



# St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



**Term 1**

**Week 8**

**18th March 2015**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Gospel Action: Being Generous

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Gospel 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said,

'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered,

'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

### Reflection

*I can observe a baby, but the parents "see" their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.*

*This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks "to see Jesus", surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.*

*And there was a response full of allusions to the future.*

*Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.*

*Our Lord says of that scene: "When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself." How were people drawn to this scene? People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.*

*We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.*

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Joseph's,

Welcome to Week 8. It is so wonderful to see all the students and families enjoying the St Joseph's School community. Mrs Delvecchio and myself are so excited when we do 'Kiss and Drop' because the children are very happy to be coming to school. Last week's celebrations for Catholic Schools Week demonstrated the excellent learning and teaching in all classrooms. The St Joseph's Open Day was a great success, our school community was visited by twenty one (21) new families throughout the day. All the staff of St Joseph's was so impressed by the Stage 3 students who conducted the 'School Tours'. The student's welcomed our visitors with pride and continued to escort the parents and children around our school giving them a comprehensive information session about the learning in every environment of our school. Congratulations to all the Stage 3 students. A big thanks you to the Parent Community Group, for providing hospitality; it was gratefully appreciated by the visitors, and especially our staff and students.

## **Last Chance: St Joseph's Schofield's Tea Towel**

You still have a chance to purchase the St Joseph's Schofield's Tea Towel. You can place your order any day this week, including Friday night while the Disco is on as well. A very special thank you to Mrs Opdam for her great idea, gratefully appreciated by all the members of the St Joseph's Community.

## **St Joseph's School Tours**

It is enrolment time for all schools in the area and I would like to encourage you to talk to your friends if they are considering schools for 2016. School tours can be arranged at any time during school hours. So I invite you to share this options with your family and friends and book a 'School Tour' by ringing the **School Office on 9626 1326**.

## **Reminder for next week - Engage in Learning Evening**

St Joseph's staff offers an opportunity for current parents and parents who are interested in enrolling at St Joseph's to engage and learn strategies in Literacy, Numeracy and Religious Education. Parents will engage in learning experiences that will provide insights to student's learning and curriculum areas. There will be three (3) workshops offered in a rotational basis so all parents can attend all workshop by the close of the evening.

We encourage you to attend the evening on **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March between 6.30pm to 8.00 pm**.

## **'Kiss and Drop' and Car Park area**

A very special thank you to all the parents who are using the 'Kiss and Drop' facility in the morning. Unfortunately I have to remind parents not to use the Car Park Area.

There is NO ENTRY to the Car park between 8.00 – 9.30 unless you have a school parking permit, are an Aspect driver or have a disabled parking permit. The same applies in the afternoon between 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

I find it very disappointing that I have to include this reminder in our school newsletter but I believe that it is my responsibility to ensure that all parents are following the protocols in respect of the wider parent community.

## **Professional Learning**

Over the past two (2) weeks a number of staff have attending Professional Learning in the following areas:

TLP training – Miss D Chircop

EMU Specialist Training – Mrs A Watson

Monash University Mathematics Program – Mrs M Slater, Mr T Atkins, Mr L Adams

Beginning Teachers Program – Miss K Fodra

On behalf of the students and parents of St Joseph's I wish to thank the above teachers for supporting the school goals and implementation plans in participating in professional learning to improve the learning outcomes for all students and for building their professional learning repertoire.

## **QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SURVEY**

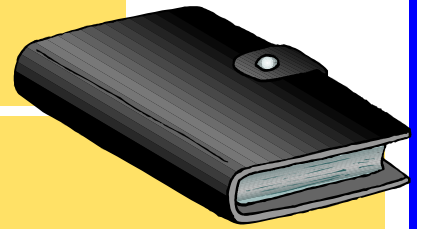
The St Joseph's School community are currently completing the QCS Survey either on line or in paper. Approximately 60 families were invited to complete the Parent Survey. Stage 3 students have completed the survey on line at school and the staff is completing the survey this week.

It is important for all participants to complete the survey. The Survey results are analysed and recommendations are made to the whole school community for improvement and refinement.

*Be safe,  
God Bless  
Cheryl Brown  
Principal*

# IMPORTANT DATES

Check out the new calendar on our website!



