



# St Joseph's Primary, Schofields Newsletter

Term 2, Week 1 2022

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for term 2. We are now in the season of Easter a time of hope and joy. I see hope and joy every day on the faces of our beautiful students.

### **Mother's Day**

**Mother's Day**  
**Open Classrooms**

We would like to extend an invitation to welcome you into our classrooms.

**When: Friday 6th May**  
**Time: 8.40am to 9.30am**

Please enter and leave through Nazarene Crescent gates

Due to space considerations, only **1 adult per family.**  
Toddlers and babies are welcome.

We are looking forward to our special visit from our mums on Friday morning from 8:40am to 9:30am now that COVID restrictions are lifting. Although the building project is nearing at its end, we are still tight for gathering space and do not have the use of our hall which means that we have reluctantly confined our Mother's Day celebration to classroom visits

### **Building News**

The hall refurbishment is expected to be completed by the end of the term and then assemblies can return. The roof over the new entrance to the Office and Staffroom is going up and if the dry weather continues, we will be able to pour the concrete for the basketball court.

### **Covid Changes**

As you will be aware children with household members who have COVID but who do not have COVID themselves are able to attend school. If you have COVID in your household, you must contact the Office and email proof each day that your child/ren are remaining well (usually this is a photo of a clear RAT).

The school has a new delivery of RAT kits, and these will be coming home soon. Staff absences with illness are still high and your patience with staff leave is greatly appreciated. We are fortunate to have a number of treasured casual staff well-known to the children so that in most cases learning continues.

### **Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



A lovely feature of our school is that it is in the centre of the Alex Avenue development. Many children live within walking distance of the school and every day I see parents walking their children to school. This year there is a special walk to school day on Friday May 20. On this day you are encouraged to walk with your child to school or if you need to drive to school why not try parking a short distance away from school and then walk into school?



Please consider our neighbours. If you park in the surrounding streets please do not park over driveways or move bins to create a space. Council rangers visit our school and will fine those who are illegally parked. (As you would be aware parents are not able to park in the staff carpark.)

In the morning if you are dropping off a child from a car on Nazarene Crescent move to the front of the queue and remain in the car. If you need help to get your child out of the car drive around to the Alex Avenue bus bay where a friendly staff member will be able to assist you. A reminder to enter and exit the bus bay from the left. Right hand turns create traffic congestion, frustrating to all. In the afternoon for rolling pickup please enter the queue from Jerralong Road. U turns in Nazarene Crescent are not safe and cause frustration for neighbours and parents who are ahead of you in the queue.

Kind Regards and Happy Easter to all,

Mrs Lesley Studans  
Principal

## Important Information

### **Canteen Lunch Orders**

When ordering lunch orders for your child via the Spriggy App, please note the ***CUT OFF to place orders is 9am***. To avoid disruption to the office, please ensure all orders are placed by this time.

### **Oz Fashions Uniform Ordering**

When placing a uniform order via the QKR App, can you please review EACH CHILD's profile reflects their correct class for this year. If this is not up to date, uniforms will be delivered to the wrong classroom and could potentially get lost.

### **Compass Parent Portal Launch – May/June 2022**

We would like to advise our school community that our primary communication tool will be changing to Compass Parent Portal during term 2. A letter will be sent via email to all enrolled families advising your login details for Compass. Further communication will be sent.

### **Parents & Friends (P&F) Meeting – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



P&F Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the school and connect with the school community via zoom.

Please submit any agenda items via email to [stjosephspandf2762@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephspandf2762@gmail.com) by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

We look forward to welcoming you

## 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 current enrolment form available on the school website as soon as possible. Please submit 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>

Interviews will be continuing on Friday's ONLY during May 2022 for enrolments that have been received.

*School  
Tours*

**St Joseph's Primary**  
**78 Alex Avenue**  
**Schofields**

*Our new buildings are open to families seeking enrolment for their child.*

*School tours for new families are available every Thursday in May*

*5<sup>th</sup> May – 3pm & 3.30pm*  
*12<sup>th</sup> May – 3pm & 3.30pm*  
*19<sup>th</sup> May – 3pm & 3.30pm*  
*26<sup>th</sup> May – 3pm & 3.30pm*

***First round offers close  
Friday 3rd June 2022***

*Please Register to Attend via our website  
[www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Tours-and-Events](https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Tours-and-Events)*

*Children are welcome. COVID safe guidelines to be followed.*

## Assistant Principal's Update

Welcome back! This term we will continue with the after-school activities. These have been popular, and the students really enjoy the activities that are provided. Please keep an eye on the dates that the activities run.

