



St Joseph's Primary, Schofields Newsletter

Term 2, Week 4 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Wednesday evening, our Zoom Parents and Friends Meeting had over 40 parents attend. It's a great way to learn about what's happening at school and how we can assist the school with fundraising and community events. It's also a great way to hear your questions so that we can make sure you have the information you need to work together with the school.

At the meeting, I spoke about the process of writing reports. Report writing and assigning grades are quite a process. Over the course of the year the teachers assess the children in a variety of ways, not usually via a test but more commonly through an assignment or by looking at work that displays the child's thinking and achievement. The teachers make sure their grades align with the other teachers that teach the same Year level. Teachers on the same year work together closely. Finally, a report is prepared, and this is checked by the co-ordinator of the grade, then by me before it is issued to the parents. Our reports for Kindergarten always look a little different to the reports for the rest of the school as it is the first year of school.

This semester we have returned to full reports that report on all the Key learning Areas of English, Mathematics, PDHPE (sport and health), HSIE (History and geography) and Science. Catholic schools also report on Religious Education and this will give you an idea of what the children have been learning in this learning area. The children are graded on a 5-point scale and the middle grade is where the children are expected to achieve at this time of the year. Previously we have used a letter scale from A-E but we are now using a descriptive phrase as this makes the reports easier to understand.

We also grade the children on their effort. Effort is such an important element of education. Your child/ren will need to and try hard and persevere throughout their life in order to be successful. This year our reports will be published to parents in a new way through the parent portal of Compass. More information about the parent portal is contained within this Newsletter. We are still in the Church's joyful season of Easter. I know your children will be giving you much joy.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Lesley Studans
Principal



Important Information

Compass Parent Portal Launch



On Tuesday 31st May, all parents will need to check their email inbox for an important email. This email contains information about how to sign up for the Compass Parent portal. Eventually all our general parent communication such as Newsletters, Carnivals, Excursions will go through the Parent Portal but for a short while we will continue with Skoolbag. Absence notes and permission notes will be logged through the parent portal.

For the launch to be successful, PLEASE NOTIFY the Office of changes to your home address or email AS SOON AS POSSIBLE via our email stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au

School Fees

The second instalment of Fees for Term 2 is due 2 June. Please contact Ms Beck if you have any concerns on 8869 8100. She is happy to discuss an arrangement to pay, so they are paid in full by the end of the year.

If you haven't received the fee statement, please email Ms Beck lbeck@parra.catholic.edu.au for another statement to be sent via email. It may also be that you have changed address since the last statement.



Opening and Blessing



An important and exciting event coming up in Term 3.
On Thursday 21st July, our official opening and blessing will take place.

An Invite will be extended to Parents to attend this special occasion.
The blessing will be led by Bishop Vincent on his first visit to the school and the State Minister for Education, Sarah Mitchell, has also accepted the invitation.
We can't wait to showcase our buildings and education!

Lunch Orders

Please ensure all orders are placed on the Spriggy App by **9am**.
No orders will be taken via the office.



Oz Fashions Uniform Delivery



The warehouse will be closed from Friday 27th May until Monday 6th June 2022.

There will be NO DELIVERY to school on Tuesday 31st May 2022.

Orders can still be placed via the QKR App during this time and will be delivered to the school on Tuesday 7/6/22.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Expressions of Interest in running the Second Hand Uniform shop each Monday morning, 8am to 8.30am, from next term are currently being sought. This volunteer job entails sorting through uniform donations.

Please express interest via stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au



