



St Joseph's Primary, Schofields Newsletter

Term 1, Week 4 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy start to the year we have had at St Joseph's.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your patience with the redevelopment of the Office. If you have come to visit us, you will see it's like a room reveal from The Block surrounded by dirt but somehow still able to be used. We have a working sickbay, student and parent foyer and (mostly) working phones and computers. We have had to replace several damaged computers and our phone system can sometimes divert outside calls to classrooms. We are working on this as a matter of urgency. Our kind and hardworking office ladies are there to assist you and appreciate your respect and courtesy.

Your patience at morning drop off and afternoon pickup queues is also appreciated. The redevelopment that is happening in the carpark is expected to last around 4 months. We will have a bigger community space and staffroom at the end of this and it will be safer to move through the carpark.

We are all under pressure at the moment with building and COVID restrictions in schools, but the good news is that the children have settled well into 2022 school life. Photos in the Newsletter show them playing in the new play spaces. In very hot weather or rainy weather there are now covered areas outside all classrooms. So, at break times on these days the children can get a break from the classroom. When I ask the children, they tell me they love their new classrooms. At last we have the whole school together and out of demountables!!

Our new classrooms are great for stimulating learning. In 2022 we say that we are "Curious and Engaged Learners". Year 2 for example were asked what they wonder about. Here are some of their wonderings:

"How many stars are there?"

"Is there any treasure in the ground still?"

And a question we are all wondering about "what new COVID variants (sic) are coming?", although perhaps we were also wondering about the treasure too.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Lesley Studans
Principal

Assistant Principal Update

WELCOME BACK and a welcome to our new students and families to our growing school community. So wonderful to have the students and teachers in our brand new learning spaces with lots of exciting learning happening.

Stage Co-Ordinator - Learning Leaders

Part of the leadership team are our stage coordinators who are also our learning leaders. They work closely with the teachers in regard to learning and managing behaviours to ensure quality teaching and learning at our school.

Here are our Stage Learning Leaders for 2022:

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) - Katie Bates

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) - Paula Murphy

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)- Trevor Atkins

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)- Anne Watson

PBS4L (Positive Behaviour Support for Learning) at St Joseph's

I AM SAFE, I AM RESPECTFUL, and I AM A LEARNER is our Joey Code. This is part of our Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L), a framework we use to create a safe, consistent and positive learning environment for students, staff and parents.

Students can earn Joey tickets anywhere in the school from any staff member when they are seen to be demonstrating the Joey Code. Our main focus is reinforcing and rewarding positive behaviours.

Once students have collected 10 Joeys, they get a stamp on their Joey Card.

There are three levels of Joey Cards and Awards:

Bronze = 10 stamps

Silver = 15 stamps

Gold = 20 stamps

AWARDS

Each week students in the school are given awards. Normally we would do this at assembly, but the teachers have been giving them to the students as a grade. As of next term, when assemblies start again, these awards will be handed out then. We have different awards that we give out each week. If your child is receiving an award, your child's teacher will notify you via Seesaw.

Gospel Value Award - this award is given to a student that demonstrates the Gospel Value that we are focussing on.

Leap to Learn Award - this award is given to a student who demonstrates the following qualities when doing their work - Having a Go, Hard Thinking, Effort, Perseverance and Explaining their Thinking.

Joey Award - There are three levels of the Joey Award - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Students earn these awards over time as they earn Joey Tokens as mentioned above.

ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Each day that your child attends school is a valuable day, not only are they provided with opportunities to learn about themselves and develop relationships with their peers, teacher and community, they are deepening their knowledge and skills about the world around them.

Each and every teacher and member of staff at St Joseph's cares for all the children in the school. Over the Christmas break, they have been working collaboratively in preparing a welcoming and safe classroom and school environment as well as a stimulating and engaging curriculum to help each student achieve their potential and develop themselves as a whole person - emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually.

Daily attendance at school is critical to ensuring that your child is provided with these opportunities.

In 2022, St Joseph's will be continuing the work of ensuring students are at school every day. Every Learner, Every Day, an initiative designed to remind students and parents why regular school attendance is so important. Vicki Bourke and I work very closely in monitoring attendance and supporting families.

If your child is away, it is important that this is communicated to your child's classroom teacher with a note explaining their absence within 7 days. If you wish to take extended leave of more than 5 days, please complete the appropriate form, available on the school website, as this leave needs to be approved by the principal.