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

### **TERM 2 AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

*Monday and Tuesday* - Lego Robotics and Coding (7-week program only)

**(Please see flyers below to see availability (Limited seats on Monday and 6 for Tuesday))**

*Wednesday* - Motiv8 (4<sup>th</sup> May until 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022)

*Thursday* - Art on Canvas and Chess

### **NAPLAN 2022**

If your child is in Year 3 or Year 5, they are required to sit the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) test. 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 10<sup>th</sup> May and finishes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022. There are opportunities for make-up times should your child not attend on the scheduled day due to unforeseen circumstances. Make up writing test can only be done in the first week of the testing period.

For further information click on this link <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

### **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 the following.

#### ***Competition Dates***

- English                      Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at **3pm - 3.45pm**
- Mathematics                Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at **3pm - 3.45pm**

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



The tests are done online, and the students will require their iPads to complete the tests. Each test costs \$19.25. **Closing date to purchase test is 1st August 2022.**

To purchase a test please go to the following website <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> and type in this code: **JOQ747**

**SCHOOL PHOTO's (See flyer below)**

A reminder that school photos will be happening in Week 3, Term 2 on **Friday 13th May**.

There will be NO ENVELOPES sent home with your child. All orders to be processed online as per the instructions sent via SkoolBag. ***If you are ordering sibling/family photos, the cut-off to order these is 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.***

All students will be required to be in their **Full Winter Uniform** for school photos. Please ensure that your child has their full school winter uniform in time for school photos. You can order your child's winter uniform at any time through Oz Fashions in time for next Friday's photos.

**NOTE:** If ordering sibling/family photos, please have orders in by Thursday 12th May 2022.

# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

**St Joseph's Primary School**

Day of Photography

**13/05/2022**

1. Please wear your full **winter** school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography  
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:  
**8J6 Q5Q 4YN**
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or Latitude Pay
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact **advancedlife** directly:  
**www.advancedlife.com.au/contact**

**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio  
Assistant Principal

# Religious Education Update



## ***Mother's Day Prayer***

Heavenly Father,

We lift up all *Mothers, Grandmothers and Mothers alike*,  
today and thank them for their *guidance* and *love*.

We ask you to **love** them  
with your own special **love**, today and always.  
Amen

Wishing all our Mums, Grandmothers and Mums alike,  
a wonderful Mother's Day filled with love, joy and  
happiness.

Every day you are doing amazing things!  
Thank you!



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sister Valerie on mobile: 0414 638 884 (no calls after 8pm please) alternatively email [sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au)

Mrs Anne Watson  
Religious Coordinator



We are so lucky to have Mrs  
Neill, our Librarian, in our St  
Joseph's community.

Her creativity when creating displays in the library is amazing.

We all agree with Mrs Neill,  
*Our Mums are the Best!!*

## School Counsellor – Wellbeing Update

### **RESPONDING TO OUR CHILDREN'S WORRIES**

'Anxiety' is a word that we hear frequently. Over my working career I have definitely seen a significant increase of children, young people and their parents/ carers stating they have 'anxiety'. The first question that pops into my mind when I hear this statement is whether the child, young person or adult actually has an anxiety disorder or whether they simply have a worry. We don't want to be naming every worry that a child has as anxiety. And we don't want to be labelling children as having anxiety when perhaps all they have is a normal childhood worry.

Anxiety in itself is an important feeling and can serve a vital role. It helps us to recognise when we might be in danger and to act accordingly. Anxiety only becomes a problem when we are perceiving that we are at risk at times that we are not.

Below, I thought I'd share some tips, resources and ways you can support your child if you are concerned that their worries might be growing too big...

