



# St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



**Term 3**

**Week 2**

**22 July 2015**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Thurs	23rd July	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day / Chess Lessons
Fri	24th July	Grandparents Day Liturgy 8.45am Community Space followed by Morning tea and open classrooms
Fri	24th July	School Assembly 1.30 Kinder Hosting
Sun	26th July	School Parish Mass Mary Immaculate Parish 10.30am
Wed	29th July	Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am / The Ned Show Incursion / Student Banking

### This Weeks Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Sunday Gospel for 26 July, 2015

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:8-11

One of [Jesus'] disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

### Reflection

It is very interesting that in John's account of the multiplication of the loaves and the fish the source of the supply is a little boy. The one who is seemingly least significant and valuable in that large crowd of five thousand men is the one provides the core material for Jesus's great miracle. Once again, this is a Gospel reversal— Jesus chooses the assistance from the powerless to humble the mighty. Do not be surprised if God chooses to use you in a similar manner— out of your weakness, he may want to demonstrate something very powerful indeed.



## Gospel Value for Week 3 : Sharing with Others

### Stage 2 Soccer Participapnts

Due to the possibility of rain overnight the fields will be assessed tomorrow morning to determine if the Gala can go ahead. You will need to LIKE the Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese facebook page for all UPDATES! An update will be posted at 7.15am. Please try and network so that all families know what is going on. Thank you

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers of St Joseph's

Welcome back to school it has been wonderful to meet the children at Kiss and Drop every morning. This term will be another exciting time for us all.

St Joseph's teachers and students are engaging in a number of focus areas this term. St Joseph's continues to promote the learning outcomes for all students and to ensure that teacher experience a rewarding and professional career life.

The focus areas are as follows and Mrs Delvecchio provides further information in her section of the newsletter.

*Numeracy* - Mini Maths Teams. Mr Atkins will facilitate instructional walks on Wednesdays with members of the leadership team across the school and work closely with Years 2, 3, 4 and our specialist teacher, Mrs Watson. More information regarding Instructional Walks is included below.

*Literacy* - Writing and Reading focus across all grades with specific reading intervention in Years 4 & Stage 3. Mrs Delvecchio team-teaches with Mrs Fairclough in developing rich reading comprehension across the grade. Mrs Delvecchio has been working with all staff to create a rubric of writing strategies from early stage one through to stage 3.

*Cooperative Skills* are being taught in Year 3 with the aim to be introduced across all grades in Term 4. The program will be evaluated by staff and students at the end of the year. Year 3 parents have been invited to attend an information session on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Letters were sent home to all Year 3 parents in Week 1.

It is all about good teaching. Sharratt and Fullan argue that teachers need to combine technical expertise with a strong emotional connection. As well as being able to connect with their students emotionally, teachers need to be able to diagnose and act on students' learning needs.

The many benefits of personalizing the learning for students include increased student engagement and positive impact on school culture. By focusing on connecting all the dots between the students and the data (assessments, observational data, rigorous analysis of Naplan, Early Years Assessment, MAI assessment tool etc), educators can accomplish the ultimate goal of helping them learn.

Each individual school's data walls are diverse and dynamic: constantly being updated to identify the progress and needs of students in particular learning areas. It helps to identify students who are 'stuck' in their learning and provides a framework for mapping learning and teaching goals.

St Joseph's is focusing on making the learning visible by engaging in the following practices:-

