

# St Joseph's Primary, Schofields Newsletter

Term 2, Week 6 2022

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were blessed to have our sports carnival go ahead on Monday. The weather was quite cold, but the children were moving and really enjoyed the day. The carnival ran so smoothly thanks to the talent of our Sports Co-ordinator, Mrs Turner.

Mrs Turner and her team of helpers worked very hard to ensure all was ready for the big day. If you were lucky enough to be able to come on Monday, you would have seen the teachers leading fun activities along with more traditional sports carnival activities such as long jump and running races. Each age group was supervised by a teacher or two, rotating with their group around the activities.

The carnival was a great example of the way the teachers work as a team to benefit the children. The children were well-behaved and showed a lot of team and school spirit. The Year 6 Leaders were able to teach cheers to their colour teams before the carnival and you could see the children developing confidence in their leadership that was also seen on the day. They will be able to apply these skills when we have the Infants Sports Day on the last day of term.

Last Friday was also a different day as the staff took some protected industrial action. We are very blessed at St Josephs to have kind, enthusiastic, flexible and skilled staff. This is not just the classroom teachers but Teacher Assistants, Mrs Neill in the library, our Creative Arts Teachers, Sports Teachers, valued regular Casual Teachers, the Office Staff and leadership.

Thank you for your support for our staff everyday - it is very much appreciated.





Kind Regards,

Mrs Lesley Studans Principal

### Important Information



### Compass Parent Portal Launch

On the evening of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, ALL Parents will need to check their email inbox, junk or spam folders for an important email.

This email contains information about how to sign up for the Compass Parent Portal.

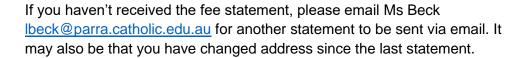
Eventually all our general parent communications such as Newsletters, Carnivals, Excursions will go through the Parent Portal but for a short while we will continue with Skoolbag. Absence notes and permission notes will be logged through the parent portal as well.

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.







### Secondhand Uniform Shop

Special THANK YOU goes to Zoe Hawkins who is reluctantly retiring from secondhand uniforms.

Zoe provided a great service and raised lots of money for the school.

We now have a new secondhand uniform shop co-ordinator, Sarah Peroni. A big thank you to Sarah for her generous volunteering.

The Secondhand Uniform Shop is open every Monday morning from 8am to 8.30am. Information about secondhand uniforms, can be found on the Parent Facebook page.



### **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: <a href="https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol">https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol</a>
Register for a tour: <a href="https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Tours-and-Events">https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Tours-and-Events</a>

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



### Assistant Principal's Update

We are so blessed at St Joseph's to have so many students from different Linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Our curiosity about this diversity has led us to gather information about our students' backgrounds so that we can deeply understand them and develop ours and other student's awareness and appreciation of this diversity.



In year 4, the teachers made a culture quilt to celebrate the diversity in their grade.

If you speak another language at home, it is great that you continue to speak in this language with your children. If you would like to develop their proficiency in their own language or learn a new language, there are places in the Blacktown area that run Community Language Schools.

Click on the link below and type in your language to find out how you can access this great service

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/community-languages-schools/find-a-language-school

We are also looking at being able to provide a community language at St Joseph's as an after-school activity. If you are interested in this, please complete the survey below and what language you would like your child to learn.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPmdANr9VHgVhBcFWmH4V37PgddffacLFZAEVIrJ9GFXgQIA/viewform

Please note that it will be dependent on interest and availability of this service. There will also be a cost for the activity.

We will also be offering Lego Robotics and Coding again next term on a Monday afternoon only and an opportunity for school holiday Lego Robotics and Coding activities. See attached flyers in Community News.

### TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

In the coming weeks, we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them from Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Joseph's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using this URL http://tellthemfromme.com/w9957

#### **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<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 3pm to 3.45pm

Mathematics Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps">https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps</a>, and type this code JOQ747

#### <u>ATTENDANCE</u> - 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 cold and flu symptoms. If they have allergies, please keep the office up to date.

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio Assistant Principal

### Wellbeing Counsellor Update

Hi Parents,

I have been offered the opportunity to run small groups with some of the children in the school which will hopefully start over the next couple of weeks.

Each group will have a specific purpose, for example, we may focus upon building social skills and friendships, working on strategies to deal with worries, and managing big emotions. Sometimes I might facilitate the group by myself and other times i might facilitate with a colleague.

In order for the groups to be successful, we will often ask children to participate who may already have the skills that the groups are focusing upon. The reason for this is because children will often learn skills successfully from other children.

The groups will be fun and interactive.

If your child is asked to participate, I will send home a permission note and will also make a phone call to you.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please reach out to me.

Caroline Knight
Wellbeing Counsellor



### Religious Education Update

### Pentecost Sunday 5th June

The word Pentecost is Greek, and means "50th Day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers.

The Feast of Pentecost is also called the Birthday of the Church. For when the Apostles went out of the room, they began preaching to the world about Jesus, laying the foundations of our Church. That day, they preached to people from all nations in all languages showing us that *God's message and love is for all people, and that the Church was universal and home to all*.



"Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."



### First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the Max Wilkinson who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St John's Parish Riverstone

### 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.





#### **Confirmation**

Children in Years 5 or higher who have received their First Holy Communion are eligible to apply.

