



# St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



**Term 4**

**Week 10**

**14 December 2016**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Term 4

*Fri 16 December End of Year Mass & Award Ceremony  
10am Community Space*

*Fri 16 December Year 6 Guard of Honour 2:10pm  
School Closes*

### 2017

### Term 1

*Week 1 Fri 27 January Staff commence  
School—Testing Day*

*Week 2 Mon 30 January Testing day  
Tues 31 January Year 1 to Year 6 students return  
normal classes*

*Wed 1 February Kindergarten commence /  
Champagne & tissues  
Whole school assembly—  
Welcome to 2017*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

By now you would have received the results of the parent survey and the actions that will flow from that. In a nutshell:

- Next year we will have sports uniform on Wednesdays and Fridays with sports lessons happening on Fridays.
- Communication will occur across many platforms but will be connected.
- With this newsletter is a calendar of events for next year. On the calendar are Parent Group events and school events. Afternoon assemblies will be on Wednesdays.

Feedback will continue to be sought from parents on a range of issues through surveys and through the Parent Group as we work together as one to educate our precious children.

Next year the parent group will have a number of 'arms' - we'll have class parents, a group organizing discos, a group organizing working bees, a group welcoming Kindergarten. A family fun day with a sporting theme has been proposed for later in the year. A highlight of Term 1 will be our family picnic welcoming all to the new school year.

Our wonderful staff have again volunteered to lend their expertise and enthusiasm for extra curricula sporting events. In Term 1 there will be a special activity or two on some afternoons. Monday will be drama for Years 3-6 with Miss Dennett, Tuesdays is coding with a new program and also guitar club with our rock stars Mr Adams and Mr Parnis, Thursdays is chess supervised by Mrs Delvecchio. The number of extra-curricula opportunities both after school and at lunchtime is something special about our school - giving the children many opportunities to develop their talents outside the classroom that they otherwise would not have in a small school.

Next year we are also celebrating our 20 year anniversary in August. We will also be promoting the school to gain enrolments from the new housing in Schofields, whilst keeping our school's character as a small and caring community. We will have new signs, new side access to the school and a new bigger playground between Year 1's cottage and the Stage 3 demountables.

I'm really looking forward to next year and once again a very big thankyou to you for making me feel so welcome. Have a very Happy Christmas and hopefully a peaceful and fun holiday from school life. See you next year!

With Kind Regards,  
Lesley Studans  
Principal



## This Weeks Newsletter

From the Principal

From the Assistant Principal

The Term Ahead

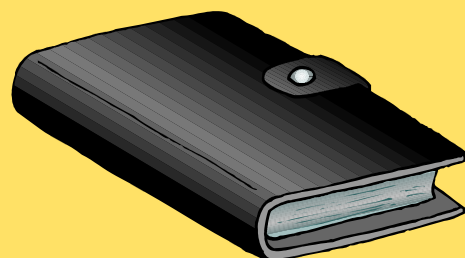
From The REC

## CALENDAR OVERVIEW

**2016**

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**2017**

**Term 1**

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*Week 2 Mon 30 January Testing day*  
*Tues 31 January Year1 to Year 6 students return normal classes*  
*Wed 1 February Kindergarten commence / Champagne & tissues 9am*  
*Whole School Assembly—Welcome to 2017*

*Week 3 Tue 7 February Beginning Of year Mass*  
*Wed 8 February Parent group Meeting 7pm All welcome*

*Week 4 Wed 15 February Whole School Assembly—Year 4 Hosting*  
*Wed 15 February Meet the teacher 2.30-7.30*  
*Thurs 16 February Zone Swimming Carnival*  
*Fri 17 February New families welcome picnic 6.30-8.00*

*Week 5 Thurs 23 February Open Afternoon/Evening John Paul II*  
*Fri 24 February Swimming Diocesan Carnival*

*Week 6 Tues 28 February Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day*  
*Wed 1 March Ash Wednesday*  
*Whole School Assembly Stage 3 Gold Hosting*

*Week 7 Catholic Schools Week*  
*Tues 7 March Open Classrooms*

*Week 8 Wed 15 March Whole School Assembly Year 3 hosting*  
*Fri 17 March St Patrick's Day in class Liturgy*  
*School Cross Country*

*Week 9 Tues 21 March St Joseph's Feast Day Mass 12noon*  
*Fri 24 March Annunciation in Class Liturgy*