ST JOSEPH'S - TERM 2 - Parent Calendar - 2022

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 April	25th ANZAC Day public holiday	26th SDD	27th Summer/Winter Uniform Transition PL- Parent Communication	28th 3pm Art On Canvas & Chess 7:20am AFL Training Session Mark Taylor Shield Cup	29th Year 1 Excursion to Riverside	30th/1st
2 May	2nd 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics Summer/Winter Uniform Transition	3rd 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics Diocesan Cross Country	4th Motiv8	5th 3pm Art On Canvas & Chess	6th Mother's Day Open Classrooms - 8.40 - 9.30am Mothers Day Stall	7th/8th
3 May NAPLAN Week	9th Full Winter Uniform 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	10th 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	11th 7pm P & F Meeting Motiv8	12th 3pm Art On Canvas & Chess	13th SCHOOL PHOTOS	14th/15th
4 May NAPLAN Week	16th 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	17th 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	18th Motiv8	19th 3pm Art On Canvas & Chess	20th WALK to School Day Year 4 Excursion State Library	21st/22nd
5 May	23rd 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	24th Paul Kelly Cup - Stage 3 AFL 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	25th Motiv8	26th 3pm Art On Canvas & Chess	27th	28th/29th
6 May/June	30th National recociliation week Primary Athletics Carnival at Peel Reserve 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	31st 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	1st Motiv8	2nd 3pm Art On Canvas & Chess	3rd	4th/5th 5th - Pentecost Sunday
7 June	6th Back-up Athletics Carnival 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	7th 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	8th Motiv8	9th 3pm Art On Canvas & Chess	10th	11th/12th 12th - Holy Trinity Sunday
8 June	13th 3pm Stem - Lego Robotics	14th	15th Stage 3 Boys soccer gala day Motiv8	16th 3pm Art On Canvas & Chess	17th	18th/19th
9 June	20th	21st	22nd Stage 2 Boys and girls soccer gala day Reports go home	23rd 3pm Art On Canvas & Chess	24th	25th/26th
10 June/July	27th	28th	29th Parent Teacher Interviews	30th	1st Infants (K-2) Fun Day at School	2nd/3rd

Term 3 Staff Development Day: Monday July 18

Opening and Blessing: Thursday July 21

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

5th May – 3pm & 3.30pm
12th May – 3pm & 3.30pm
19th May – 3pm & 3.30pm
26th 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*

Children are welcome. COVID safe guidelines to be followed.

Assistant Principal's Update

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 on the street 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 obtain a letter from your doctor detailing these and keep the office up to date.

Athletics Sports Carnival – Monday 30th May

With the upcoming sports carnival, there is always a sense of pride with house colours. For the new members of the school community, here is what the house colours represent:

St Joseph's is a Josephite school. Mary Mackillop started the Sisters of St Josephs, also known as the Josephite Sisters, named after St Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. To honour Mary Mackillop, we have chosen our House colours based on Mary Mackillop, significant places and people in her life.

RED – MacKillop	As a Josephite School, we Honour Mary Mackillop who started the Sisters of St Joseph and opened the first St Joseph's school in Penola in 1866
BLUE – Penola	The place where Mary Mackillop and Father Julian Tenison Wood, co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph's in 1866. Mary Mackillop started her mission as a Sister of St Joseph and opened her first St Joseph's school with Father Tennison Woods in his Parish of Penola so that the poor children could get an education
YELLOW - Tenison	Father Julian Tenison Wood helped Mary Mackillop start the Sisters of St Josephs and worked with her to open the school in Penola for the poor children
GREEN – Fitzroy	This is the place in Melbourne where Mary Mackillop was born in 1842

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 test is 1st August. To purchase a test, go to this link <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>, and type this code JOQ747

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Religious Education Update



First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill on 31st March 2022:

Ryan Charles, Alexia Leonardo, Eloise Leonardo, Natalie Edwards, Netara Fernando, Sophie Gerke, Olivia Hogan, Anna Jayasuriya, Zachary Jewell, Giada Kuizon, Sienna Maniscalco, Maria Medina, Amelia Stojanovski, Samantha Walsh, Lucas Zondanos, Althea Ocampo.

First Eucharist

Some of our students are busy preparing with their families to receive their First Eucharist during our Sunday Masses shortly in June. We keep these students and their families in our prayers during this special time.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact: Sister Valerie

- Mobile: 0414 638 884 (no calls after 8pm please)
- Email: sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au



If your child has 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

Term 2 Gospel Value Awards

Our Gospel Value: *Loving My Neighbour, from the scripture*
Mark 12:31 "Love your neighbour as you love yourself"

Each class teacher has unpacked our Gospel Value with their class. Students discussed what "Loving My Neighbour" looks like and sounds like in the classroom and on the playground.

Each week, Class teachers will be awarding one student from their class, a Gospel Value Award, who has been demonstrating the qualities of our Gospel Value.



