

St Joseph's Primary, Schofields Newsletter

Term 1, Week 8 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past week we have had a number of special events at school that shows our wonderful school spirit of "together we can".

On Friday, Fr Oliver blessed our new classrooms. The children treated him like a celebrity as he blessed a cross for each learning space and prayed with the children.

We had a very successful Open Day on the weekend. Our Year 6 school leaders (and all of Year 6 are leaders) cheerfully showcased the school. They spoke about our Joey Code, our learning theme for the year, "curious and engaged learners". All who visited left very impressed. As you can imagine our enrolments are now filling up quickly so if you have a family member or neighbour wanting to enrol please encourage them to do so soon.

Yesterday we were blessed with a lovely sunny morning, so we were able to hold our Cross Country for the children in Years 2-6. The children enjoyed the walk to the park, some were able to point out their house and some were hoping the ice-cream van parked in a driveway was open for business. Some children enjoyed walking the Cross Country track as well! However, the majority tried hard and there were some lovely instances of children cheering each other on. Two little fellas, who were finding the distance a challenge "worked as a team" running together across the line. It was a win for friendship! It was so good to see the parents who were able to watch.

Next Monday, 21st March, we will celebrate Harmony Day. Children are able to wear an orange item such as a hat or hair accessory, perhaps a bangle or socks. We will raise money on this day for the Vinnies Flood Appeal people in our community who have been affected by the floods. Please see our Harmony Day poster on the next page.

It so lovely to see the school come alive with celebrations and events!





Kind Regards,

Mrs Lesley Studans Principal

Harmony Day – Monday 21st March 2022

Donations towards the Vinnie's Flood Appeal can be made by clicking on the below link,

https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub





Car Safety in the morning in Nazarene Crescent

Please be very careful at morning drop off. Recently we had a minor accident and each morning there are near misses. Our staff indicate to you to move forward of the main gates as that allows more space for neighbours.

Overtaking and U-turns are not safe.

As always at school drop off leave plenty of time for traffic. If you require assistance to get your child out of the car, please use the Alex Avenue Bus Bay in the morning.

Assistant Principal's Update

School Photos

This year, St Joseph's school photos for all students will be taken on *Friday 13th May 2022*. This is in Week 3, Term 2. Envelopes to order your photos will be sent home in the coming weeks.

All students will be required to wear their Full Winter Uniform. Please ensure your child has their full school winter uniform in time for school photos. Although Friday is a sports uniform day for some students, an exception will be made for this day and ALL students will be required to wear their full Winter Uniform.

Ordering your child's Winter Uniform is via the QKR App through Oz Fashions. The school receives ONE delivery EVERY TUESDAY and uniforms are sent to your child's classroom to take home.

During Weeks 1-2 of Term 2, children have the option of Summer or Winter uniform as we transition between the warmer and cooler weather, however, from Week 3 ALL students are to be in Winter uniform.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to the following students:

<i>K Blue</i>	<i>K White</i>	<i>K Green</i>	K Yellow
Sophia Wilson	Ryan Cahill	Oliver Whitford	Alex Bowman
1 Blue	1 White	<i>1 Green</i>	1 Yellow
Amishka Prasad	Jaxon Wilson	Sash Kelly	Amalia Gani
2 Blue	2 White	<i>2 Green</i>	2 Yellow
Tanvi Markod	Samaira Sanghiv	Saish Bimbhat	Zidane Makhani
3 <i>Blue</i>	3 White	3 Green	3 <i>Yellow</i>
Ruby Aynsley	Evianna Lowe	Lacey West	Levi Dixon
4 Blue	4 White	4 Yellow	<i>K-6 Gold</i>
Nakshatra Ganapathy	Bentley Gray	Alaina Medina	Eamon Harrison
5 Blue	<i>5 White</i>	<i>6 Blue</i>	6 White
Ezekiel Pangillnan	Giada Kuizon	Namish Reddy	Trisha Arya



We will be meeting every 2nd Friday to listen to and share student voice about matters across the school.

Last week we had our first meeting and we discussed passive play options for our new undercover play area.

The students had some great ideas and we discussed looking after the new play equipment that Mrs Turner organised for students to play with.

NAPLAN 2022

If your child is in Year 3 or Year 5, they are required to sit the NAPLAN test (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy).

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

All NAPLAN tests will be done online, however Year 3 writing assessment will be done on paper. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 10th May and finishes on Friday 20th May 2021. There are opportunities for make-up times should your child not attend on the scheduled day due to unforeseen circumstances.

For further information, click here for more information about NAPLAN

In Week 9 (21st - 25th March) this term, the students will be given an opportunity to practice taking the NAPLAN test online. This is just a practice and results of this practice are not recorded or accessed.

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 8.30. If your child arrives after 8.30 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.

If your child is away, please send in a written note to the teacher explaining why your child was absent and/or provide a medical certificate if appropriate.

Please keep your child at home if they have cold and flu symptoms. If they have allergies, we require a note from your doctor advising this. Please keep the office up to date.