*Week 10 Wed 29 March Whole School Assembly Stage 3 White Hosting*  
*Fri 31 March School Easter Disco (4.45-6pm) (6.15-7.30)*

## CALENDAR OVERVIEW

**2017**

**Term 1**

*Week 11*

*Holy Week Activities*

*Mon 3 April*

*Palm Sunday—1.30*

*Tues 4 April*

*Last Supper— 1.30*

*Wed 5 April*

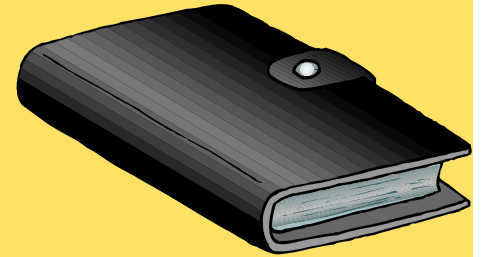
*Praying in the Garden— 1.30*

*Thurs 6 April*

*Good Friday—1.30*

*Fri 7 April*

*Easter Hat Parade / Easter Raffle*



**Term 2**

*Week 1*

*Mon 24 April*

*Staff Development Day*

*Tues 25 April*

*ANZAC Day*

*Wed 26 April*

*ANZAC Day Liturgy 12 pm*

*Stage 3 Resurrection Liturgy 1.30pm*

*Thurs 27 April*

*Stage 3 Overnight Camp Yarramundi*

*Week 2*

*Tues 2 May*

*Diocesan Cross Country*

*Wed 3 May*

*Whole School Assembly Year 1 Hosting*

*Week 3*

*Tues 9 May*

*NAPLAN—Language Conventions & Writing*

*Wed 10 May*

*NAPLAN– Reading*

*Parent Group Meeting 7pm*

*Thurs 11 May*

*NAPLAN Numeracy*

*Fri 12 May*

*Mother's Day Liturgy 8.50 and Morning tea*

*Sun 14 May*

*Mother's Day*

*Week 4*

*Wed 17 May*

*Whole School Assembly Stage 3 Blue Hosting*

*Week 5*

*Thurs 25 May*

*The Ascension of the Lord—in Class Liturgy*

*Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day*

*Week 6*

*Wed 31 May*

*Whole School Assembly Year 2 Hosting*

*Thurs 1 June*

*Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day*

*Week 7*

*Mon 5 June*

*Pentecost Liturgy 12noon*

*Week 8*

*Mon 12 June*

*Queens Birthday*

*Wed 14 June*

*Whole school Assembly K-6 Gold Hosting*

*Fri 16 June*

*Athletics Carnival*

*Week 10*

*Wed 28 June*

*Whole School Assembly Kinder Hosting*

*Thurs 29 June*

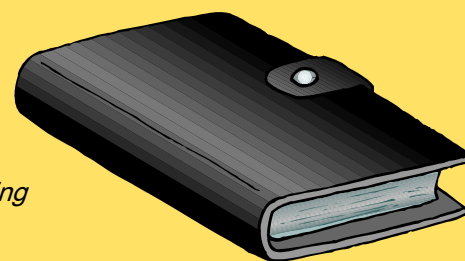
*Stage 2 Girls & Boys Soccer Gala Day*

## CALENDAR OVERVIEW

### 2017

### Term 3

Week 1	Mon	17 July	Day 1 Term 3
Week 2	Tues	25 July	Netball Gala Day
	Wed	26 July	Grandparents Day / Whole School Assembly Stage 3 Gold
Week 3	Wed	2 August	Parent Group Meeting and Elections for 2018 7pm
Week 4	Tues	8 August	Mary Mackillop Feast Day Liturgy
	Wed	9 August	St Joseph's 20 Year Celebration / Olympathon
	Fri	11 August	Staff Development Day
Week 5	Tues	15 August	Zone Athletics Carnival
Week 6	Wed	23 August	Whole School Assembly Stage 3 White Hosting
	Fri	25 August	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Week 7	Fri	1 September	Father's Day Liturgy
	Sun	3 September	Father's Day
Week 8	Wed	6 September	Whole School Assembly Year 3 & 4 Hosting
Week 9	Fri	15 September	Stage 2 Girls & Boys Touch Gala Day
Week 10	Wed	20 September	Whole School Assembly Stage 3 Blue
	Fri	22 September	Stage 3 Girls & Boys Touch Gala Day



