	**Yr 1-6 Return to School**
	MAI (Kindy) Booking details to follow
Wed, 2nd February	**Kindy Start School**

Religious Education Co-ordinator

Congratulations to Zachary and Isla Jewell on their Baptism a couple of weeks ago at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill.

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe.
Take your hand when need be and
fill your heart with his love.

Advent begins this Sunday, 28th November and continues for four weeks prior to Christmas Day.



Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. During Advent we prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts at Christmas. We make changes in the way we live our lives so that we can be more like Jesus. It is a joyful time because we look for the signs of God's presence in our lives and in the world.

St Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Thank you for your kind donations for the St Vinnies' Christmas Hampers so far. We will continue to collect Hamper items during this week and next week. Please see below for the items we are collecting.

	Hamper item
Week 6	**Drinks - this may include Soft drink bottles, fruit juice, cordial**
Week 7	**Savoury food items - nuts, chips, savoury biscuits (eg BBQ shapes, Jatz)**

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

Thank you for your support

Mrs Anne Watson
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Message from Sister Valerie (Sacramental Coordinator):

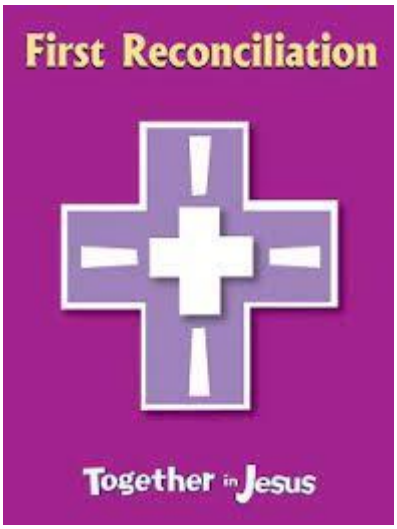
Greetings to all of you. As you are aware, the Sacramental program for Confirmation and First Reconciliation had to be postponed in 2021 due to the long lockdown that we all have experienced.

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
Mary Immaculate Parish – Quakers Hill – Schofields Ph: 0414 638 884

School Captains & Vice Captains for 2022

Congratulations to our school captains for next year:

CAPTAINS

Krish Pandya
Emma Gerke

VICE CAPTAINS

Antonia Bonilla
Jerone Johnson

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Penola
Captains:
Jad Alshoufi
Cara Fredricks

Vice Captains:
Olivia Peroni
Jackson Miles

MacKillop
Captains:
Klayton Kavapalu
Maya Brenton

Vice Captains:
Naca Ramasima
Jake West

Fitzroy
Captains:
Meila Irvine
Jack Gillett

Vice Captains:
Jemiel Ambanloc
Addison Judson

Tenison
Captains:
Natalie Edwards
Youeil Abusalah
Vice Captains:

Jeremiah Elrayah
Hunter Judson

Class Selection for 2022

Children are placed in classes with at least one friend who will help them to learn. Generally, we don't change children from the class they are allocated to. Children are also matched to teachers. As you would be aware, we employ new teachers every year. We've been lucky to have onboard over the past couple of years Miss Jadoo, Mrs Bamford, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Vogt, Miss Axiak and Miss Mawby. Next year we will also have Mrs Christina Tomasums returning from maternity leave, Mrs Sarah Jeffries and Mrs Lisa Firman.

P & F Committee Election

Congratulations to our New Parents and Friends committee elected last Wednesday night:

President	Megan Cahill
Vice President	Michelle Jewell
Treasurer	Sunika Bimbhat
Secretary	Marie Johnsen

Special thank you to our hardworking, outgoing committee of Karina Ellims, Caroline Howlett, Jackie Van der Hout and Melissa Gosling who have done an outstanding job. A highlight of our year was the disco just before lockdown bringing lots of joy to the kids and raising money for our school.

Special thanks goes to Tina Sultana who has run our second hand uniform shop for many years - a great service to our community.

Library News

As 2021 draws to a close, all books are needed back in the library for a well-deserved rest over the Christmas holidays. This is especially important for Year 6 students, as any overdue library loans will follow them to high school next year, so please return all books.

Also, library borrowing will cease from Monday, 6th December.

Mrs Joanne Neill
Librarian

Swimming Carnival

St. Joseph's is holding its annual swimming carnival at Riverstone Swimming Centre on Monday, 6th December. We have been busy collating entries and organising races, it should be a fantastic day!

CEDP has confirmed that only staff and students will be able to attend, we are **unfortunately unable to have spectators again this year.**

Thank you for your understanding and patience whilst this decision was confirmed. We will take lots of photos throughout the day and be sure to post them on Seesaw for you to see.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Kimberley Turner
Sport's Coordinator

Students Not Returning in 2023

Should your child not be returning to St Joseph's in 2023, could you please contact the office.

Uniform Purchases

A message from Oz Fashions:-

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, 3rd DECEMBER 2021 FOR PICK UP THIS YEAR.

