



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 4

Week 10

9 December 2015

THE WEEK AHEAD

<i>Week 10</i>	<i>Thurs 10th December</i>	<i>Whole School Assembly 1.30</i>
	<i>Fri 11th December</i>	<i>Class Promotions Day 9am/ Christmas Carols Concert</i>
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	<i>Wed 16th December</i>	<i>End of Year Mass 10am / Year 6 Guard of honour 2.15pm School Closes</i>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers of St Joseph's

Here we are in Week 10 Term 4. The school year is coming to a close so quickly. This time of the year is always very busy there is so much happening.

Our school community is

- continuing to keep the focus on learning right up to the last day of school
- preparing for the end of year events; Year 6 Graduation, Carol's Night, Motiv8 day, End of Year Mass and Guard of Honour for our graduating Year 6 students
- tidying up our classrooms in preparation for the end of year
- ordering learning resources for 2016
- finalising staffing and class lists for 2016
- having maintenance being carried out at the moment as well. The administration block is being painted inside, fresh paint works on buildings and toilet blocks, the verandahs of Stage 3, Year 2 and K6G are being renovated and painted as well. All the works will be completed before 18th December, 2015. The costs are in excess of \$30,000.00 and I am delighted to advise that the School Facilities department of the Catholic Education Office are funding half of the costs with the School paying the balance, approximately \$15,000.00.

Parent Helpers

Today a note will be coming home requesting parent helpers to assist with the cleaning and tidying of the school environment e.g. classrooms, store rooms etc, before the end of the year.

Classes for 2016

A reminder to parents to put in writing any particular needs for your child in classes for 2016, as the promotions day is Friday 11th December, at 9.00 am till 10.00 am. All the staff are very busy and if you have mentioned classes for 2016 to a staff member in a conversation I suggest you formalise your requests via email.

This Weeks Newsletter

From the Principal

The Term Ahead

From the Assistant Principal

From The REC

Assembly Awards

From the Classrooms

Week 11 GOSPEL ACTION – Showing Care & Respect for Others

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am very pleased to advise you of the *staffing for 2016*.

Principal	Cheryl Brown
Assistant Principal	Joanna Delvecchio
Religious Education Coordinator	Leanne Farhat
Coordinator 2	Trevor Atkins
Coordinator 1	To be advised.
Kindergarten Blue	Zara Boudib
Kindergarten White	Katie Bates (Mon – Thurs) & Melissa Stevenson (Fri)
Year 1 Blue	Roslyn Earl (Mon, Tues & Friday - odd weeks) Victoria Powell (Wed, Thurs, Friday -even weeks)
Year 1 White	Sarah Bartolo
Year 2 Blue	Sandra Bonnici (Wed, Thurs, Fri – odd weeks) Kimberley Turner (Mon, Tues & Wed - even weeks)
Year 2 White	Anne Watson
Year 3 Blue	Leanne Fairclough
Year 3 White	Denise Chircop
Year 4 Blue	Leanne Farhat (Mon – Thurs) Kimberley Turner (Fri)
Year 4 White	Liam Adams
Stage 3 Blue	Daniel Parnis
Stage 3 White	Victoria Dennett
Stage 3 Gold	Trevor Atkins
Reading Recovery Teacher	Joanna Delvecchio
Emu Specialist Teacher Infants –	Sarah Bartolo (in training)
Emu Specialist Teacher Middle Years –	Anne Watson
Targeted Learning Program	Denise Chircop
Learning Support Teacher	Margaret Slater (Mon – Fri)
Literacy Support Teacher	Teresia Sobb (Mon & Tues 1/2 days)
Teacher Aides	Freda Crane & Pauline Forster
Library Technician	Joanne Neill
Office Staff	Leonie Beck – Mon – Fri Vicki Bowden – Mon, Tue, Wed Kerry Grima – Thurs, Fri
Maintenance Groundsman	Andrew Jenkins
School Counsellor	To be advised
IT Trainee	To be advised
Sport's Teacher	Lauren Wheeler (Thursday)
RFF Teachers	Melissa Fraser, Tammy Ible, Teresia Sobb
Aspect – K6 Gold	Amanda Fenech Jessica Connors Kylie Dunn Monique Evans