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio Assistant Principal

Religious Education Update



Last Friday, Fr Oliver visited our school to give us and our new buildings a special blessing. The students and staff were very excited to have Fr Oliver visit each Learning Space.

Fr Oliver's Blessing Prayer:

Almighty God,

in your kindness hear our prayers.

May these buildings

be blest to the greater glory of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

May this place be a centre of learning,

where your Word of life and truth,

enrich all who study and work here.

May they always strive to know your

infinite wisdom.

and model their lives and learning on the Incarnate Word.

Through Christ our Lord.

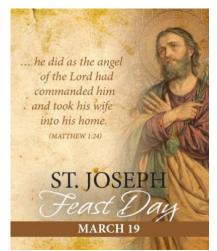
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St Joseph's Feast Day

Saturday 19th March 2022



This Saturday, 19th March, is the Feast Day of St Joseph.

On Friday, the staff and students will be gathering together in their grades and participate in an in-class Liturgy to celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day.

This is an important day for our school as St Joseph is our patron saint. St Joseph's made a huge difference in the life of Jesus.

Although he's one of the most-recognized saints, little is known about him.

In the Bible, he is referred to as a "just man", which was considered a high compliment in his time. It also meant that he was willing and open to do whatever God asked of him, including taking Mary as his wife, despite her unusual and blessed pregnancy (Matthew 1:19). He also loved and cared for Jesus. There also is a reference that St. Joseph was a descendant of King David.

St. Joseph protected his family, heeding the Lord's direction, which came in a series of dreams and messages from angels. After being instructed not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife, he did. They travelled to Bethlehem, where he found a safe place for Jesus to be born. In another dream, he followed the angel's direction to flee with Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt to protect them. Later, when those who wanted to harm Jesus were gone, an angel instructed Joseph to return home.

Donating to Project Compassion

Each year Project Compassion raises money for Caritas projects in third world countries. This year the money donated is going to towards clean drinking water in Mozambique, vocational schools in the Solomon Islands and rehabilitating child soldiers in the Congo.

We are now able to make donations to Project Compassion using the link below.

https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/st-josephs-primaryschofields

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Mrs Anne Watson Religious Coordinator



Communication Update

In the era of COVID, floods and renewed school activities it is important to us that parents get the information they need.

For the Cross Country Carnival, we trialled an online permission form through Skoolbag. We anticipate that this will continue as a way of saving paper and administrative time.

If you are a family who is not on Skoolbag (or SeeSaw) and require assistance to set these apps up, there will be a help desk set-up near the Nazarene Crescent gate this **Friday 18**th **March between 8:30 and 9:30**.

SkoolBag – Single App Download Instructions for Parents

The SkoolBag "Single App" enables users to add multiple schools to one app and is frequently updated with bug fixes and improvements. It's the most reliable way to keep your community informed with SkoolBag.

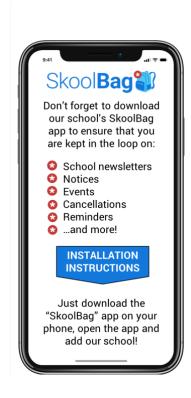
Download Instructions

For Apple Users

- 1. From your iPhone/iPad, open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag" or follow this link
- 2. Download the free SkoolBag app
- 3. Open the app, and add your school and you're ready to go!

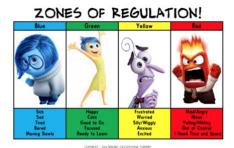
For Google Android Users

- 1. From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store
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Wellbeing Update



Our learning goal when we explore the different zones are:

- What have we discovered about self-regulation?
- How can I better understand my body and the impact building tools have on me?
- How can self-regulation lead to an increased control and problem-solving abilities?

When our children build their knowledge of recognising the clues our body gives us, they can identify the emotional response.

In the **BLUE** zone...

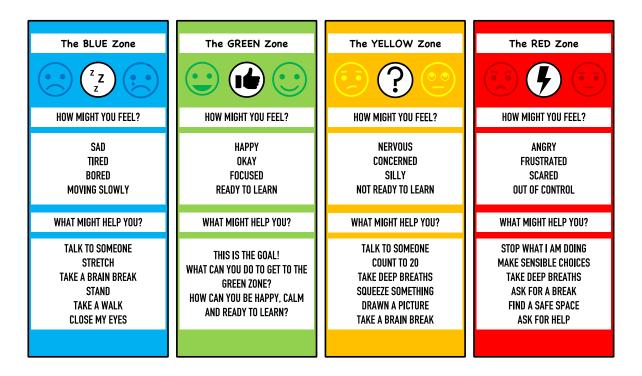
This zone is used to describe low states of alertness and down feelings such as when one feels sad, tired or even sick. We often feel like our body is slow moving and challenging to be focused and motivated with the learning.

Building our understanding of the zones in relation to using the right tools depending on the zone.