Please place your order for you child starting 2022 before the cut off.

All orders need to be in by the cut-off date to ensure all children have a uniform to start school.

The warehouse with the uniforms will close December/January and there will not be any home deliveries or pick ups during that time.

Orders placed during this time will be delivered to the school office first week back to school in 2022.

FIRST DELIVERY TO THE SCHOOL IS TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2022.

Home delivery option is no longer available, due to the high demand of orders and delays in parcels getting delivered.

Orders must be picked up from Oz fashions in Granville with an email request to elle@ozfashions.com.au

Any enquiries, please email Elle:
elle@ozfashions.com.au

Second Hand Uniform Shop Coordinator Needed

Tina Sultana, who has run this much-needed service over the last few years, is retiring from Primary School service as her daughter moves into high school.

We need a coordinator or perhaps a team who can collect second-hand uniform donations, process them for the shop and then man the shop one morning a week.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, please send a message to the school office.

TRANSFORMING LEARNING

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

2022 Team Sport Trials
Parramatta Diocese 2022
Information For Parents

2022 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials
Expression of Interest registration window open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2022 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One & Two in 2022. ***Students in Year 4 in 2022 MAY nominate for the sports of Basketball, Hockey, Softball, Tennis & Touch Football only.***

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those students that ***MUST*** *demonstrate an* **ABOVE AVERAGE** *ability,* **HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT** *or in particular sports demonstrate* **REPRESENTATIVE** *playing experience in their nominated sport. In most sports, students should have experience playing regular competition outside of school.*

To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in some sports and others are through CSNSW Sport at MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport portal in 2022:.

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open Boys/girls combined team	16 February 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
AFL Girls	Girls	Term One 2022	Nominations Open in 2022	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal in 2022
Basketball	Boys & girls teams	4 February 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Tuesday 1st February 2022
Cricket	Boys & girls teams	29 April 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs girls & boys	4 April 2022	Nominations Open in 2022	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal in 2022
Football (Soccer)	Boys & girls teams	15 March 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Golf	Boys & girls teams	1st August 2022	Nominations Open in 2022	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal in 2022
Hockey	Boys & girls teams	14 March 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Netball	Open Boys/girls combined team	7 March 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Rugby League	U12's Boys/girls combined team	9 March 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Rugby League	U11's Boys/girls combined team	9 March 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Rugby 7's	Girls	9 August 2022	Nominations Open in 2022	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal in 2022
Rugby Union	Open Boys/girls combined team	27 April 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Softball	Boys & girls teams	4 May 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Tennis	Boys & girls teams	4 February 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Tuesday 1st February 2022
Touch	Boys & girls teams	16 February 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Friday 5th February 2022

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOMINATION FORM OPEN 23rd November

To be eligible for selection for these trials the **2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form** must be completed. The registration form must be completed that can be accessed via the website **PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT** www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au
Go to the "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "Primary Sport Expression of Interest Registration Form".

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)** for the 2022 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per student, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

APPROVALS PROCESS

This online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the student's school.** For the student to attend the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" if applicable to the sport MUST be completed. Under no circumstances will a student be eligible to trial if the 2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date..

PARRAMATTA TRIALS

Students that are **approved to attend** will receive a Primary Sport Team Sport Trial Information sheet and consent form will be provided when we have more clearer guidelines for the trials. For APPROVED students, there is a team trial cost involved with the trials and **payment is to be made to the school prior to attendance at 2022 trials and NOT at the trials**
FULL DAY TRIALS - Tennis, Boys Cricket & Boys Soccer.
HALF DAY TRIALS - Rugby League, Rugby Union, Basketball & Netball.
AFTERNOON SCHOOL TRIALS - All other sports will be held after school beginning at 4pm.
Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and netball a maximum of two students are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of these students will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal. Discretion can be sought to the CEDP Teaching Educator Primary Sport.

- The teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" – not a coach.
- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and **must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.**
- Students need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.

MACKILLOP TRIAL

MacKillop Trials include students from Canberra/Goulburn, Parramatta, Sydney, Wagga Wagga & Wollongong dioceses. The main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSWPSSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure. Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for students representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.

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NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Students who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the NSWPSSA Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Students selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports. Note that in Rugby League U11 Years, there is no state team selected.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSWPSSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSWPSSA State selection.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials **please complete the** registration form must be completed that can be accessed via the website **PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT** www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au
Go to the "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "Primary Sport Expression of Interest Registration Form".
Information regarding the team sport trials can be found on the Primary Sport website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au and the Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese Facebook.

SUMMER SPORTS NOMINATIONS for the sports of Basketball & Tennis close Tuesday 1st February 2022.
ALL OTHER SPORTS NOMINATIONS close Thursday 10th February 2022.

Good luck to all athletes as they progress through the School Sport Pathway program..

Kind Regards,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator Primary Sport – CEO Parramatta
WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au
FACEBOOK: **Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese**

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