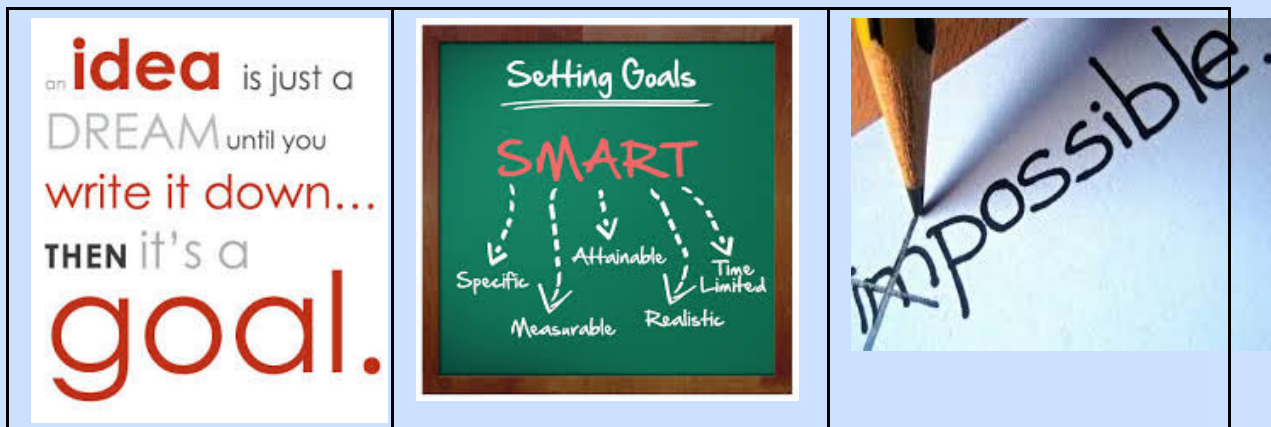
- *Building a Data Wall* for Literacy and Numeracy
- *Instructional Walks* – these walks are not looking for problems of practice, they are about our growth; improving our practice as an instructional leader; being able to precisely define what we observe and how that gives us data on the professional learning we're conducting is going in our school. There are specific protocols for instructional walks. The data collected using this method, accurately informs principals about the practices in the classroom. There are five key questions that are asked of the students:
  - \* What are you learning?
  - \* How are you doing?
  - \* How do you know?
  - \* How can you improve?
  - \* Where do you go for help?
- *Case Management* – this is an internal support mechanism for teachers to focus on their instruction: an opportunity in which to plan the implementation of alternative or new strategies for students who are not progressing in their learning. Case Management sessions are held every fortnight on Wednesday mornings and every week on Thursday. A classroom teacher bring student work samples and assessment data to the meeting to discuss the student's strengths and needs with the aim to target specific teaching strategies to improve learning.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our school continues to be involved in extra curricula areas, such as:-

Chess on Thursday afternoons between 2.45 – 3.45 pm.  
Gymnastics Years 3 – 6.  
Woolworths Earn and Learn  
Mirvac Stanhope Garden's Shopping Centre promotions  
Voice of Youth  
Cool Kids Music program

Term 3 is going to be exciting as we continue our learning journey... Setting Goals will be the focus to motivate our staff and students in managing their learning personally and professionally.



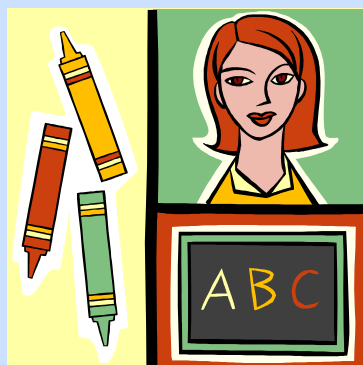
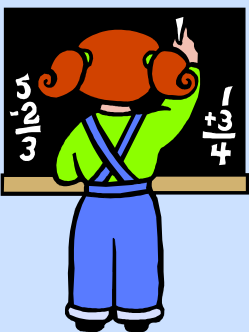
Teachers and students will set learning goals for themselves in Term 3.

Take care and be safe.  
God Bless

Cheryl Brown.

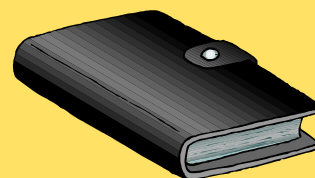
## KINDERGARTEN 2016

We are now accepting Enrolment application forms for Kindergarten 2016. Interviews are being arranged for July & August. 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.