### Term 4

Week 1	Mon	9 October	Day 1 Term 4
Week 2	Wed	18 October	Whole School Assembly Year 2 Hosting
Week 3	Wed	25 October	Parent Group Meeting 7pm
	Fri	27 October	School Halloween Disco (4.45-6.00) (6.15-7.30)
Week 4	Wed	1 November	Whole School Assembly Year 1 hosting
	Fri	3 November	Gymnastics Competition
Week 6	Wed	15 November	Whole School Assembly Kinder Hosting
Week 8	Wed	29 November	Whole School Assembly K-6Gold Hosting
	Fri	1 December	Christmas Concert
Week 9	Tues	5 December	Parent Helper Thanksgiving Liturgy
	Wed	6 December	Year 6 big Night Out
Week 10	Tues	12 December	Year 6 Graduation Mass
	Wed	13 December	End of Year Assembly
	Thurs	14 December	Year 6 Big Day In
	Fri	15 December	End of Year Mass



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### **BUDDY BENCH**

Mr Parnis had a dream of starting up a 'Garage Shed' building/fixing concept for our students and his dream became a reality this term. Together with the stage 3 students, Mr Parnis has constructed a Buddy Bench. On Monday morning, we donated it to St Bernadette's at Lalor Park as a way of 'Paying it Forward' after the donation of our buddy bench from the Buddy Bench Project Organisation. Bunnings at Marsden Park kindly donated all the materials required to build and paint it. It was such a great experience for both the students at St Josephs and St Bernadettes. We look forward to making more Buddy Benches to donate to others schools next year.



### **CHESS and CODING**

After school Chess on Thursday and Coding on Tuesday will be continuing next year on the following dates.

#### Term 1

Coding – 14<sup>th</sup> February – 21<sup>st</sup> March (Week 4 - 9)

Chess – 9<sup>th</sup> February – 30<sup>th</sup> March (Week 3- 9)

#### Term 2

Coding – 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 20<sup>th</sup> June (Week 2-9)

Chess – 4<sup>th</sup> May – 22<sup>nd</sup> June (Week 2-9)

#### Term 3

Coding – 25<sup>th</sup> July – 12<sup>th</sup> September (Weeks 2 – 9)

Chess - 20th July - 21 September (Week 1-10)

#### Term 4

Coding – 17<sup>th</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> December (Week 2-9)

Chess - 12th October to 7th December (Week 1-9)

Notes to book into these courses will be sent out early in 2017.

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## END OF YEAR AWARDS

Each year we present our students with class and whole school awards. Two students from each class are selected to receive one of the following awards: Student Excellence Award and Mary MacKillop Award. At a whole school level, one student across the whole school receives the St Joseph's Award. These awards will be presented to the students on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December after the End of Year Mass.

Below are details of the award selection criteria that teachers use when selecting their students to receive these awards.

## STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Criteria for Student Excellence Awards - Each teacher nominates ONE **student** per class who meets **at least 3** of the criteria

An "Excellent Student" is someone who has demonstrated:

- Consistent effort and achievement in any one or more areas of learning;
- Effective study habits/organization and responsibility for their own learning;
- Inclusiveness of all class members and helped others in their learning;
- Awareness of social justice by standing up for or by those excluded;
- Interest in the whole school not just themselves or their friendship groups;
- A significant positive contribution to the classroom atmosphere;
- Sensitivity to the needs of others and actively promoted harmonious relationships;
- Consistent courtesy and good manners to all;

Initiative with ideas and activities that contribute to the life of the school.

## MARY MACKILLOP AWARD

Criteria for Mary MacKillop Award

*Each teacher nominates **ONE** student to receive a Mary MacKillop Award .This is the student from your class who regularly demonstrates the following*

**"Never see a need without doing something about it"**

## St Joseph's Award Criteria and Selection

This Shield will be given to **ONE** student in the whole school who regularly demonstrates the following which also reflects the person that St Joseph was.

A student who - Acts justly, loves tenderly and walks humbly with God (Micah 6:8)

### **2016 St Joseph's Summer Reading Challenge**

Don't forget to enter the St Joseph's Summer reading challenge. See the flier attached with details.

