

St Joseph's Primary, Schofields Newsletter

Term 2, Week 8 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Are you on our Compass Parent Portal yet?

On Wednesday 22nd June, you will receive your child's report. This year it will be different as we will be sending it electronically via the Compass Parent Portal. If you have children in other schools, you will be aware that Compass is the main app across the state in all schools, therefore is unlikely to change any time soon. We're working hard to sort through any problems, so please email the office via stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au, so that your problem can be resolved. For example, your email address may have changed or been incorrectly entered from your written enrolment application.

Thank you to the parents who are sending absences via Compass. We are finding this an efficient way to know why your child is away so we can fulfil our legal requirements.

A reminder if your child or someone in your household has COVID to please contact the Office. If anyone would like RAT tests, we still have a limited supply available. We understand that there will be more than the usual number of absences at the moment due to illness and of course this is happening amongst our staff. Influenza A, along with COVID, is a serious illness for all and so we will continue to ask you to keep children home who are displaying symptoms of cold and flu.

Good news! The hall's building work has been completed. The final electrical work is being done over the next 2 weeks, ready to use next term. This is a big thing for our school, as we can now meet as a school community for the first time since the end of 2019. We already have plans for a school musical for 2023 in our hall. Of course, assemblies and community events such as discos will be able to happen after the holidays.

The event we are most looking forward to is the Opening and Blessing where we will have a visit from Bishop Vincent, Mr Greg Whitby and State Ministry for Education. Our buildings and the education that happens inside them are a great achievement worth celebrating.

By the end of the year the landscaping at the back of the school will be completed, with the all-weather court, restoration of the grass area amongst the highlights.



We have been enjoying the beautiful weather in the meantime, finally being able to play on grass for days at a time!

I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the sunshine too with your beautiful St Joseph's children.

Kind Regards, Lesley Studans Principal

Important Information



Compass Parent Portal Launch

On Friday 3rd June 2022, we launched our school onto the Compass Parent Portal App. Huge thank you to all the Parents who have connected already.

Compass

Parents who are still to get connected, are reminded to email the school

<u>stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au</u> requesting for their log in details.

All general parent communications such as Newsletters, Carnivals, Excursions will go through the Parent Portal, however, until we have ALL parents connected, we will still use Skoolbag until the end of Term 2 (Friday 1st July 2022).

If logging absent notes via Compass Portal, there is NO NEED to submit this via Skoolbag or in an email to the school.



Kindergarten 2023

Do you have a child ready to start Kindergarten in 2023?

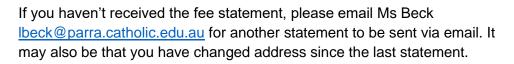
Please download and complete the current enrolment form located on the school website. Submission of the completed enrolment form along with original supporting documentation to the School Office via Alex Avenue entrance, Monday to Friday between 8am and 3pm.

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

School Fees

The second instalment of Fees for Term 2 were due 2 June 2022. 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.









<u> Canteen – Lunch Orders</u>

Lunch Orders are to be placed via the Spriggy Schools App by 9am.

We have been advised that any phone orders received after 9am, unfortunately the only option available will be Cheese or Vegemite sandwiches. Alternatively, you can drop lunch into the Office for your child to collect at break time.

Please note: Orders can be placed a week in advance.

Assistant Principal's Update

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS and PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday 22nd June 2022 your child's report will be distributed via the Compass Parent Portal App. Please email the school office <u>stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au</u> if you're still not connected and our friendly staff will get back to you.

Following the distribution of the reports, we will send communication out on how to book in for face-to-face Parent/Teacher Interviews using School Interviews website. Please watch out for instructions via our Parent Portal News Feed.

Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 29th June 2022.