## TERM 3 OVERVIEW

<b>2015</b>	<b>Term 3</b>		
<b>Week 2</b>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>21st July</i>	<i>Netball Gala Day</i>
	<i>Wed</i>	<i>22nd July</i>	<i>Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am / Student Banking</i>
	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>23rd July</i>	<i>Stage 2 Boys &amp; Girls Soccer Gala Day / Chess Lessons</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>24th July</i>	<i>Grandparents Day Liturgy 8.45am Community Space followed by Morning tea and open classrooms</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>24th July</i>	<i>School Assembly 1.30 Kinder Hosting</i>
	<i>Sun</i>	<i>26th July</i>	<i>School Parish Mass Mary Immaculate Parish 10.30am</i>
<b>Week 3</b>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>28th July</i>	<i>UNSW English Exam 7.30am Library</i>
	<i>Wed</i>	<i>29th July</i>	<i>Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am / The Ned Show Incursion / Student Banking</i>
	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>30th July</i>	<i>Chess Lessons</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>31st July</i>	<i>St Joseph's Athletics Carnival Whole School</i>
<b>Week 4</b>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>5th August</i>	<i>Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking</i>
	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>6th August</i>	<i>Year 1 Excursion Rouse Hill Farm / Chess Lessons</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>7th August</i>	<i>School Assembly 1.30 S3White hosting</i>
<b>Week 5</b>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>12th August</i>	<i>Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking</i>
	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>13th August</i>	<i>Chess Lessons</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>14th August</i>	<i>Trivia Night</i>
<b>Week 6</b>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>17th August</i>	<i>Book Week</i>
	<i>Wed</i>	<i>19th August</i>	<i>Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking</i>
	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>20th August</i>	<i>Chess Lessons</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>21st August</i>	<i>School Assembly 1.30 S3Gold hosting</i>
<b>Week 7</b>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>26th August</i>	<i>Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking</i>
	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>27th August</i>	<i>Chess Lessons</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>28th August</i>	<i>Staff Formation Day—Pupil Free Day</i>
<b>Week 8</b>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>2nd September</i>	<i>Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking</i>
	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>3rd September</i>	<i>Father's Day Stall / Chess Lessons</i>
	<i>Fri</i>	<i>4th September</i>	<i>Father's Day Breakfast / Father's Day Liturgy / Assembly S3Blue hosting</i>



Please check these dates regularly as events are continually added or dates changed depending on schedules.

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Professional Learning Conversations

Each week, Cheryl and myself engage in conversation with a grade around samples of work in a particular area of Literacy. Last term our big focus was on writing. This term we will be looking at writing and reading with a continual focus on our Literacy Implementation Plan goal. The aim of the meetings is to have a conversation with the teachers about their data in literacy. We focus on what the students are doing well and how we can take them to the next level of their learning continually improving our practice and student learning.

### MINI MATHS TEAMS

In Term 3 a new part of our Professional Learning in Mathematics will be the Mini Maths Team Project! The Mini Maths Team Project is a chance for some teams based on grades to work towards improving practice and impact on student learning. This project is working towards achieving our Numeracy Implementation plan Goal.

This will involve, Mr Atkins, Mrs Farhat and Mrs Watson working closely with the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Stage 3 teachers at planning mathematics lessons as well as team teaching with the teachers for a series of lessons. This will be followed up by conversations around the lesson, the data gathered on students during the lesson and the next steps in planning the next series of lessons based on the students' needs.

### POETRY and WRITING COMPETITIONS

Thank you to all the students that have participated in the poetry competition last term. You can see some of the entries on the school's Facebook page. They have all been entered and we will find out at some stage this term the results of the competition.

This term Stage 3 students will participate in the 'Design an Ad Competition' run by the Blacktown Sun Local Paper. More details of that competition to come.

### CHESS

We will be continuing Chess lessons this term on Thursday afternoon in the library from 2.45- 3.45pm. If you are interested in your child participating, come and get a letter from the office. It isn't too late to enter.

### UNSW English Competition

For those students that have paid for the UNSW English Competition, the test is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30am in the library.

Joanna Delvecchio

Assistant Principal

### Important Information

**EMAIL.** The school sends most notes and all newsletters home via email. Newsletter and updates are sent weekly. If you do not receive an electronic copy of this newsletter today then you will miss out on receiving important information in the future. You may also need to check your spam folder in case we are delivered to it. Should your email change or you stop receiving weekly newsletters please contact the school office immediately.

**SKOOLBAG APP.** Please take the time to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just look for our school name "St Joseph's Primary, Schofields" in the Apple App Store for iPhone" or Google Play Store for Android. This is an important form of our communication that is used regularly.