Joanna Delvecchio  
Assistant Principal

# FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

## END OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS AND AWARD CEREMONY

All parents and carers are welcome to join us to celebrate our learning and the many blessings we have shared in 2016.

**Friday, 16th December**  
10 – 11am  
in the Community Space.

Followed by our End of Year Award Ceremony  
commencing after recess at 11:30



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS

**"Christmas is the season of giving!!"**



A huge **thank you** for supporting the St Vincent de Paul Hampers once again this year.  
**Together we are spreading the joy of Christmas**  
**to those in need in our local community!!!**

## ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the students, staff and parents who helped in the preparation of our Christmas Pageant and family bbq last Friday.

The students, staff and families enjoyed such  
a spectacular night filled with the **JOY of CHRISTMAS.**

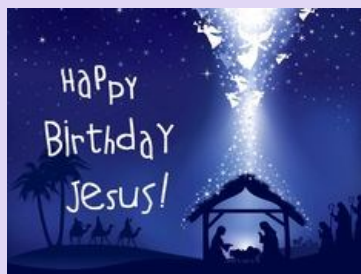


We give thanks for the community that we are and we ask you Lord – bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



# Merry Christmas!

# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Student of the Week — Week 7	Student of the Week— Week 8
Antonia Bonilla	Rachel Elias
Astrid Gella	Gabrielle Moussa
Ella O'Brien	Max Piesnik
Hunter Wilkinson	Mali Garay
Jessica Power	Madeline Scott
Dane Leeson	Isabella Iannello
Luke Martelli	Casey Monk
Sienna Vella	Dion Bedrossian
Marissa Thomas	Caitlin Weiss
Cristiano Petrocco	Alisha Sultana
Matthew Cremona	Julianna Murace
Aidan Gosling	

Gospel Value — Week 8	Gospel Value — Week 9
Scarlett Goodman	Krish Pandya
Zachary Hogan	Nia Patel
Zoe Chow	Ella O'Brien
Ashlee Gosling	Kade Ellims
Ty Opdam	Nicholas Pierazzi
Jonah Mondragon	Leah Lowe
Isabella Dejesus	Zach Hoarau
Olivia Murace	Callum Ritchie
Sienna Junkiewicz	Isaac Beacroft
Charlotte Grima	Shane Carroll
	Tyran Brown
	Jacob Trinidad

Student of the Week— Week 9 & 10
Rhys Macdonald
Imogen Tollis
Andrew Vella
Samira Alcasas
Lucas Oliver
Chelsea Oliver
Jeizek Reyes
Sharmaine Santos

## Bronze Awards

David Elias
Eden Kenna
Clyde Tordecillas
Ethan Sarno
Imogen Tollis
Jarod Farrugia
Casey Monk
Rubie Constable
Zach Hoarau
Sierra Griffin

Dhruvi Vekaria
Michael Butjerevic
Cristiano Petrocco
Joseph Blanchard
Kassandra Gella
Kiarna Kong
Brianna Grima
Harley Lockeridge
Ishita Sreepathi

## Silver Awards

Maddison Saulle
Elijah Rillera





## St Josephs Summer Reading Challenge 2016

# Are you up to the Summer Reading Challenge?

We are encouraging ALL students to enter the Executive Director's Summer Reading challenge.

For further details on how to enter visit the following website:  
<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/summer-reading-challenge>

To make it more exciting, at St Josephs we are having our own competition to go along with the Summer Reading Challenge.

**Once you enter the Summer Reading Challenge online**, you are ready for the St Josephs Summer Reading Challenge. To make the 2016 St Joseph's Summer Reading Challenge more interesting we have made a list of Reading Challenges for you to complete.

### HOW MANY CHALLENGES FROM THE LIST CAN YOU DO?

Take a photo of you reading one or more of the listed challenges, tell us which one it is and send in your photo and you can be in for a chance to win \$100 movie voucher for your family.

Send your photo to the following email address anytime during the holidays: [stjosephsevents22@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsevents22@gmail.com)

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE LIST

1. Read a Fairy Tale or a Legend
2. Read a book you haven't read since you were in pre-school
3. Read a newspaper or magazine article
4. Read a comic
5. Read your all time favourite book
6. Read a book your parents liked or read when they were in primary school
7. Read a picture book
8. Read an information book
9. Read a letter or email
10. Read a book recommended by someone