Our focus in the Blue zone is to use a tool that will help wake up our body, begin to feel better and regain focus.

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOURSELF?



Ms Paula Murphy Leader of Learning

Sports Update

<u>Diocesan Swimming Carnival</u>
The Diocesan Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 11th March at Blacktown Swimming Centre.

Congratulations to Henri and Levi for doing such a great job representing our school as well as the Blacktown Zone. We are so proud of you!

Cross Country

We were so blessed to have held our Cross Country Carnival at Beacon Park on Monday 14th March. The weather was perfect, and it was lovely to finally see the sunshine!

Congratulations goes to each place getter and to every student who tried their hardest and gave running the course a go.

The Diocesan Cross Country Carnival team will be announced once I have confirmation of the details.



Mrs Kimberley Turner **Sports Coordinator**

Health Update

What is The Big Vegie Crunch?

The Big Vegie Crunch is a fun health promotion event to help our community UP THE VEG. Our school will be taking part in The Big Vegie Crunch (part of Vegetable Week).

When is our school participating in The Big Vegie Crunch?

Thursday 24th March at 9:30am

Primary schools across NSW will be joining together to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables:

- 50,260 students crunching simultaneously (2018 record)
- 14,991 students crunching at other times over Vegetable Week (2019 record)

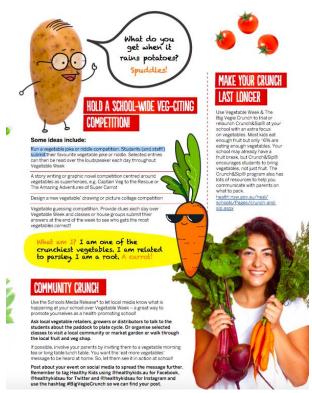
What can you do to help?

- Pack a container of vegetables (not fruit this time) for your child to eat on Thursday 24th March.
- Remember to keep serving up the vegetables at home and in your children's lunchboxes. Check
 out the flyer below or click <u>UP THE VEG at Home</u> link resource for ideas.

If you require more information on what activities our school is doing over Vegetable Week, please contact the school or your child's teacher.

Mrs Kimberley Turner Vegetable Week School Coordinator





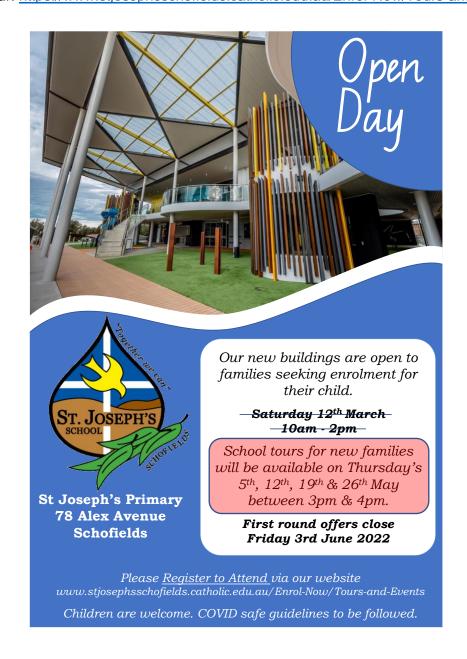
Enrolments for 2023

Enrolments for Kindergarten in 2023 (and other grades) are open. If any family has a child to commence school next year, please download and complete the enrolment form available on the school website as soon as possible so that we know how many places we will have available for new families.

Please notify any new families interested in attending St Joseph's Primary, to register their commitment to joining our community by clicking on the link below.

We had a successful Open Day on the weekend. If you are a new family and missed out, please register for a tour on Thursday afternoons during May (dates highlighted below in red).

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



Photos from around the Classroom

Year 4 have been engaged learners whilst being taught by our Captivate division within CEDP. We are getting a school band together.

This is a great opportunity and it is great to see many students *persevering* with learning something out of their comfort zone.

See below photos of our future "Schofields Symphony" ...









Parents and Friends (P&F) Fundraising

The Parents and Friends Team are running an Easter Cookie Drive Fundraiser.

Get behind a great fundraiser and place those orders quickly as orders close Friday, 18th March 2022.

Please see flyer below to support this initiative.





St Joseph's Primary School, Schofields

Staying Connected with Us



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SkoolBag - THIS IS OUR MAIN COMMUNICATION APP

Please download the app, add our school and select the correct year group for your child/ren. This needs to be updated each year.

This is our MAIN COMMUNICATION APP for WHOLE of school notes, Fortnightly Newsletter, Permission notes for Sporting Activities, Excursions (off school grounds) and Incursions.



Seesaw Family - Parent App

An app to connect to your child's Seesaw Class account, view completed activities and communicate with the teacher

- Messages can be sent via Seesaw to your child's teacher
- Messages can be sent via Seesaw from your child's teacher to parents/carers

Please note: Teachers WILL NOT respond to your message during class time



Seesaw Class - Student App

An app to connect your child to complete assigned activities by their class teacher

Community News

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