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 16th August 2022 – 3pm to 3.45pm

Mathematics Tuesday 30th 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

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 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.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES in TERM 3

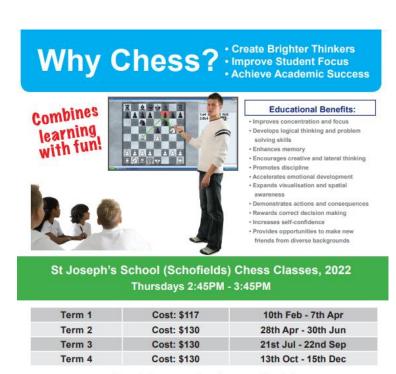
After school activities will continue next term. See flyers below in "Community News"

Monday - Stem Lego Robotics Wednesday - Motiv8Sports Thursday - Art Club and Chess

Last chance to complete the link to express interest in Community Language after school survey. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPmdANr9VHgVhBcFWmH4V37PgddffacLFZAEVIrJ9GFXg QIA/viewform

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

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio Assistant Principal



To enrol please pay online with your credit card at www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code 1JHRCCDSVU and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

'Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term. No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for. For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.

To enhance your child's learning		AL EXTRAS (prices include of these items are available for		e at the time of enrolment		
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$31 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]		Workbook 2 – Cost: \$31 [For Intermediate Players]		Workbook 1 & 2 - Cost: \$46 [SPECIAL OFFER]		
Exploration in Chess Beauty – [For Advanced Players]	Cost: \$42	Chess Set & Roll-up Boar [Recommended for All Ages		Chess Clock - Cost: \$77 [Recommended for All Ages]		

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a free chess set or workbook 2 valued at up to \$34. Offer expires 31st March, 2022.



Religious Education Update

First Eucharist

Pope Francis refers to the Eucharist as a gift. He reminds us about how important the Eucharist is to our faith journey. Pope Francis spoke to a group of children in Italy as he recalled his First Holy Communion many years ago. He addressed the children and stated, "You will make your First Communion, always remember that day your whole life: the first day that Jesus came to us. He comes, makes himself one with us, makes himself our food, our nourishment to give us strength."





Congratulations to the following children, who have made their First Eucharist (First Communion) over the past weeks:

Matthew Bowman, Vylette Bringas, Netara Fernando, Sophie Gerke, Lorenzo Halili, Anna Jayasuriya, Zachary Jewell, Eloise Leonardo, Henri Leopardi, Jiro Lozarita, Sienna Maniscalco, Alaina Medina, Amelia Stojanovski, Samantha Walsh, Max Wilkinson and Lucas Zondanos

We also keep the following children Olivia Hogan and Althea Ocampo in our prayers as they will be making their First Eucharist during the next couple of weeks.

Confirmation

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

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



Applications for Confirmation are now ready to be filled out online and due by 30th 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 questions, please do not hesitate to contact: Sr Valerie – mobile: 0414 638 884 (no calls after 8pm please) or email sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au

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

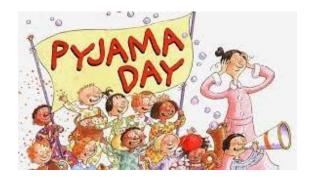
This year St Vinnies Winter Appeals' focus is supporting people experiencing homelessness. They have a focus on women and children. For our school community to reach out and help, we are launching our *St Joseph's WINTER WOOLIES APPEAL*.

Beginning on Monday 6th June (Week 7) and finishing on Friday 24th 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.





A HUGE THANK YOU to our community for the many donations received today.

If your child forgot to bring in their donation, please send in during Week 9.

St Joseph's Pyjama Day

We had a great day learning about Homelessness whilst in our Pyjamas.



Mrs Anne Watson Religious Co-ordinator

Wellbeing Update

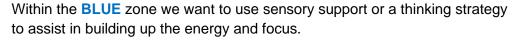


Over the last few newsletters, we have explored the importance of our children learning to identify and name their emotions, giving time to build the rich vocabulary of our emotions and feelings.

The **BLUE** 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 learning...