The children in our Parish, Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in September 2022. Confirmation will take place on two Thursday evenings (either 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6:30pm).

Applications for Confirmation are now ready to be filled out online and due by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

After you have applied, you will receive information about who can be a sponsor and the details about choosing a Confirmation name. You will also receive information on how the Program of instruction will take place.

If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact: Sr Valerie – mobile: 0414 638 884 (no calls after 8pm please) or email <a href="mailto:sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au">sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au</a>

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



### St Vinnies Winter Woolies Appeal 2022

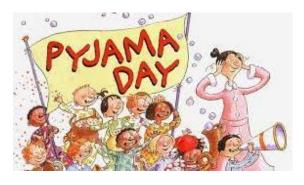
This year St Vinnies Winter Appeals' focus is supporting people experiencing homelessness. They have a focus on women and children. For our school community to reach out and help, we are launching our *St Joseph's WINTER WOOLIES APPEAL*.

Beginning on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June (Week 7) and finishing on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June (end of week 9), students and staff are asked to bring in their donations of winter woollies. All donations will be kept in each Learning Space until Friday of week 9.

Suggestions for Winter Woolies include socks, gloves, scarves, beanies or even blankets. These can be for children or adults.

Together We Can share the warmth of our kindness and generosity to those in need this Winter.





#### St Joseph's Pyjama Day

We will be having a Pyjama Day on *Friday 17th June* (Week 8).

Students are encouraged to wear their winter pyjamas to school with suitable footwear.

During the day students will be participating in activities to build their awareness of "Homelessness"

Mrs Anne Watson Religious Co-ordinator

## Wellbeing Update



Over the last few newsletters, we have explored the importance of our children learning to identify and name their emotions, giving time to build the rich vocabulary of our emotions and feelings.

We have looked at the four zones - Blue, Green, Yellow, Red zones and made connections with our emotional vocabulary and the different zones.

Now we will focus on understanding what is a tool and when to use these tools. For our children to become successful in using tools to regulate, it's best to create opportunities for them to practice and gain more comfort in using their tools while they are in the green zone.



To help understand the different types of tools, they are organised into the following categories:

**Sensory Support** - can be used to calm or alert the central nervous system allowing your child to attend to and focus on what is needed. Some examples are water play, stress ball, playdough, jumping on the trampoline, wall push ups and sitting with a weighted blanket.

Calming Techniques - can help our children to regulate their emotions, helping to get out of the autonomic fight or flight state that the body goes into when reacting to an intense situation. Some examples are different breathing techniques like belly breathing, 6 sides of breathing, lazy 8 breathing.

**Thinking Strategies** – There are three different thinking strategies to encourage self-regulation.



- 1. Big vs Little problem building understanding of evaluating the size of a problem
- 2. Inner coach vs Inner critic explores the concepts of self-talk and how our children can replace negative thoughts with more positive, adaptive thoughts to regulate themselves
- 3. Bubblegum brain and Brick brain investigates the concept of flexible thinking versus rigid thinking.



Ms Paula Murphy

Leader of Learning

### Sports Update

### **Athletics Carnival**

On Monday 30th May, we held our athletics carnival at Peel Reserve in The Ponds.

Thankfully the weather held out for us and whilst it was a little fresh at times it was the perfect day for a carnival.

It was fantastic to see everyone try their hardest in all the events and have fun at the same time.

A big thank you goes out to all the staff and parents for their help and support.

More details about our zone team and zone carnival will be coming later this term.

Mrs Kimberley Turner Sports Co-ordinator













### **Environment Initiative**



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 nearly filled one box and are almost one fifth of the way 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. E.g. Lebanese bread, English muffins, pizza bases, wraps, bagels etc. Collection boxes are located in the office and in the 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



### 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 <a href="www.cookiedough.com.au">www.cookiedough.com.au</a> 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: 1st July

**Expected Delivery Date:** 22nd July 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. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TENTATIVE DATE AND DELIVERY HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES WITH COVID DELAYS ON DELIVERY OF INGREDIENTS** 

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 Email: stjosephspandf2762@gmail.com

Parents & Friends



# St Joseph's Primary School, Schofields

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#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8am to 3pm



#### **Phone**

02 8869 8100



#### **Email**

stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au

Please add this to your contacts so emails are not delivered to your junk/spam mail



#### Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsPrimarySchofields/



#### Website

https://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au



### Compass Parent Portal – THIS IS OUR MAIN COMMUNICATION APP

Please download the Compass Parent Portal App.

**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 to your child's teacher
- Messages can be sent 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



#### 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 stjosephspandf2762@gmail.com

### **Community News**









Term 3 - ST Joseph's Primary School

### LEGO ROBOTICS & CODING PROGRAM

ROBOTICS

**KINDY - YEAR 6** 

**7 WEEK PROGRAM** 

6-7 STEM MODELS

25 JULY - 05 SEPT

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM

TEACHER ASSISTED SESSIONS



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Thursday 9th & Friday 10th June 7.30pm Saturday 11th June 1pm & 7.30pm Thursday 16th & Friday 17th June 7.30pm Saturday 18th June 1pm & 7.30pm TICKETS THROUGH trybooking.com