- Try not to ask your child too many questions about their day as soon as they get home. If they are wanting to talk to you, listen, otherwise offer some afternoon tea and let them enjoy some space.
- Listen to your child's worries and concerns but try really hard not to talk about them too much. This is a fine line, but what we know is that talking and thinking about a worry repetitively will not make it better. Sometimes the best we can do as a parent is listen to our child, maybe think together about ways to deal with the issue and then try to move on. Try to encourage your child to come up with solutions to their own problems rather than jumping in to solve them yourself.
- Try to build your child's resilience and self-confidence. [Building resilience in children aged 0-12 - A practice guide](#). Children who are resilient and confident are less likely to develop anxiety disorders as they get older. One way we can build children's resilience is by thinking about what areas of their life they enjoy and maybe succeed in and offer opportunities in these areas. It really doesn't matter what it is, some children might love being outside building things, for others it might be board games, sport, drama, dance, singing, school work, social skills etc. If a child can enjoy some success and mastery in an area of their life they are more likely to be confident.
- Do not be afraid of failure. Understand and acknowledge that failure is an important part of life and learning. Our children cannot be the best in everything that they do and sometimes some of our more valuable lessons come from times that we have not succeeded.
- Have a look at the [The Brave Program](#) which has been developed by the University of Queensland. It is a free program but does require you to register.
- [Beyond Blue](#) is an informative and comprehensive website

I am very happy for you to reach out to me if you have concerns and worries about your child.

Caroline Knight  
Wellbeing Counsellor



# Wellbeing Update

## THE ZONES OF REGULATION®



The zones curriculum provides strategies to teach our children how to become more aware of and independent in controlling their emotions and impulses, managing their sensory needs, and improving their ability to problem solve when their feelings are becoming big and overwhelming. In our classrooms, children are given the opportunity to check in with their emotions throughout the day. This gives teachers and peers understanding of how others are feeling

The **Yellow Zone** is used to describe a heightened state of alertness and elevated emotions, however some children have more control when they are in the Yellow Zone. A person may be experiencing stress, frustration, anxiety, excitement, silliness, the wiggles, or nervousness when in the Yellow Zone.



## 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

## Sports Update

What a busy week 2 St Joseph's has had with representative sports events.

### **Mark Taylor Shield**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, the Stage 3 Mark Taylor Shield Cricket Team played Holy Cross Glenwood at the Alwyn Lindfield Reserve in Glenwood. For what felt like months of rescheduling, we had fantastic flexibility with all parents and children, we were finally able to have our day in the sun.

St Joseph's batted first with quite a lot of moisture on the ground. We had a fantastic partnership between Namish and Krish for the second wicket. Unfortunately, we were bowled out for 52. When it was our turn to field there was fantastic teamwork for all. Jackson and Jake combined for a superb wicket, and a special mention to Olivia who saved many runs. Unfortunately, too many runs were scored, and we were beaten.

It was a lovely match with the students of St Joseph's representing and leading us wonderfully.



### **Cross Country**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, St Joseph's was represented at the Diocesan Cross Country. It was a beautiful sunny day which turned quite warm. A big congratulations to all that participated on this day. A special mention to Sienna Maniscalco who has made it through to the next level.



Mr Justin Schelle  
Event Supervising Teacher

## Environment Initiative

### Wonder Recycling Rewards for Schools - Please Save Up all Your Bread Bags (And Tags)

Over Terms 2 and 3, we will be collecting clean, used bread bags as a part of the Wonder White Bread Recycling Program.

**What you need to do:** from now until the end of Term 3, please collect all your family's bread bags. Please note they DO NOT have to be Wonder White bags, you can include any brand bread bag. As long as it has had a type of bread in it, it qualifies (burger buns, Lebanese bread, English muffins etc).

***Please shake all crumbs out and please make sure they are clean and dry.***

The most exciting thing about this whole program is that we are saving plastic from going into landfill and we are also giving it an opportunity for it to be repurposed into playground equipment, fencing, decking, park benches and so much more!!

Please start collecting your bread bags and bring them in in Term 2. I would love it if we could get to the maximum amount recyclable which is 25kg worth of bread bags. That is a lot of plastic being saved from landfill and it also earns us 2500 points to buy new equipment for our school. So it's a win, win!!

Thank you so much in advance and remember ***'Together we can'.***



**Our school\* is teaming up with Wonder Recycling Rewards to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment.**

By collecting and recycling our soft plastic waste at school\*, we can protect our environment, oceans and wildlife – and earn new sports equipment for our school!

**PLUS, every registered school\* will go into the draw to WIN a REPLAS Exercise Circuit made from recycled soft plastic!**

**We are calling on all students, parents and teachers to get collecting!**

**Visit [wonder.com.au](http://wonder.com.au) to find out more.**

\*Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Mrs Kimberley Turner  
Sports Coordinator



## Around the School

### **St Joseph's Stitches & Squares Knitting Group!**

This Term, we are very excited to finally start up our St Joseph's 'Stitches & Squares' knitting group again!

Last year we had a great group of keen students and adults in the school community who knitted lots of squares. These are currently being assembled into blankets!

