



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 3

Week 8

2 September 2015

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wed	2nd	Primary Gymnastics / September Playgroup 8.30-10.30am / Student Banking
Thurs	3rd	Father's Day Stall / Chess September Lessons
Fri	4th	Father's Day Breakfast / September Father's Day Liturgy / Jersey Day /Assembly S3Blue hosting
Wed	9th	Primary Gymnastics / September Playgroup 8.30-10.30am / Student Banking

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sunday Gospel for 6 September, 2015

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37

Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" - that is, "Be opened!" - And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment removed, and he spoke plainly....They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak".

Reflection

The rite of Baptism concludes with the *ephphatha*, a liturgical replication of Jesus's miracle of healing the deaf mute. The prayer reads: "May [Jesus] soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father." Thus, the Sacrament of Baptism proclaims that our ears and mouths are instruments for glorifying God. We are to keep our ears clean and our mouth pure so that we may filter out what does not testify to the good that Jesus has done for us. May our ears and our mouths be opened by Christ so that others will say: "He has done all things well."



This Weeks Newsletter

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From the Assistant Principal

From The REC

Assembly Awards

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From The Sports Coordinator

Gospel Value for Week 9 : Showing Care and Compassion

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers of St Joseph's ,

This week we celebrate 'Father's Day', a very important day in our school community.

Here is a poem for dads!

Fathers are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be
The man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts
And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily
To live up to "HIS IMAGE"
As protector and provider
And "hero or the scrimmage"...

And perhaps that is the reason
We sometimes get the notion,
That Fathers are not subject
To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart,
Where no one else can see
You'll find he's sentimental
And as "soft" as he can be...

But he's so busy every day
In the grueling race of life,
He leaves the sentimental stuff
To his partner and his wife...

But Fathers are just WONDERFUL
In a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments
And accolade of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires
To fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them happiness...

And like OUR HEAVENLY FATHER,
He's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
To be ALWAYS ON OUR SIDE.

Helen Steiner Rice

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The St Joseph's School community wishes all our fathers, grandfathers, best uncles and significant others in our children's lives the best for Father's Day.

On Friday our school will acknowledge **Jersey Day**. It is a simple concept designed to raise awareness of the Organ and Tissue Authority and the DONATE LIFE network.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2015 is JERSEY DAY

On September 4 we ask all St Joseph's community members to wear their favourite sporting jersey to school to show their support for the **DONATE LIFE** network and begin the conversation with their friends and families about organ donation.

JERSEY DAY has been inspired by the story of **NATHAN GREMMO** who was tragically lost in an accident in May 2015. Nathan's family chose to give the gift of life to others to honour the legacy of Nathan's generous personality.

This campaign is all about raising awareness – we are not raising funds for this event. Simply wear your favourite sporting jersey to school or work on **Friday September 4** and show your support for this cause.

- **DISCOVER** the facts about Organ & Tissue Donation
- **DECIDE** about becoming a donor and register online
- **DISCUSS** your decision with the people close to you

Please visit www.jerseyday.com.au for more information.

See the Donate Life Flyer

Please note that the Jersey Day is not a fundraising event, it is a **Awareness Raising Day**.

Staff News

Ms Denise Chircop has been unwell for a number of weeks and we have been advised that Ms Chircop will be undergoing surgery this week. Ms Chircop will return to work on Tuesday 7th October, 2015. Please keep Denise in your prayers, we wish her a speedy recovery. Ms Danielle Hutchinson is teaching Year 3B until the end of Term 3.

Miss Mizzi has been away earlier this week as her sister Cecilia grieves the loss of her boyfriend Joshua, who passed away last Sunday from a motorcycle accident. Miss Mizzi's family is very sad and would appreciate your prayers for Cecilia and Joshua's family.

Mrs Margaret Slater is on long service leave and will return in Term 4. Unfortunately, due to the lack of availability of casual staff, Stage 3W have been split over the past 3 days. Mrs Christina Johnston has been employed to teach S3W till the end of term.

