



St Joseph's Primary, Schofields

Newsletter

Term 3, Week 4 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

At last, the work sheds have been removed from the carpark and we have a grand front entrance to the Office with lush new landscaping.



What does this mean for the afternoon parent pickup?

- There are 3 benches for parents to wait and chat
- Both gates to the bus bay are now open so parents can enter and exit through these gates
- We can soon keep the walk through the carpark safe by automatically closing the carpark gates each day

All this will mean some minor changes to the pickup routine.

Thank you in advance for your assistance so that we can continue our friendly and efficient pickup.



Children dropped off in the bus bay in the morning have a better entrance gate to walk through and are enjoying the change! There are no other changes to morning drop off procedures or Rolling Pickup.

We have had several exciting events at school so far this term:

- Stage 2 had a Wanderer's Clinic
- The band program for Year 4 continues and on Thursday they were able to take their instruments home to practice
- Kindergarten have been to Calmsley Hill City Farm
- Year 2 were astronomers for the day with their incursion
- Year 1 grooved to the Backyard Beats incursion
- Year 5 and 6 have been experiencing outdoor challenges and fun at Camp Collaroy

We had a lovely whole school liturgy to celebrate the feast day of Australia's first Saint, Mary MacKillop whose order of nuns founded St Joseph's School. A highlight for me was the enthusiastic singing of the children!

We have more exciting days ahead of us with the P&F Rainbow Mufti Day Fundraiser (see flyer in P&F Update) and Grandparents' Day (below). Book Week is coming up soon as well - further information in the Library Update within this Newsletter.

No wonder our children are thriving at St Joseph's Primary.

Kind Regards,
Lesley Studans
Principal



**We would like to extend an invitation
to our Grandparents to attend a
Liturgy in the Community Space
followed by Open classrooms.**

**When: Friday 19th August
Time: 8.45am to 10.00am**

Please enter and leave through
Nazarene Crescent gates



Important Information

COVID Update

This week each child will receive another box of 5 RATs to be sent home on Friday 12th August.

A reminder when sending your child/ren to school when a household member has tested positive to COVID the child/ren must have a clear RAT, wear a mask and notify the office.



Compass Parent Portal – Permission Notes

We are currently in the process of activating permission notes within the Parent Portal App. More instructions to follow when we are ready to go live.

For the time being, we will revert to paper copies being sent home with your child.

A notification will be sent via Compass on the day they are given to the students, with the relevant permission note as an attachment.

Kindergarten 2023

Do you have a child ready to start Kindergarten in 2023?

Please download the current enrolment form and complete it.

Submission of the completed enrolment form along with original supporting documentation to the School Office via Alex Avenue entrance, Monday to Friday between 8am and 3pm.

How to Enrol: <https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol>

Register for a Tour: <https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Tours-and-Events>



Canteen – Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders are to be placed via the Spriggy Schools App **by 9am.**

We have been advised that the only option for any orders received after 9am, will be Cheese or Vegemite sandwiches. Alternatively, you can drop lunch into the Office for your child to collect at break time – NO Uber Eats.

Please note: Orders can be placed a week in advance.

Morning Drop off and Afternoon Pick up Reminder

As we return for Term 3, just a reminder of the school's drop off and pick up methods:



Morning:

1. Bus Bay Drop-off:
 - a. Enter from the LEFT and there is NO RIGHT TURN in to or out of the Bus Bay;
 - b. Left turn only out of bus bay. Use the new roundabout at Beacon Drive if you need to turn right.
2. Nazarene Crescent Kiss & Drop:
 - a. Enter via Jerralong Drive, onto Flynn Street then onto Nazarene Crescent;
 - b. Drop off ONLY.

Afternoon:

Any changes to your child's pick up arrangements needs to be called through to the Office by 2pm.