**FACEBOOK.** Like us on Facebook to follow what's happening in the St Joseph's community.



## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

GRANDPARENTS  
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with LOVE

### GRANDPARENTS DAY LITURGY

Our Grandparent's day liturgy will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 8.45am in the Community Hall, with a morning tea and open classrooms to follow. We invite all our families and grandparents to join us for this special liturgy where we get to honour our grandparents and the special role they have in the lives of our students. Thank you to the Parents and Friends Group for providing morning tea.

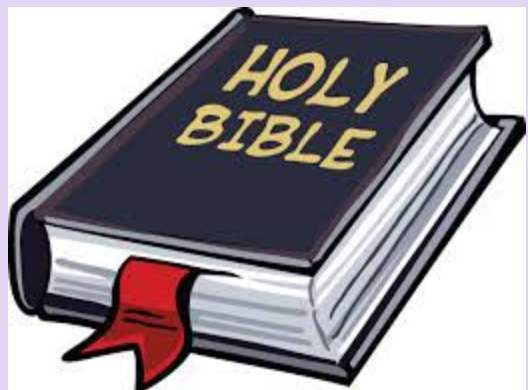


### ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH MASS

The St. Joseph's Parish Mass will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am. I hope that lots of our families will be able to attend as our children have been invited to participate as readers, commentators and participate in the offertory procession. All children participating will need to wear full winter uniform. Looking forward to celebrating mass with our staff, children, families and the wider school community.

Leanne Farhat

Religious Education Co-Ordinator



## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

### Principal Awards Week 10 Assembly

Troy Harris  
Ty Opdam  
Samira Alcasas  
Billy O'Brien  
Alisha Sultana  
Marissa Thomas  
Ella Stewart  
Taeya Hogbin  
Stephanie Attard  
Olivia Svarc  
Aidan Gosling  
Charlotte Grima  
Madison Ozmun  
Jasper McLaughlin  
Samuel Griffin  
Sebastiano Petrocco  
Jasmine Chidgey



Student of the Week—Week 9	Student of the Week—Week 10
Isabella Howlett	Giorgio Zakharia
Mali Garay	James Taylor
Georgia Wilson	Alaina Sreepathi
Tristan Holmes	James Sinclair
Casey Monk	Sienna Vella
Imogen Tollis	Benedict Chow
Jashan Jagal	Sophia Ling
Marissa Thomas	Ishita Sreepathi
Stephanie Attard	Khloe Buere
Shivika Kausik	Gabriella Papallo
Danielle Cremona	



### Gospel Value of the Week—Week 10

Amelia Rainbow  
Charlie Kresan  
Susannah Elias  
Calista Murdaca  
Jashan Jagal  
Mutjaba Kazim  
Noah McGaughey  
Alexis Caruana





## MATHEMATICS NEWS

In Stage 3, we love to be mathematical investigators. Our current challenge is to be town planners and design a new housing estate in Schofields. This will need us to use our developing number skills as we work with some large numbers measuring and calculating perimeter and area. We will also need to think about the shapes, objects and angles that need to be included as well.



Did you know that the area of the new development in front of our school is about 145 600 square metres or just under 36 acres? Can you imagine the different angles the streets make? Or if you were the planner, how you might include a triangle or hexagon in your design? What if an eighth had to be park-land...what area would it take?

From Stage 3

### SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees Statements will be sent by mail this week and fees are due 17<sup>th</sup> August. If you have not received your statement by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July, please contact the office. If there are any families whose fees are not up to date and you are not on an arrangement please contact our office to arrange an appointment with Mrs Brown, otherwise reminder letters will continue to be sent by the Catholic Education Office in Parramatta.



# FROM THE LIBRARY

## BOOK WEEK

*This term will see St. Joseph's celebrate Book Week with a story teller visiting the school, our annual Book Fair, a Book Character Parade and activities for the children to take part in. It will be fantastic to see wonderful characters come to life from the pages of books and walk around our school. Please don't go to any expense, but rather, make costumes up from bits and pieces from home.*

*As an added bonus to this year's celebrations, any student without overdue library book loans, will go into a draw and the winner can choose any book from the Book Fair. Sounds exciting to me.*

I hope that everyone is enjoying the Premier's Reading Challenge and recording their list of books that they have read.