Mrs Leanne Fairclough is going on long service leave for Week 10 of Term 3 and Week 1 of Term 4 and Mrs Samantha Naylor will be teaching Year 4 during this time.

Mrs Anne Watson is going on long service leave for Week 2 and will return in Week 5. The name of the relief teacher will be advised shortly.

Three full-time teaching positions have been advertised for 2016. The applications for these positions closed 2nd September, therefore I will be screening the applications and conducting the interviews next week.

Rouse Hill Courier

This week our school will be visited by the Rouse Hill Courier Newspaper to interview and photograph our current school leaders. Some of the questions they will be responding to are:

- What's unique about our school?
- What do you want to do when you leave school?
- Why do you think being a school leader is important?
- If you were the principal what would you introduce?

Please, keep an eye out for the Rouse Hill Courier and check out their answers.

Working Bee— 10/11 October 2015

We need your help save this date for our school Working bee. See the flyer coming home with all the details.

Take care and be safe,
God Bless

Cheryl Brown

TERM 3 OVERVIEW

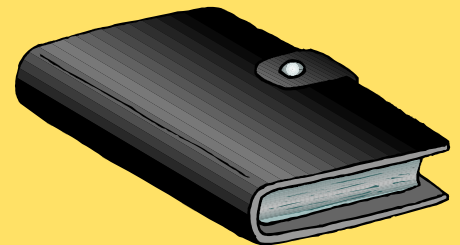
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Week 9	Wed	9th September	Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking
	Thurs	10th September	Cake Day S3B hosting / Chess Lessons
Week 10	Wed	16th September	Primary Gymnastics / Playgroup 8.30-10.30am /Student Banking
	Thurs	17th September	Spring into Summer Mufti Day
	Fri	18th September	End of Term Mass 12pm / Assembly Year 4 hosting

Term 4

Week 1	Tues	6th October	First day Term 4
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Canteen Meal Deal



Meal Deal - \$4.50

Deal 1

- ❖ Salad Roll
- ❖ Small Bottle of Water
- ❖ Piece of Fruit



Deal 2

- ❖ Hot Chicken Roll
- ❖ PopTop Juice
- ❖ Frozen Juice Cup



FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

FATHER'S DAY LITURGY

This year our Father's day liturgy will be held on Friday 4th September in the Community Hall at 8.40am. Our Father's day breakfast will start this special celebration with a liturgy to follow. We invite all our fathers and grandfathers to join us for this special liturgy where we get to honour the most important men in our lives and celebrate the love and commitment you show your child daily.

STAFF FORMATION DAY

On Friday 28th August the staff of St. Joseph's attended a Formation Day at Winbourne Mulgoa. We engaged in spirituality activities and reflection that deepened our knowledge of scripture, prayer and Mark's Gospel. Thank you to Carmen Cassar, our Formation Teacher Educator from CEO Parramatta who facilitated the day with us.

KINDERGARTEN IN-CLASS LITURGY

The family and friends of Kindergarten are invited to attend an in-class liturgy led by the Kindergarten 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 space. The liturgy is at 11:00am in Cottage 1. We hope you can make it.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

On Friday 11th September, the Stage 3 students and teachers will be attending is the Year 12 Graduation mass of St John Paul II Catholic College. After mass the students will participate in celebrating Terra Sancta Day with the students of St John Paul II Catholic College.

END OF TERM MASS – Friday 18th September

We would like to invite you to attend a whole school liturgy to celebrate our End of Term Mass in the Community Space on Friday 18th September at 12:00pm with Fr Ruben.

Leanne Farhat
Religious Education Co-ordinator

FROM THE SPORTS COORDINATOR

Congratulations to Sienna Junkiewicz who has qualified to represent Parramatta at the NSWCPs MacKillop Track & Field Championships. This will be held at Sydney Olympic Park, Athletics Centre, Homebush on Monday 14th September.