Last newsletter we shared that our tools are categorised into three sections

- 1. Sensory Support,
- 2. Calming techniques, and
- 3. Thinking strategies



Simple tools such as talking to someone, having a drink of water, taking a brain break, going for a walk, jumping on the trampoline are ideal. Thinking strategies will assist in identifying how they are feeling.

Is it a Big vs Little problem - evaluating the size of a problem? or Inner coach Vs Inner critic- explores the concepts of self-talk and how our children can replace negative thoughts with more positive thinking.





Ms Paula Murphy Leader of Learning

Sports Update

Soccer Gala Days

Due to the weather, it has been a real challenge to hold sporting events this year. Stage 3 Boys' Soccer Gala Day has been rescheduled to Wednesday 29th June and Stage 3 Girls' Soccer Gala Day will hopefully go ahead on Friday 22nd July.

Unfortunately, due to lack of suitable venues the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day has been cancelled until next year.

<u>Athletics Carnival – Ribbons and Age Champions</u>

This week we started handing out our athletics ribbons and age champion medals. Congratulations goes to all our place getters and our age champions.

Winner Age Champion - Junior Boys	Mason G	Runner Up Age Champion Junior Boys	Elia
Winner Age Champion – Junior Girls	Sienna M	Runner Up Age Champion Junior Girls	Ella M
Winner Age Champion - 11yrs Boys	Yueil	Runner Up Age Champion 11yrs Boys	Jacob O
Winner Age Champion - 11yrs Girls	Asenaca	Runner Up Age Champion 11yrs Girls	Shiloh
Winner Age Champion - Senior Boys	Mason S	Runner Up Age Champion Senior Boys	Krish
Winner Age Champion - Senior Girls	Maya B	Runner Up Age Champion Senior Girls	Meila

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



Mrs Kimberly Turner Sports Co-ordinator

Environmental Initiatives



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 officially filled one box and are over 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, eg. 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.

Return and Earn at St Joseph's Primary

Our Year 6 Social Justice Group has been doing a fantastic job inspiring our St. Joseph's community to recycle their cans, bottles and tetra drink boxes. They have created posters and have visited classes to inform them about the benefits of recycling. Each learning space has been allocated a black and red tub in which to place their empty, uncrushed containers ready for recycling.

Year 3 have been the best recyclers so far this term.

A BIG thank you to Yueil, Jerone and Jeimel helping me empty the tubs so that we could raise \$13.70 for our future Social Justice projects.

Please encourage your children if they are ordering a drink from the canteen or are bringing a popper from home that their empty container can be recycled and that the planet and people in need will benefit from them doing so.

Thanks so much 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 www.cookiedough.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: 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

Staying Connected with Us

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HOURS	

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



IN CAMPUS

EVERY MONDAY

SPLIT CLASS K-Y2 & Y3 -Y6

INTRODUCTION TO SPIKE PRIME FOR Y3-Y6 STUDENTS

ONLY \$190 INC GST

Hurry! Limited Seats only

https://www.trybooking.com/BZTZV

Promo Code on booking page

For more information please contact: Mike / Ibbi Ph: 0422 275 540 / 0401 644 835 E: admin@sypherspace.com.au





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MITE-E SOCCER (2-3.5YO)

A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment!





INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO)

The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more!

60 MINUTE CLASSES \$165 FOR 8 WEEKS



MICRO (6-8YO) MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll

keeping and more. Children get to play lots

of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get 8

be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal

introduced to Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!

50 MINUTE CLASSES

\$155 FOR 8 WEEKS

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!