2015

Term 1

Week 8	Thurs	19th March	St Joseph's Day Liturgy 11.00am Community Space
	Fri	20th March	School Disco
	Fri	20th March	School Assembly 1.30pm Community Hall S3B Hosting
Week 9	Mon	23rd March	Year 1 Incursion Guide Dog Australia Visit 11am-12noon
	Tue	24th March	Engage in Learning Evening 6.30pm-8pm All Welcome
	Fri	27th March	Easter Mufti Day Easter Egg/ Gold coin donation
Week 10	Mon	30th March	Easter Hat Parade 8.30 Assembly

Holy Week

Mon	30th March	Kindergarten Palm Sunday 1.30pm
Tues	31st March	Year 1 Last Supper 1.30pm
Wed	1st April	Year 2 Praying in the Garden 1.30pm
Thurs	2nd April	Year 3 & 4 Good Friday 1.30pm

End of Term

Term 2

Week 1	Mon	20th April	First Day Term 2 Winter Uniform
	Mon	20th April	Stage 3 Easter Sunday 1.30pm
	Frid	24th April	Anzac Day Ceremony
	Sat	25th April	ANZAC Day
Week 2	Fri	1st May	School Assembly 1.30pm Community Hall Year 3Blue and 3White hosting

## Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

This year, our school is part of a whole school framework that will help us to create a positive learning environment for all the students at St Joseph's. PBS4L simply is about learning to be all of these things:

- I am safe
- I am respectful
- I am a learner

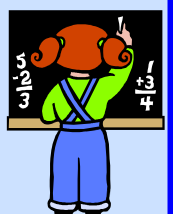
Please tune in for more details to follow.

## Second Hand uniform Shop

Open Monday and  
Thursday mornings  
8.30am or contact  
Tina on  
0417457417

## Kindergarten 2016

We are now accepting Enrolment application forms for Kindergarten 2016. Interviews are being arranged for May & June. If you have a child or know of a child who will be 5 or turning 5 by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and the parents are interested in becoming part of the St Joseph's community, you can pick up an enrolment package from the school office.



# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## Reading Recovery

Over the last few weeks I have embarked on a new journey in my career as a Reading Recovery Teacher. This is such a wonderful opportunity to work one on one with a student each day. I work with four Year 1 students. During each session we engage in reading, letter identification activities and writing. The students are taught strategies to problem solve when they come across an unknown word through specific prompts and questions by the teacher. It has been fantastic to watch the students developing their confidence as they pick up a new book to read and becoming more independent in their approach to writing.

## NUMERACY

Last week we had a visit from our Numeracy Teaching Educator Melissa King. Along with Mr Atkins and Mrs Farhat they had an opportunity to visit the learning spaces during numeracy time. Melissa King gave some wonderful and valuable feedback to support the teachers and leaders in improving student learning in mathematics. We look forward to continuing our work with Melissa King during the year.

## CHESS CLUB

Thank you to the students and parents that have expressed an interest in Chess Club. The lessons will begin next term on Thursday afternoons in the library from 2.45 – 3.45pm. If you sent in an expression of interest you would have received a letter outlining the lesson dates and times and payment methods. Please ensure that you pay for the lessons using one of the options and return the bottom slip of the letter that went home before the end of the term.

If you are still interested it is not too late to get a note from the office. We will also be having a demonstration lesson in the library on **THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March in the library at 3 – 4pm** if you are interested in further information. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Regards

Joanna Delvecchio  
Assistant Principal

## Year 1 visit from the Schofields Fire Station

On Monday 16th March the Schofields Fire Station firefighters visited Year One. They showed their equipment to us. They said when there is fire, we bring our phones outside and wait near the mail box. We got to put water out use their hose and it went very high.

By Susannah, Ty and Madeline



# FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

## ***ST JOSEPH'S DAY—Thursday 19th March***

We would like to invite you to attend a whole school liturgy to celebrate the Feast day of St Joseph in the Community Space on Thursday 19th March at 11:00am.

## ***Year 1 and Year 2 IN-CLASS LITURGIES – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March***

This coming Friday the family and friends of the Year 1 and Year 2 children are invited to attend an in-class liturgy led by the respective Year 1 and Year 2 children and teachers. The children and teachers are very excited to celebrate a liturgy and this term's Religious Education learning with you in their learning spaces. The Year 1 liturgy is at 11:00am in Cottage 4 and the Year 2 children will be at 12:00pm in the Year 2 Demountables. We hope you can make it.