1. Parent Pick up: Park in surrounding streets and walk up via the footpath to the school gate via Alex Avenue;
 2. Rolling Pick-up: Display your number clearly. Enter via Jerralong Drive, right onto Flynn Street, right into Nazarene Cres and patiently wait for the cars to clear;
 3. Bus: Children are supervised by the Assistant Principal to ensure they get on the right bus;
 4. Walkers: Children are walked to the crossing where the Crossing Supervisor ensures the safe crossing of Alex Avenue;
 5. COSHC: Please notify COSHC if your child WILL NOT be attending on their scheduled day.
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Assistant Principal's Update

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 below:

Competition Dates	English	Tuesday 16 th August 2022 – 3pm to 3.45pm
	Mathematics	Tuesday 30 th August 2022 – 3pm to 3.45pm

After the test, you will be able to pick up your child from the Nazarene Gate.

The tests are done online, the students will require their iPads to complete the tests. Each test costs \$19.25. Closing date to purchase the test is **1st August**. To purchase a test, go to this link <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>, and type this code JOQ747

ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY and MOMENT OF LEARNING 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. ***Remember school starts at 8.30am***. If your child arrives after 8.30am you will need to park the car and walk your child to the office as there will be no teacher to assist at the Kiss and Drop area or Nazarene Crescent gate.

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 any cold and flu symptoms. If they have allergies, please keep the office up to date.

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Religious Education Update

Sacramental Programs 2022



Confirmation

We have students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

If you have any questions about the Sacramental Program in our Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill, please do not hesitate to contact: Sr Valerie – mobile: 0414 638 884 (no calls after 8pm please) or email sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au

If your child has made or will be making their First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation this year at another Parish, please email Mrs Watson via stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au



Grandparents' Day Celebration

All welcome to join our students and staff to celebrate Grandparents' Day.

When: Friday 19th August

Grandparents' Day Liturgy @ 8:45am in the Community Space, followed by Open classrooms until 10 am.

Part of the Grandparents' Day Liturgy is a slideshow of photos of students with their Grandparents. If you would like to include a photo for the slideshow, please send in your photo to the following email address, <http://stjosephsevents22@gmail.com> by Friday 12th August.

Mrs Anne Watson
Religious Co-ordinator

Wellbeing Update

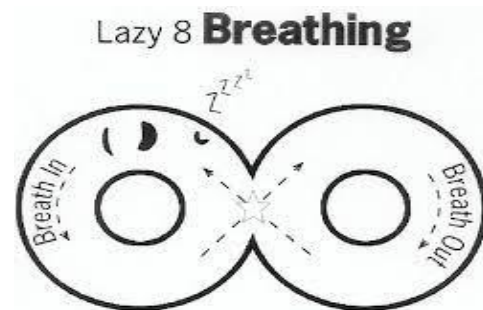
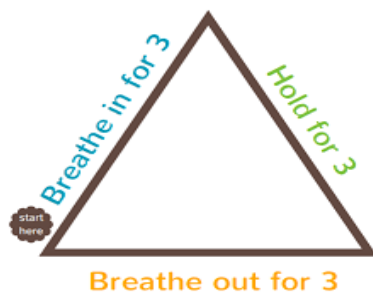
THE ZONES OF REGULATION®

When you're entering the **YELLOW** zone, proceed with caution and slow down! The **Yellow** zone describes when you start to lose control, such as when you are frustrated, overwhelmed, silly, wiggly, excited, worried, anxious, and surprised. It is a good idea to use caution when you are in the **yellow** zone.







Within the **Yellow** zone, there are a number of tools that will assist you. Begin by talking with your child about what tool they will use for the **Yellow** Zone. Calming techniques are ideal when in the **yellow** zone. Some suggested tools are:

- counting forwards and backwards;
- using breathing techniques such as the lazy 8 breathing or shape breathing;
- rolling playdough;
- listen to music; and
- go for a walk.



HOW CAN YOU HELP YOURSELF?