*Mrs. Neill*



## FROM THE CLASSROOMS

## Voice of Youth Year 6 2015

Today we held our school year 6 final for the Voice of Youth. Over the last week all students in Year 6 presented in class and stage finals. The nine students who presented today were Tara Hughes, Adrian Murdaca, Caitlyn Morris, Nathaniel Hawkins, Brodie Barnsley, Emma Laycock, Charli-Belle McCammont, Demi Spiteri and Gabriella Papallo. They presented a range of entertaining, informative and persuasive topics; everything from fantasy dwarfs to challenging social issues including bullying and social media. From this group Adrian Murdaca and Emma Laycock have been selected to represent St Joseph's at the cluster final in coming weeks. Nathaniel Hawkins is the first reserve.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

# ST JOSEPHS TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER



**7PM ON FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2015**  
**THE AUSTRALIAN BREWERY**  
**ANNANGROVE ROAD, ROUSE HILL (NEXT TO BUNNINGS)**  
**ONLY \$15 PER PERSON. TABLES OF TEN PREFERRED.**

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER.  
GET YOUR PARTNERS, FRIENDS & FAMILY TOGETHER AND MAKE UP A TABLE.  
OTHERWISE, WE CAN GLADLY PLACE YOU ON A TABLE WITH OTHERS.

**THIS IS GUARANTEED TO BE A FUN NIGHT OUT FOR ALL WITH LOTS OF TRIVIA, GAMES, RAFFLES AND AUCTIONS!**

**JOIN US IN BUILDING A STRONGER ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOR OUR CHILDREN**

Number of people on your table: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Please place us on a table with others:

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return, together with payment slip, to the front office by Friday 31st July*

TABLE ARRANGEMENTS

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of ticket purchases: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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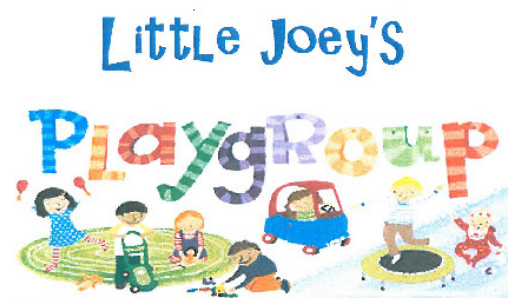
PAYMENT SLIP



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Woolworths Earn & Learn

St Joseph's will be participating in the Earn & Learn promotion run by Woolworths again this year. Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. Stick the Woolworths Stickers onto the Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. Once completed, pop it into the collection box in the school office foyer. We are hoping to earn some great resources for our school.



COME AND HAVE FUN WITH arts and craft, Free play, dress - ups, story time, singing, dancing and more.



Wednesday's 9 - 11 am  
St. Joseph's Primary School Schofields  
For kids ages 0 - 5 and their carers

For more information please contact St. Joseph's Primary at 02 9626 1328 or Jennifer at 0457939447 or email [jmjanblanch77@gmail.com](mailto:jmjanblanch77@gmail.com)



### COME AND TRY SOFTBALL DAY

#### Quakers Hill Pirates Softball Club

*Invites boys & girls aged 4 and up to an introduction to Softball*

A range of games and drills based around the skills of hitting, catching, throwing and base running will be run by our accredited coaches.

Where: Corbin Reserve, Pye Road, Quakers Hill

When: Sunday 19th July, 2015 10am - 2pm

Sunday 26th July, 2015 10am - 2pm

**COST: FREE**

FREE Sausage Sizzle and Gift for all children who participate



CONTACT  
Jodie McGaughey 0414 412 499



### It's On The St Joseph's School Fair

On 21<sup>st</sup> November we will be holding our School Fair. To make this event a successful one we are looking for Sponsors and Stall holders.

If you or a family member own a business and would like to take up this opportunity to gain great exposure or make some extra cash then please contact me to book your space. There will be 10 sponsorship positions

1xPlatinum Sponsor – Major sponsor (\$1500)

4 x Gold Sponsors (\$500) – 3 Positions Left

5 x Silver Sponsors (\$100) – 3 Positions Left

Stalls will be \$50 each and we will be limiting the number of stalls in each category so we don't have an overload of the same products.

To book your space or discuss your options please call Kylie Small on 0415 311 752.

### Second Hand uniform Shop

Open Thursday morning 8.30am or contact Tina on 0417457417