## ***EDUCATION MASS***

On Thursday evening a number of staff will be attending the Education Mass. We will celebrate Mass with Rev. Peter Williams other Priests and staff from the diocese. Miss Fodra will also be commissioned at this mass.

## ***SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM***

If your child is in year 4, 5 or 6 and has not celebrated their First Eucharist, the information evening is on the 26th March at 7.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions regarding the Sacrament, please contact Gerald Oblea at Mary Immaculate Parish.

## ***Holy Week Events - Week 10***

During Holy Week the 30<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April each grade will present a key event of Holy Week each day at 1.30pm in the Community Space.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Kinder present Palm Sunday

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Year 1 present Last Supper

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Year 2 present Praying in the Garden

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 3 and 4 present Good Friday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Stage 3 Present Easter Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 2)

Further information will be sent home next week regarding these events.

Leanne Farhat  
REC

## **Sports News**

At our recent Cross Country, the students had a fantastic time. A huge thank you to the parent helpers who assisted with time keeping and supervising the track. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the following children who will be representing St Joseph's at the Diocesan Cross Country, Tuesday 5th May, 2015 (Term 2 Week 3) Sydney Motorsport Park (formerly known as Eastern Creek Raceway). A note will be sent home soon.

8/9 Years Girls	8/9 Years Boys	10 years Girls	10 years Boys
Jade Lennox Sierra Griffins Kayla Apap Rubie Constable	Charlie Liddicoat Cooper Opdam Cooper Ellims Callum Ritchie	Stephanie Attard Molly McGaughey	Joel Farrugia Aidan Gosling Aaron Rillera
11 Years Girls	11 Years Boys	12 years Girls	12 years Boys
Chantelle Gatt Brianna Jamie Montana Wright	Cameron Tollis Jai Ellims Destiny Erhunmwynse Darcy Lynch	Tara Hughes Morgan Kenna Rachael Montebello	Andrew Whittaker Brodie Barnsley Charlie Sultana Jack Roche

A wonderful day for all participants.

Mrs Watson  
Sports Co-ordinator

## Assembly Awards

Student of the Week—Week 5	Student of the Week—Week 6
Joseph Blanchard	Ryan Thomas
Harley Lockeridge	Evangeline Cvetanovski
Ryan Khan	Thomas O'Brien
Zac Vagas	Lincoln Magro
Hannah Cvetanovski	Georgia Pafumi
Sierra Griffin	Callum Ritchie
Danny Sande	Cooper Opdam
Jade Lennox	Cooper Ellims
Ella Stewart	Andrew Butjerevic
Demi Spiteri	Danielle Cremona
Justin Alcasas	Spencer Bullen
Tara Hughes	



Gospel Values Award Week 6	Gospel Values Award Week 7
Isabelle Birch	Zoe Chow
Oscar Griffin	Lexie Beacroft
Ava Gleeson	Luke Sultana
Ty Opdam	Suhanee Patel
James Bessounian	Brianna Grima
Jorja Bellett	Calista Murdaca
Alisha Sultana	Samira Alcasas
Jack Kresan	Caitlin Buttigeig
Olivia Svarc	Brandon Barnsley
Kwadwo Frimpong	Khloe Buere
Joel Farrugia	
Andre` Abreu	
Lachlan Magro	



### 2015 House Captains

Congratulations to the following student who were elected the 2015 Sports House Captains

Yellow— Danielle Cremona & Cameron Tollis

Blue—Destiny Erhunmwynse & Tata Hughes

Green—Dominic Azzopardi & Abbey Zahra

Red—Gabriella Papallo & Brodie Barnsley



### Principal's Award

Congratulations to Andrew Bagaric on receiving a Principal's Award at our Assembly in Week 6



# TEA TOWEL ORDERS EXTENDED



Orders are still coming in, so we have extended our ordering of Tea Towels until this Friday 20th March.

We can only pre-order, once the delivery is received we won't be able to get more so you MUST order in advance.

Children will receive their orders on Friday 24 April, so you still have plenty of time to post as a Mother's Day gift to Nanna's and Grandma's around the country!

Kylie Opdam will also be at the School Disco on Friday night taking last minute orders from parents, so please bring cash with you if you wish to order on the night.

Thanks in advance!