BUS TRAVEL

Bus travel is a convenient way for your child to travel to and from school. If you would like to find out if there is a bus that your child can catch, check the school website for a list of bus routes in the area or contact Busways directly.

It is important that your child has an OPAL card if they are travelling on the bus. If your child does not have one, you can obtain a form from the school website to apply for a free school travel OPAL card. If you do not qualify for a free school travel OPAL card, you will need to obtain a student OPAL card and ensure that it has enough funds on the card to pay the fare.

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Arriving at School Update

BEST TIME TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL

Aim to arrive around 8:15am. This gives the kids some social time with their friends before school. *Please note there is no supervision before 8am and no safe place for the children to wait due to construction.* If you need to drop your children off before 8am, COSHC is available (from 6:45am and they will also give the children breakfast).

GATES OPEN at 8am and CLOSE at 8:30

If you have 'one of those mornings' and arrive late you will need to park (you can park in the bus bay after 8:30) and walk your child to the Office. You can be assured of a friendly welcome but late arrival to school on a regular basis will mean that your child misses out on important instruction and beginning of the day fun.

MORNING DROP OFF at NAZARENE CRESCENT (new gate)

When dropping your children off by car please move as far forward as you can so that traffic on Nazarene Crescent is able to flow. Our friendly teachers will help you with the children at the gate but if you need assistance to get your child and their bag out of the car you should use the Alex Avenue bus bay.

U turns in Nazarene Crescent are dangerous and block traffic. Our practice is to enter Nazarene Crescent from Flynn Street.

In the Alex Avenue Bus Bay, we enter from the left and leave to the left. ***Right hand turns into Alex Avenue can cause grid lock.*** If you are heading north or north west - turn left from Alex Avenue into Beacon Drive.

Traffic police regularly patrol schools at this time of the year so please follow road and parking rules.

Uniform Update

See below for correct Uniform days:

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
School Uniform	ALL	Kindy, Year 1, 5, 6	--	Kindy, Year 1 to 4	Year 2 to 6
Sports Uniform	--	Year 2, 3, 4	ALL	Year 5, 6	Kindy, Year 1

COSHC Update

If your child/ren will not be attending COSHC on a scheduled day, please contact COSHC to advise them.

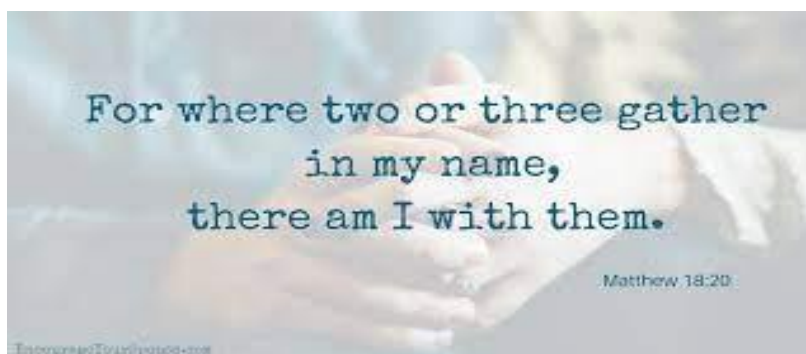
Mobile - 0400 468 599

Email – stjschofields@cdpsi.org.au

Parents & Friends Meeting

Parents and Friends (P&F) Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 7pm via the below zoom link. Please copy and paste into your browser

Religious Education Update



Welcome to our new year at St Joseph's. The staff and students participated in an In-Class Liturgy to celebrate the beginning of the School Year, where we welcomed the new students and staff members. The Gospel reading for our Liturgy was "Let the children come to me" Mark (10:13-16), just like Jesus welcoming the children, we follow in his footsteps to welcome all our students and their families.

School Leaders for 2022

Our proud School Leaders of Year 6 also received their Leader Badges and pledged their commitment to be responsible and caring leaders of our School. They have already demonstrated wonderful leadership qualities so far this year.

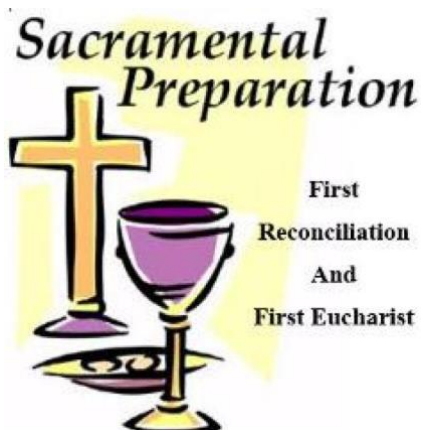
Congratulations to all the Year 6 students, especially our School Captains, Vice Captains and House Colour Captains.

