



St Joseph's Primary, Schofields Newsletter

Term 3, Week 2 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had our Opening and Blessing event last Thursday that I'm sure your children have told you about. Perhaps it was a little early to open and bless, considering that we are still finishing the work on the admin building, staffroom and finishing the landscaping at the back of the school. However, we had lined up Bishop Vincent, Minister for Education, CEDP Director, Mr Greg Whitby and many other guests who would not otherwise be able to make a space in their diary. Unfortunately, as is the way of the world now - Bishop Vincent caught COVID, Minister was involved in flood relief, and many other guests were unwell.



Bishop Vincent was represented by Fr Chris de Souza who many of the teachers and myself know well.

Fr Chris assured us that the Bishop had a mild reaction to COVID. Sarah Mitchell, the Minister for Education was represented by Kevin Connolly our Local Member for Riverstone who is a great friend and supporter of our school. The new Principal of St John Paul II College, Mrs Angela Hay was a special guest as well.

Mr Whitby was an important part of ceremony. Without his leadership we would not have our amazing new school

The children excelled themselves, as I knew they would. Bentley Gray, a student from Year 4, slid down the slippery dip, starting the children singing our school song with special help from Joey (our School Mascot), the Percussionists from our school band and the School Choir.



As part of the ceremony, I spoke about the history and future of our school. It is reproduced below.

Building on Foundations

Our school was created over 20 years ago on strong foundations by the Sisters of St Joseph. Sr Marea Ross, the first Principal, planned well for community, with the motto: ***"Together We Can"***.

A connection to the environment that can be seen in the gum leaves and blue mountains on our School Crest and a firm connection to social justice through the words of Micah

"Live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God"

Even though most of the original school has now vanished in the new buildings. These founding principles remain:

▶ *Building Community*

The curves of the architecture and the furniture, breakout spaces within the classroom builds connection and community- so important in a new community such as Schofields. (Over the course of this year we will have many community events that will involve parents too.)

▶ *Connection to the environment*

We have beautiful gardens that encourage the children play together with friends and learn actively.

▶ *Justice and Faith*

The words of Micah are written on the new building, a part of our staff prayer and actions from the children.

▶ *The future*

Of course, our school is not the same school as when it was first built. It's so exciting to see what amazing learning the teachers create in the spaces, using the possibilities of the architecture. When the school moved into the spaces there was a collective sigh of happiness across the school. Children had spaces to go to that helped their learning but also their welfare. When it was wet weather and hot weather, they had a chance to move. There were quiet places for the children, noisy places, creative places, places where they could easily find a friend, playgrounds where the inside learning doesn't end.

Who knows what the future will hold for St Joseph's? We know it will be a bright future. It's even in our school prayer:

*"Lord,
We pray that you will carry us in your loving hands and guide us into the future.
St Joseph
Pray for us
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Pray for us"*

Kind Regards,
Lesley Studans
Principal

Important Information

COVID Guidelines for Term 3

We currently have 6 active cases of COVID across the school and many more cases of Flu, RSV and just regular coughs and congestion.

We know how infectious COVID is.

- ▶ Masks are recommended especially during this surge.
- ▶ **NEW!** If someone in your household has COVID, then the children in the household should come to school if they have a clear RAT and they are well. In addition, the children should wear a mask. The school has spare supplies of RATs and masks. Please ask at the Office.
- ▶ School has air filters, well-ventilated spaces, soap and hand sanitiser and regular cleaning.



If a family member tests positive, please advise the school by either a phone call or sending an email [http://stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au)



Compass Parent Portal – Partial Absence

If parents are picking up their child early from school, the Office Staff will enter the reason when they dismiss the child.

We ask parents **NOT to enter** an absent note via the portal when picking up your child early.

School Fees

The third instalment of Fees for Term 3 will be issued within the next 2 weeks. Please email the office if you have recently changed address so we can update our system and ensure you receive your invoice.



Kindergarten 2023

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

Please download the current enrolment form and complete it.

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>

Canteen – Lunch Orders

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

We have been advised that the only option for any orders received after 9am, 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.



Morning Drop off and Afternoon Pick up Reminder

As we return for Term 3, just a reminder of the school's drop off and pick up methods:



Morning:

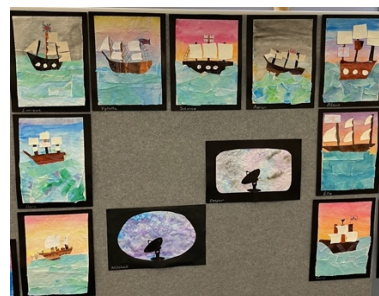
1. Bus Bay Drop-off:
 - a. Enter from the LEFT and there is NO RIGHT TURN in to or out of the Bus Bay;
 - b. Left turn only out of bus bay.
2. Nazarene Crescent Kiss & Drop:
 - a. Enter via Jerralong Drive, onto Flynn Street then onto Nazarene Crescent;
 - b. Drop off ONLY.

Afternoon:

Any changes to your child's pick up needs to be called through to the Office by 2pm.

1. Parent Pick up: Park in surrounding streets and walk up via the footpath to the school gate via Alex Avenue;
 2. Rolling Pick-up: Display your number clearly. Enter via Jerralong Drive, right onto Flynn Street, right into Nazarene Cres and patiently wait for the cars to clear;
 3. Bus: Children are supervised by the Assistant Principal to ensure they get on the right bus;
 4. Walkers: Children are walked to the crossing where the Crossing Supervisor ensures the safe crossing of Alex Avenue;
 5. COSHC: Please notify COSHC if your child WILL NOT be attending on their scheduled day.
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Assistant Principal's Update



Our newly refurbished Community Space was decorated with amazing artistic talent by our students for the opening and blessing of the new building. Here is a sample of the great artwork produced around the school.