The BLUE Zone	The GREEN Zone	The YELLOW Zone	The RED Zone
			
HOW MIGHT YOU FEEL?	HOW MIGHT YOU FEEL?	HOW MIGHT YOU FEEL?	HOW MIGHT YOU FEEL?
SAD TIRED BORED MOVING SLOWLY	HAPPY OKAY FOCUSED READY TO LEARN	NERVOUS CONCERNED SILLY NOT READY TO LEARN	ANGRY FRUSTRATED SCARED OUT OF CONTROL
WHAT MIGHT HELP YOU?	WHAT MIGHT HELP YOU?	WHAT MIGHT HELP YOU?	WHAT MIGHT HELP YOU?
TALK TO SOMEONE STRETCH TAKE A BRAIN BREAK STAND TAKE A WALK CLOSE MY EYES	THIS IS THE GOAL! WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GET TO THE GREEN ZONE? HOW CAN YOU BE HAPPY, CALM AND READY TO LEARN?	TALK TO SOMEONE COUNT TO 20 TAKE DEEP BREATHS SQUEEZE SOMETHING DRAWN A PICTURE TAKE A BRAIN BREAK	STOP WHAT I AM DOING MAKE SENSIBLE CHOICES TAKE DEEP BREATHS ASK FOR A BREAK FIND A SAFE SPACE ASK FOR HELP

Ms Paula Murphy
Leader of Learning

Around the Playground

Lunchtime Knitting Group

Last year we started our very own St Joseph's Knitting Group. We have created two blankets from the squares knitted by our knitting students, some staff, parents, and grandparents.

We are very excited to have these blankets to donate to St Vincent de Paul where they will be given to families in need. *'Together we can do great things'* and live our Faith with action!



Environmental Initiatives



A big thank you to all the families who have been supporting our Wonder Rewards Bread Bag Recycling Program.

With every 5 kilos of bread bags our school will receive credits to put towards new sporting equipment.

We have officially filled 3 boxes and are over halfway to reaching our target.

Don't forget we are collecting all types of bread bags. They can be any brand and from any bread product, eg. Lebanese bread, English muffins, pizza bases, wraps, bagels etc.

The collection box is located in the Office and Library. We are also collecting the plastic bread tags too. There is a bucket in the library and all bread tags will be sent off to help fund wheelchairs for people in need in South Africa.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Mrs Kimberley Turner
Sports Co-ordinator

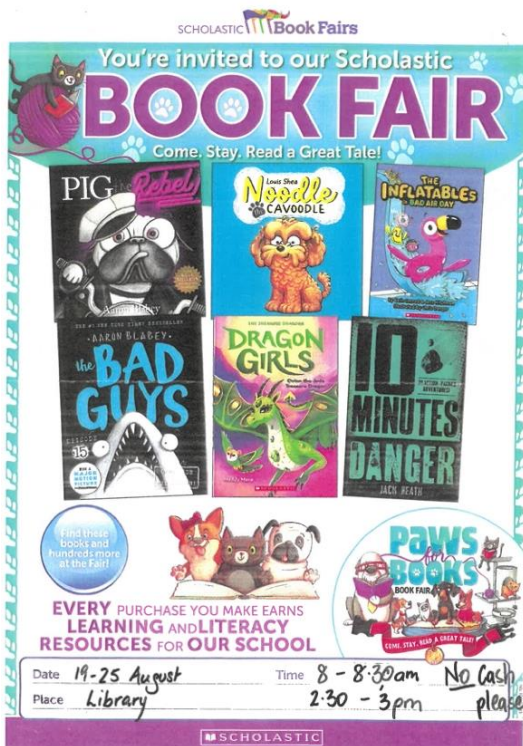
Library Update

Book Week is Coming!

This year's Book Week theme is:



Book Week is running from Friday 19th August on Grandparents' Day through to Thursday 25th August.



We will have a Book Fair in the Library from 19th to 25th August. The Book Fair will be a **cashless**, so children can write a 'wish list' to take home to ask parents/guardians to pay with credit cards or parents/guardians can visit the Book Fair before school (8 to 8.30am) and after school (2:30-3:00pm).

Please note on Friday 25th August, the Book Fair will only be available before school.

A Book Character Parade will be held on Monday 22nd August after dropping off so parents/guardians can enjoy the occasion. Please encourage children to make their costumes rather than buy them, as it is part of the fun.

Author, Lesley Gibbes, will visit on Monday 5 September, which is after our Book Week, but will be fabulous anyway. Click here to see <https://lesleygibbes.com/>

There will be a colouring competition with a prize for the best talent and flair for one student from each class.

The Books of the Year will be announced on Friday 19th August, and I wonder if the books we think will win, actually do win.....

Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on 19th August. If you require any assistance or have forgotten your log in details, please email Mrs Neill via stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au

Parents and Friends (P&F) Fundraising

**St Joseph's
Schofields P&F**



Multi Day

Tuesday 16th August

Gold coin donation with all proceeds
going towards the P&F fundraising for the
school.

Wear a splash of your favourite colour of
the rainbow!



ST JOSEPH'S P&F INVITES YOUR
CHILD TO OUR

Father's day



Stall



Friday 26th August

*The St Joseph's P&F Father's Day gift stall
will be on Friday 26th August.*

*Parents are to pre-purchase the cost of the gifts
through the try booking link below.*

*The children will then have a variety of
different gifts to choose from.*

*A variety of Dad, Grandad, Grandpa, Pa, Pop and carer
presents will be available for \$7.00 each.*

Gifts at the stall are via pre-purchased tickets only, no
tickets can be purchased on the day to ensure there are
enough gifts for everyone.

This is a student only event.

Payments for gifts to be purchased through try booking:










<https://www.trybooking.com/CBOYX>

By 5pm on Friday 19th August



St Joseph's Primary School, Schofields

Staying Connected with Us

	<p>Office Hours Monday to Friday 8am to 3pm</p>
	<p>Phone 02 8869 8100</p>
	<p>Email stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au</p> <p>Please add this to your contacts so emails are not delivered to your junk/spam mail</p>
	<p>Facebook https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsPrimarySchofields/</p>
	<p>Website https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au</p>
 <p>Compass</p>	<p>Compass Parent Portal – THIS IS OUR MAIN COMMUNICATION APP</p> <p>Please download the Compass Parent Portal App.</p> <p><i>This is our MAIN COMMUNICATION APP for WHOLE of school notes, Fortnightly Newsletter, Permission notes for Sporting Activities, Excursions (off school grounds) and Incursions.</i></p>
 <p>FAMILY</p>	<p>Seesaw Family – Parent App</p> <p>An app to connect to your child's Seesaw Class account, view completed activities and communicate with the teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messages can be sent to your child's teacher • Messages can be sent from your child's teacher to parents/carers <p><i>Please note: Teachers CANNOT respond to your message during class time</i></p>
 <p>CLASS</p>	<p>Seesaw Class – Student App</p> <p>An app to connect your child to complete assigned activities by their class teacher</p>
 <p>St Joseph's Schofields Parents & Friends</p>	<p>Parents & Friends (P&F)</p> <p>If you would like the opportunity to stay up to date with what's happening at school, like to volunteer to help out, have a suggestion for fundraising initiatives, please connect by sending an email to our P&F Committee via email</p> <p>stjosephspandf2762@gmail.com</p>



**USE THE QR CODE
TO FIND OUT MORE**

A large, vibrant graphic for the '2 & 3-DAY MEGA CAMP'. It features a group of smiling children in the background, a large stylized '8' on the left, and a blue circular logo for 'CREATIVE KIDS' in the top right. The text '2 & 3-DAY MEGA CAMP' is prominently displayed in a bold, red and white font, with 'SEPT / OCT' below it. A starburst graphic says 'BOOK NOW'. Below the main title, it says 'THE BEST MULTI SPORTS EXPERIENCE ON THE PLANET'. At the bottom, it lists 'Duration: 2 & 3-days Age: Kindy - Yr 6 Time: 8.30am - 3.30pm daily' and 'EXPERIENCE: 12 TEAM SPORTS | 4 MEGA SESSIONS | 8 MEGA FACE OFFS'. A hashtag '#noonedoesitlikemotiv8sports' is also present.

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AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU #noonedoesitlikemotiv8sports

WE HAVE 3 EVENTS TO CHOOSE FROM THESE HOLIDAYS. TO MAKE A BOOKING PLEASE FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW or FEEL FREE TO CALL US DIRECT on 0402 200 479

*** TIME: 8.30am to 3.30pm daily ***

COST: \$110 - \$150 AGE: Kindy to YR6

MON 26th - WED 28th SEPT

PONDS High School (3 DAY)

TUES 4th - WED 5th OCT

TYNDALE Christian School

THURS 6th - FRI 7th

PONDS High School



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