Sienna will be competing in:

- 100m
- 200m
- Long Jump
- Discus

Wishing Sienna the best of luck!

Father's Day Stall & Breakfast

Fathers day stall will be held on Thursday 3rd September. Gifts range from \$5 to \$10.

Fathers day breakfast will be held on Friday 4th September. Breakfast will be served from 7.30am to 8.30am. Please return the RSVP as soon as possible or drop in a note if you will be attending for catering purposes. We have also asked for a \$3 donation to help cover the cost.

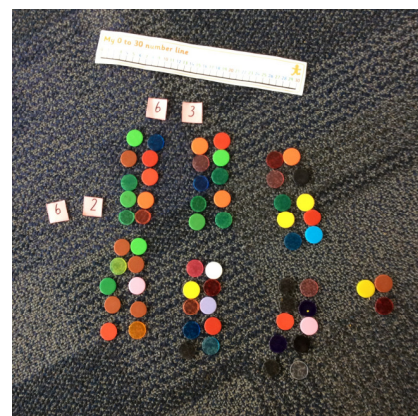
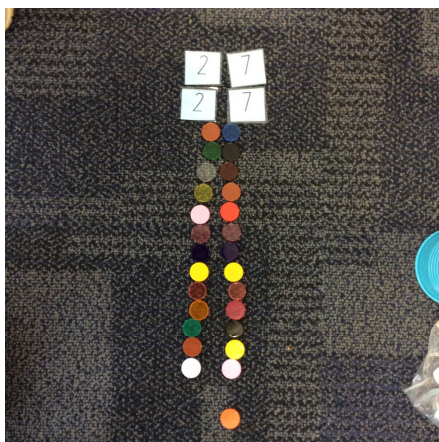


YEAR 6 Raffle

Year 6 will be selling raffle tickets during Fridays Fathers Day Celebrations

MATHEMATICS NEWS

Kindergarten working their Maths Magic



Come follow us on Twitter.....

Kindy Schofields
@SJSkindy2015
Kindy, St. Joseph's Schofields, a Catholic Primary School within the Diocese of Parramatta, serving the Parish of Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill.

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Kindy Schofields @SJSkindy2015 · Aug 26
Counting collections in Kindergarten. We are practising using number lines, counting by 10s, one more and one less.

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards Week 6 Assembly

Nikisha Rogers
James Bessounian
Hannah Cvetanovski
Maddison Saulle
Susannah Elias
Sierra Griffin



Student of the Week—Week 5	Student of the Week— Week 6
Ruby Carroll	Jayden Farrugia
Mathew Every	Pranav Lalji
Hussein Moussa	Isabella Iannello
Tristan Holmes	Keashan Kotli
Jorja Bellet	Casey Monk
Aiko Granada	Taylor Bryce
Jack Kresan	Jacob Zahra
Rhys Sultana	Cooper Opdam
Laurie spiteri	Miguel Sanchez
Stephanie Attard	Adrian Murdaca
Jorod Farrugia	Maddison Cauchi
Adrian Zahra	Alexis Caruana
Joel Farrugia	

Gospel Value —Week 6	Gospel Value— Week 7
Naomi Sultana	Oscar Griffin
Ashlee Gosling	Ryan Thomas
Suhanee Patel	Zac Vagas
Isabella Pafumi	Luke Sultana
Sienna Vella	Callum Ritchie
Brianna Grima	Nikisha Rogers
Sophia Ling	Cameron Tollis
Charlie Liddicoat	Emma Laycock
Brayden Cauchi	Montana Wright
Natasha Grima	
Shivika Kaushik	
Sarah Said	

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week at St. Joseph's

Book Week at St. Joseph's was a wonderful week. Thank you to all who bought books at the Book Fair - it was marvellous to see the children so excited about the books and coming back to the library to tell me all about the stories they had read.