Mrs Anne Watson
Religious Co-ordinator

Wellbeing Update

THE ZONES OF REGULATION®



As adults, we are constantly managing our level of energy and emotions to achieve our goals from situation to situation. If we are more overt with our children about how we are doing this, they can learn from us in the natural environment. Instead of just walking out of the room when we are upset, we can say, *"I'm in the Red Zone and feeling upset right now; I'm going to take a break to calm myself down."* We can also help them by co-regulating, which means that we stay calm and help them manage their feelings and adapt their behaviour when needed. We can do this in many ways, such as using a calm tone of voice, getting down to their level, reducing the number of words we use, and also by validating and naming their feelings, such as, *"I can see that you are upset; I understand and I'm here for you."*

How I feel in the The Red Zone



The **Red Zone** is the highest state of alertness or energy, such as panicked, ecstatic, or devastated. These are often the most intense feelings of energy and may include when we are in a state of fight, flight, freeze, or faint.



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

Primary (Year 2 born in 2014 to Year 6) Athletics Carnival – Monday 30th May 2022

All parents and carers are welcome to attend our Athletics Carnival at Peel Reserve on Monday 30th May. Students in Year 2 (who are turning 8 this year) through to Year 6, have been fine tuning their ball game, relay, shot put and discus skills in PE and are looking forward to a fun day together.

If your child would like to be considered for the Zone Athletics Carnival in either high jump or discus, please email your Little Athletics results to stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au.

If the weather changes and the grounds are closed, we will notify you as soon as possible via Skoolbag and Seesaw.

Please keep our backup date of Monday 6th June free. We look forward to seeing many of you on the 30th May. Thank you for your support.

An Infants (Kindy to Year 2) Fun Day will be held at school on Friday 1st July, weather permitting.

AFL - Paul Kelly Cup

Next Tuesday 24th May, Ms Murphy will be joining our 'St Joseph's Joeys' team at Rooty Hill to take part in the Paul Kelly Cup which is run by AFL NSW. Unfortunately, due to the weather we haven't been able to train as much as we would have liked, but I know the boys will have a lot of fun on the day.

Wishing you all the best on Tuesday, Joeys!!



Mrs Kimberley Turner
Sports Co-ordinator

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 Term 2. Your child will be able to place them in the Bread Bag Bins that are located around the school – in the new Library, outside Year 4 and the Office. 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 to find out more.

*Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Mrs Kimberley Turner
Sports Co-ordinator

Parents and Friends (P&F) Fundraising Initiative



Thank you so much for supporting our St Josephs Primary School Schofields especially through fundraising. This term, we are running a **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** fundraiser to raise money for new resources for our school.

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is an exciting fundraiser, made by an Australian, family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) dough-licious flavours to choose from, including the most popular **Choc Chunk** and **Caramel White Choc**. There is even something for your special furry friends, with a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough! Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is exclusive to fundraising – so stock up!

Get started! Ordering your Dough is easy as 1,2,3:

1. Head to www.cookie dough.com.au to create your Online Fundraising Page by clicking the "Register Now" button and fill in your information as a parent/guardian.
2. Enter your child's details on the second page (make sure you select St Josephs Primary School Schofields as the organisation)
3. Choose your child's prize goals and create their avatar!

Share your child's online fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some Cookie Dough as well. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time!

Orders open: 19th May 2022

Final Order Date: 10 June 2022

Expected Delivery Date: 24 June 2022, pick up will be after school only. Please keep in mind all these orders will be delivered to the school under your child's name and you will be responsible for distributing them to family and friends.

How do prizes work? Every student who sells a tub will receive an incentive prize for their efforts! But why not aim higher? The more tubs you sell the more prizes you will receive! There are 12 prizes up for grabs, so why not set your own fundraising goal and aim for them all? Prizes are automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs you have sold.

Win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree! Our highest tub seller will go into a draw to win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree. Plus, every student that achieves all online virtual badges will win a Billy G's "You're One Awesome Cookie" Bag Tag.

Want to aim even higher? Australia's highest tub seller will scoot away with a Razor Prize Pack valued at \$3,000. How exciting!

Happy fundraising,

The P & F Committee










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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>SkoolBag</p>	<p>SkoolBag – THIS IS OUR MAIN COMMUNICATION APP</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>This is our MAIN COMMUNICATION APP for <i>WHOLE</i> of school notes, Fortnightly Newsletter, Permission notes for Sporting Activities, Excursions (off school grounds) and Incursions.</p>
 <p>FAMILY</p>	<p>Seesaw Family – Parent App 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 WILL NOT respond to your message during class time</i></p>
 <p>CLASS</p>	<p>Seesaw Class – Student App An app to connect your child to complete assigned activities by their class teacher</p>
	<p>Parents & Friends (P&F) 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 http://stjosephspandf2762@gmail.com</p>