School Captains		School Vice Captains	
Emma Gerke Krish Pandya		Antonia Bonilla Jerone Johnson	
House Colour	House Colour Captains	House Colour Vice Captains	
Fitzroy (Green)	Meila Irvine Jack Gillett	Addison Judson Jemiel Ambanloc	
MacKillop (Red)	Maya Brenton Klayton Kavapalu	Naca Ramasima Jake West	
Penola (Blue)	Cara Fredricks Jad Alshoufi	Olivia Peroni Jackson Miles	
Tenison (Yellow)	Natalie Edwards Yueil Abusalah	Jeremiah Elrayah Hunter Judson	



Congratulations to the Year 6 students who have recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

“Holy Spirit make my heart open to the Word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day” - Pope Francis



First Reconciliation and Communion 2022

Children in Years 4 or older are eligible to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2022. All applications **MUST** be in ***no later than 23 February 2022***.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

Go to the Parish website: Mary Immaculate Parish/Quakers Hill.
Click on Sacraments, then click on First Reconciliation.

This application will be for both First Reconciliation at the end of March and First Communion during the month of June.

Please contact Sister Valerie if you need any further information. sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au or mobile: (0414 638 884)

Mrs Anne Watson
Religious Coordinator

Wellbeing Update

THE ZONES OF REGULATION®

Our goal this year is to

- Develop greater understanding of the role and importance of self-regulation
- Develop an understanding of how 'The Zones of Regulation' curriculum works
- Develop an understanding of different Self-regulation tools
 - Calming techniques
 - Thinking strategies
 - Sensory supports

We know that Self-Regulation is the ability to understand and manage your behaviour and your reactions to feelings and things happening around you.



It encompasses:

- Self-control
- Resilience
- Self-management
- Anger Management
- Impulse control
- Sensory regulation

Across our school this year we are implementing the zones of regulation curriculum. The Zones of Regulation curriculum teaches students how to use calming techniques, cognitive strategies, and sensory supports to stay in a zone or move from one zone to another. Lessons touch on how to read others' facial expressions and recognise a broader range of emotions in self and others, considering others' perspectives and the impact our behaviours have on others, building greater insight into events that trigger our students' less regulated states, and when and how to use tools and problem-solving skills.

Some great examples of Zones within our classrooms at St Joseph's.



Ms Paula Murphy
Leader of Learning

Library Update

Here we are in 2022 with a terrific year ahead of us!

Class visits to the library have already begun, with the children very excited to borrow books.

This year we will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge, celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime Day, enjoying Book Week, and no doubt much more along the way.

Children must bring a library bag to school on their library day (see below).

A library bag can be:

- an official school library bag
- a cotton shopping bag
- a pillowcase
- anything that is big and strong enough to keep the books together and safe.

Library borrowing days for 2022 are:

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Kindergarten 1 Green 1 Yellow	Year 2 Year 5 K-6 Gold	1 Blue 1 White Year 3 Year 4

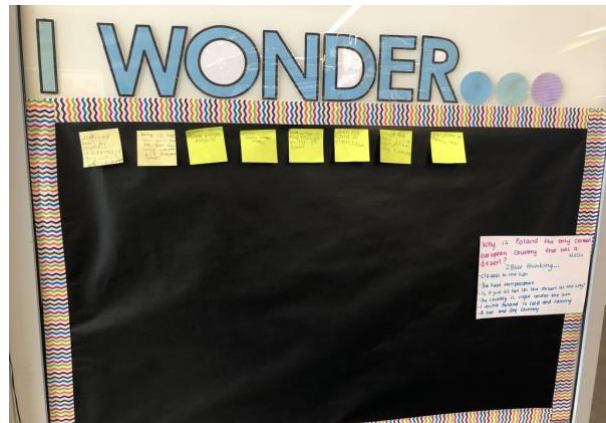
Joanne Neill
Library Technician

Photos from the Playground

Year 2 making birds nests in our Sensory Playground on Area 2



Year 2 are Curious Learners



Year 4 Playing Handball in Imagine Way



Community News

Please find below flyers from Local Communities.



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