The aim of the group is to teach children the mindful skill of knitting. The squares created will be used to create warm blankets to donate to people in need in our community. Just like the one below created from our squares made last year.

This year to begin with, we are looking for children in Years 5 and 6 who are interested in joining our knitting group. We will be meeting every Thursday and Friday at lunch time in the Library. If your child is interested, we are having an introductory meeting this Friday lunch in the Library.

Furthermore, if you, your child or anyone you know would like to knit squares from home for us that would be wonderful! The more stitches to squares, the more warm, cosy blankets we can create!

We are knitting squares: 20 stitches x 20 stitches, using 6mm needles and 12ply yarn.

Lastly, we are also after some parents or carers who can knit to kindly assist the knitting group at school. If you are interested in helping us, please email the school [stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au). It would be wonderful if you could support us with this heart-warming project.

*'Together we can'* knit together to outreach to others in our community! Happy knitting!



Mrs Melissa Stevenson  
Year 1 Teacher



# St Joseph's Primary School, Schofields

## Staying Connected with Us

	<p><b>Office Hours</b> Monday to Friday 8am to 3pm</p>
	<p><b>Phone</b> 02 8869 8100</p>
	<p><b>Email</b> <a href="mailto:stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au">stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au</a></p> <p>Please add this to your contacts so emails are not delivered to your junk/spam mail</p>
	<p><b>Facebook</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsPrimarySchofields/">https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsPrimarySchofields/</a></p>
	<p><b>Website</b> <a href="https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au">https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au</a></p>
	<p><b>SkoolBag – THIS IS OUR MAIN COMMUNICATION APP</b></p> <p>Please download the app, add our school and select the correct year group for your child/ren. This needs to be updated each year.</p> <p><b>This is our MAIN COMMUNICATION APP</b> for <i>WHOLE</i> of school notes, Fortnightly Newsletter, Permission notes for Sporting Activities, Excursions (off school grounds) and Incursions.</p>
	<p><b>Seesaw Family – Parent App</b></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"> <li>• Messages can be sent to your child's teacher</li> <li>• Messages can be sent from your child's teacher to parents/carers</li> </ul> <p><i>Please note: Teachers WILL NOT respond to your message during class time</i></p>
	<p><b>Seesaw Class – Student App</b></p> <p>An app to connect your child to complete assigned activities by their class teacher</p>



## Community News



**BOOK NOW**

**TERM-2**

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLINIC**

**BIG BATTLE EDITION**

**Duration: 8 weeks**

**Kindy - YR 6**

**90 mins**

**EXPERIENCE OVER 15 AMAZING SPORTS and CHALLENGES**

[motivesports.com.au](https://motivesports.com.au)



**RIVERSTONE FESTIVAL**

**Saturday 14 May 2022**

**9 am to 3 pm**

**Mill Street Park, Riverstone**

[blacktown.nsw.gov.au](https://blacktown.nsw.gov.au)

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## MONDAY's



### LEGO ROBOTICS & CODING

**STEM** curriculum

**Term 2 - ST Joseph's Primary School**

**K - Y 6**

**02 MAY - 13 JUNE**

**MONDAYS**

**2.45 PM - 4:15 PM**

**ONLY \$185  
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**AFTER SCHOOL**

**7 WEEK PROGRAM**

**limited spots left!**



**Book now:**

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## TUESDAY's



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## Parent and carer webinars

2022

### Safe settings for online devices

**Learn how to set up parental controls on devices and apps to keep your children safe online.**

eSafety's expert education and training team is running FREE live webinars in May 2022 about how to manage settings on devices and apps. Parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years are invited to join.

**Dates:** (AEDT)

**Tuesday 10 May:** 7.30 - 8.30 pm      **Thursday 19 May:** 12.30 - 1.30 pm

**Tuesday 31 May:** 12.30 - 1.30 pm

**Register now:** [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



 eSafety Commissioner

[esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)



## Parent and carer webinars

2022

### Safer online gaming

**Help your kids stay safe by learning about the benefits and risks of online gaming.**

eSafety's expert education and training team is running FREE live webinars in June 2022 exploring safe online gaming. Parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years are invited to join.

**Dates:** (AEDT)

**Thursday 9 June:** 12.30 - 1.30 pm      **Friday 17 June:** 12.30 - 1.30 pm

**Tuesday 21 June:** 7.30 - 8.30 pm

**Register now:** [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



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