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

Catholic Schools Parent Survey

Please read the below flyer from CEDP.


Have your say on what matters regarding the wellbeing and learning of your child.


Click here to access the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CSPAParentSurvey>

Submit today as the survey will close on 31st August 2022.

2022 PARENT SURVEY

CLOSES 31 AUGUST





**Catholic School Parents
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HAVE YOUR SAY

**Catholic School
Parents Australia
is listening.**

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) acknowledges the funding received from the Australian Government to support this work.

Have your say on what matters regarding the wellbeing and learning of your child.

For example, has COVID or your partnership with the school affected your child's wellbeing and learning?

If you are a parent or carer with a child in a Catholic school, CSPA would love to hear from you.

Click on the survey link and share your feedback to assist CSPA in reporting to the Federal Government and Catholic education.

Your feedback will remain anonymous.

Please consider sharing this flyer with other parents.

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Religious Education Update

Official Opening and Blessing of our new buildings

Last Thursday 21st July, we celebrated our Official Opening and Blessing of our new buildings. The Very Rev Christopher de Souza, Vicar General, Episcopal Vicar for Education led our Liturgy for the Blessing. We welcomed special guests including our Executive Director, Mr Greg Whitby and Mr Kevin Connolly, MP for Riverstone.



Fr Chris blessing our buildings and students.

The unveiling of the plaque



Closing with the whole school singing our school song
"Together We Can"



*To commemorate this special event,
each student received a special
bookmark and lovely Rosary Beads.*



St Vinnies Winter Woolies Appeal 2022

Together our school community was able to support the less fortunate families in our neighbourhood. Your donated winter woolies were given out at a St Vinnies Van.



A message of thanks to our School community:

*"On behalf of St Vincent DePaul, I would like to thank staff and students of St Joseph's Schofields for the donations of winter items for the homeless. Your school's generous donations were very much appreciated." God bless,
Roger Perera, member of the Stanhope St Vincent de Paul Society conference*



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



Grandparents' Day Celebration

All Welcome to join our students and staff to celebrate Grandparents' Day.

When: Friday 19th August

Grandparents' Day Liturgy @ 8:45am in the Community Space, followed by Open classrooms until 9:45am.

Part of the Grandparents' Day Liturgy is a slideshow of photos of students with their Grandparents. If you would like to include a photo for the slideshow, please send in your photo to the following email address, http://stjosephsevents22@gmail.com by Friday 12th August.

Mrs Anne Watson
Religious Co-ordinator

Wellbeing Update

THE ZONES OF REGULATION®

The **Green Zone** is used to describe a calm state of alertness. When we are in the green zone students are often described as happy, focused, content, curious and engaged learners.



Within the **Green** zone, you are ready to learn and content with whatever is happening around you. We know that drinking water, eating good food, breathing in fresh air, and spending time doing what makes you happy, will help regulate calm feelings.



When we are unregulated, we don't need to change Zones, we need to regulate within, manage, or take care of our Zone. This allows us to embrace our authentic feelings while meeting the demands of the environment around us and supporting our well-being. Sometimes we end up in the Green Zone, but often we don't, and we know that "All the Zones are OK."

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

Library Update

Term 3 is exciting as our school will be celebrating Book Week. We will have a Book Fair, an Author visit, the announcement of Australian Books of the Year, a colouring in competition, and a Book Character Parade.

Book Week will be from 19th to 24th August 2022.

The Premier's Reading Challenge will finish on Friday 19th August. If any students have not yet finished, you had best get a wriggle on! If you need help uploading your reading list or need your login details to the Premier's Reading Challenge website, please see Mrs Neill in the library or email the school at stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au



Crossing Supervisor

We welcomed our new full-time Crossing Supervisor this week. Her name is Jaymie, and she is very excited to be able to bring road safety into our community.

Jaymie is looking forward to meeting our students and their parents as she safely gets them to and from school.



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 3 boxes and are over halfway 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.

The collection box is located in the Office and 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



Congratulations to our hard-working Parents and Friends for organising, collecting and issuing the Cookie Dough last week Friday.










They have raised over \$3,000 for the school.

Hats off to all involved with this successful fundraiser.



St Joseph's Primary School, Schofields

Staying Connected with Us

	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. <i>This is our MAIN COMMUNICATION APP for WHOLE of school notes, Fortnightly Newsletter, Permission notes for Sporting Activities, Excursions (off school grounds) and Incursions.</i>
	Seesaw Family – Parent App An app to connect to your child's Seesaw Class account, view completed activities and communicate with the teacher <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 <i>Please note: Teachers WILL NOT respond to your message during class time</i>
	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

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- Increases self-confidence
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St Joseph's School (Schofields) Chess Classes, 2022

Thursdays 2:45PM - 3:45PM

Term 1	Cost: \$117	10th Feb - 7th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$130	28th Apr - 30th Jun
Term 3	Cost: \$130	21st Jul - 22nd Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$130	13th Oct - 15th Dec

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.*

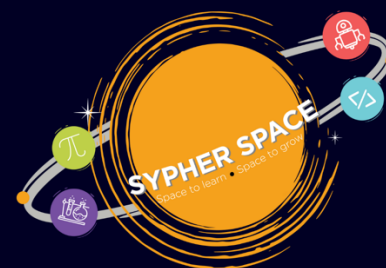
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