60 MINUTE CLASSES \$165 FOR 8 WEEKS

M: 0467 698 427 | E: nitin@grasshoppersoccer.com.au

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TERM 3, 2022 - ENROLMENT FORM STARTING FROM 22ND JULY

Child's Name :				DOB:	
Parent/Guardian's Name :_					
Address:		Subur	b:	Postcode :	
Mobile :	E	mail :			
How did you hear about us					
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PROGRAM: (Please	Tick)				
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CLASS TIMES	MITE-E	PINT SIZE	INTRO TO MICRO	MICRO	MICRO PLUS
☐ BOX HILL / VINEYARD - FRI	N/A	N/A	4.30 - 5.30pm	4.30 - 5.30pm	4.30 - 5.30pm
RIVERSTONE - SAT	11:00 - 11:35am	11:00 - 11:50am	12:00 - 1:00pm	12:00 - 1:00pm	1:15 - 2:15pm
BOX HILL / VINEYARD - SUN	9:00 - 9:35am	9:00 - 9:50am	10:00 - 11:00am	10:00 - 11:00am	10:00 - 11:00am
☐ CRANEBROOK - SUN	9:00 - 9:35am	9:00 - 9:50am	10:00 - 11:00am	10:00 - 11:00am	10:00 - 11:00am
TERM FEE	\$145	\$155	\$165	\$165	\$165
PAYMENT OPTIONS: Cash, We also accept Active Kids Vo. Details for Bank Transfer: Gras Credit Card Payment (please c Credit Card Number: Credit Card Number: Credit Cards processed as Gra ADD: Grasshopper Soccer S Parent/Guardian Consent: I hereby auth to act on my behalf should my child requand release Grasshopper Soccer from ar	schopper Soccer sircle): Visa / Ma schopper Soccer shirt, Shorts & Hat brise Grasshopper Soccer for medical attention, by liability for injury	BSB : 082 356 A ster Card Sydney Hills - Enrolment Specie	cc : 405 700 726 R	eference : Child's n / CV will be fitted upon col	ame - Centre
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HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2022



Monday 4 July 2022	Sports Spectacular	Range of sports packed in to one day! Volleyball with Volleyball NSW, basketball with City of Blacktown Basketball, netball clinic with GWS Fury, hockey clinic with Hockey NSW.
Tuesday 5 July 2022	Action Archery	Can you hit the bull's eye during an action-packed archery session with Zoom Archery.
Wednesday 6 July 2022	Fitness Fanatics	Learn how to stay fit and healthy with a range of activities and circuit class from one of our very own Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope group fitness instructors.
Thursday 7 July 2022	Racquet Rumble	Start the day with learning how to play pickleball with NSW Pickleball development staff, followed by a tennis clinic from Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope coaches.
Friday 8 July 2022	Reptile Madness	Get up close to our amazing reptiles with a show with Walkabout Reptiles Australia's only live musical reptile show.
Monday 11* July 2022	Creative Minds – Performing Arts and Visual Arts	Design and make your own creation for mum or dad with a range of materials. Craft boxes, mask, puppets or hats - the choice is yours.
Tuesday 12* July 2022	Mind Body and Soul – Performing Arts and Visual Arts	Calm your mind with a dance stretch class, laugh like a clown with circus workshop, groove to the moves of the holiday dance party.
Wednesday 13* July 2022	Bollywood Bonanza – Performing Arts and Visual Arts	Get the rhythm going with a dance workshop with Bollywood dance company, learning about culture and traditions along the way.
Thursday 14* July 2022	Lego Masters – Creative Industries Design	Design, build and play with your own Lego creation. Check out the awesome thing's Lego can do with a workshop form Bricks 4 Kidz.
Friday 15* July 2022	Electric – Creative Industries	Fun exciting workshop of electricity and electronics presented by Sonic Kitchen. www.thesonickitchen.com.au

- Program fees include ALL activities organised plus morning and afternoon tea only each day.
- 👯 Lunch orders are available at an additional charge.
- The Kidz Blitz itinerary is subject to change without notification.
- Creative Kids Voucher valid on the dates listed with *

Children are required to bring the following each day

- Drink bottle
- Hat and sun scree
- Enclosed shoes, preferably joggers
 Lunch (or lunch order is to be placed)