Many thanks go to everyone who were behind the superb book characters who paraded on the first day - well done! The children later enjoyed tales from the talented Jonathan Drew, our visiting storyteller. What a delight.

Congratulations to Naomi Sultana, who was our lucky winner of her pick from the Book Fair - her name, along with many others, went into a hat as she had no overdue books on loan from the library. Congratulations also to our artistes, who won prizes in the colouring competition; Lachlan Vella, Hunter Sultana, Gabriella Borazio, Ty Opdam, James Bessounian, Hayley Hogbin, Sophia Ling, Ashley-Joan Ting, Olivia Svarc, Spencer Bullen, Maddie Cauchi, Sharmaine Santos and Adrian Murdaca.

Joanne Neill,
Library



FROM THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations St Joseph's top of the Leader Board only 2 weeks to go lets keep this position.



**SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL
LEADER BOARD RESULTS**

SCHOOL	POINTS
St Joseph's Primary School	121
Barnier Public School	74.6
Parklea Public School	48.5
Quakers Hill East Public School	41.8
Tallowood School	35.4
John Palmer Public School	31.1
Kellyville Ridge Public School	19.2
Riverbank Public School	16.3
Hambledon Public School	10
Schofields Public School	7.1

Woolworths Earn & Learn

St Joseph's is 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.

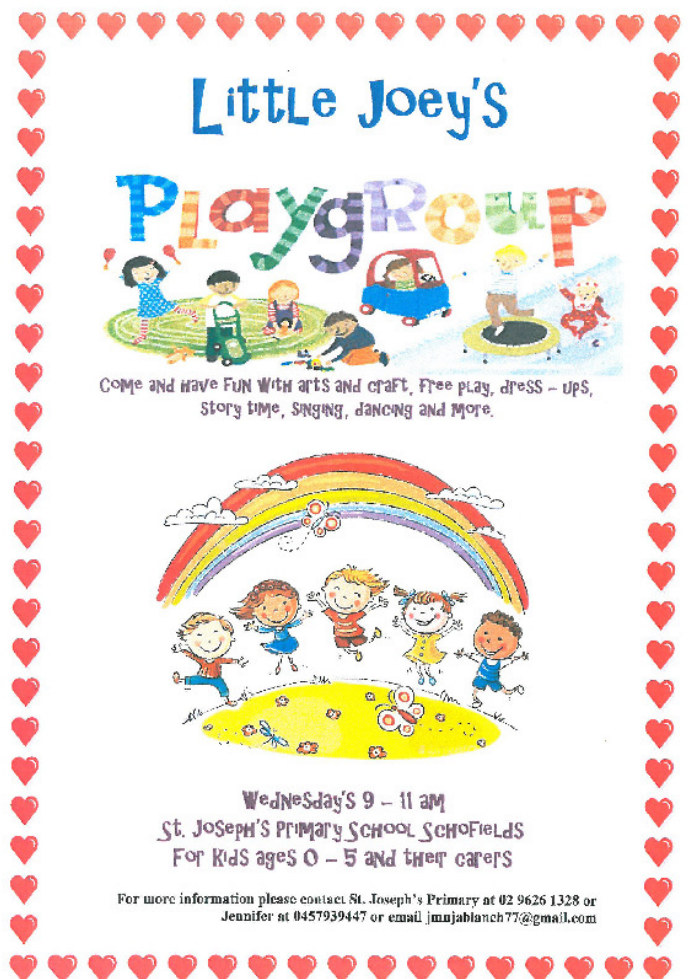


FROM PLAYGROUP—Every Wednesday 8.30-10.45



Come and join in the fun—looks like we are exploring under the sea....





Little Joey's

PlaygRoup



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 jmjablanch77@gmail.com

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DISCOVER

the facts about organ and tissue donation

DECIDE

about becoming a donor and register online

DISCUSS

your decision with the people close to you

Please visit www.donatelife.gov.au for more information about how you can help to save a life.