The above staffing is current as at today's date. I hope there will be no changes. As you can see there are some positions to be advised at a later date. The St Joseph's School Community is very excited to be welcoming new teachers to our school – Melissa Stevenson, Daniel Parnis, Victoria Dennett, Zara Boudib and Lauren Wheeler.

Our school community wishes Stephanie Mizzi and Katherine Fodra the best in their future roles in 2016. Our school community has been blessed with the gifts and talents that both Stephanie and Katherine have shared with us during their time at St Joseph's. Stephanie is taking up a teaching position at St Michael's Primary School, Blacktown and Katherine will be teaching at St Patrick's Primary School, Blacktown.

Enjoy the week and see you soon

Together We Can

Cheryl Brown

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

Are you up to the Summer Reading Challenge? We are encouraging ALL students to enter this great competition.

Here is an opportunity for you to win an iPad mini by participating in this Summer Reading Challenge. Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge – comics, play, poetry, books, e-books or graphic novels. This year there is no minimum number of books to be read making it easier to win a prize.

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, send in a photo of you reading during the holidays for the Summer Reading Challenge. Take a photo of you reading in the most interesting of holiday places and you can be in for a chance to win \$100 movie voucher for your family. Be creative; remember you don't have to go away to be on holidays.

Send your photo to the following email address anytime during the holidays: stjosephsevents22@gmail.com

HAPPY SUMMER READING

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St Joseph's staff, students, families and friends will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ at our annual Christmas at St Joseph's Concert. This is a very special event in our school calendar to celebrate together. This year musician Genevieve Bryant will lead the concert with the children.

Date: Friday 11th December 2015

Time: BBQ starts at 5.30pm, concert begins at 6.30pm

Location: Outside the library

Sitting arrangements: All students sit in their class groups. Families are welcome to bring their picnic rugs to sit on behind and to the side of the classes. Behind the rug area, there will be chairs provided to sit on.

BBQ Family dinner: This year there is a sausage sizzle for a family dinner. Sausage sizzle will be on sale from 5.30pm.

Come along and have a family dinner while listening to Christmas carols before the pageant begins at 6.30pm.

We look forward to seeing all our families and friends.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS AND AWARD CEREMONY

All parents and carers are welcome to join us celebrate our learning and the many blessings we have shared in 2015 on Wednesday, 16th December at 10am in the Community Space.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

We are in the final days of collecting food donations for St. Vincent De Paul. The hampers will be presented to a St. Vincent de Paul representative at the Christmas concert. Thank you for your support of this appeal and the difference you have made to families in our local community.

CALENDAR OVERVIEW

2015

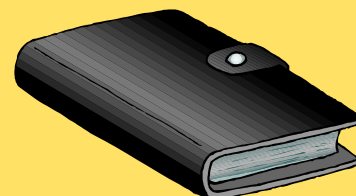
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Reminder:
Kindergarten hosting
assembly

2016

Term 1

Week 1 Wed 27th January School Opens for 2016 Testing

Thurs 28th January Testing continues

Fri 29th January Year1 to Year 6 return to school

Week 2 Mon 1st February Kindergarten commence school

Fri 5th February Whole school Assembly 1.30pm Community Space

Week 3 Tues 9th February Parent Information Evening

Wed 10th February Ash Wednesday

Fri 12th February Beginning School Mass 12noon Community Space All Welcome

Week 4 Thurs 18th February Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival

Fri 19th February Whole School Assembly 1.30pm Community Space

Week 6 Fri 4th March Whole School Assembly 1.30pm Community Space

Week 8 Wed 16th March School Photos

Week 8 Fri 18th March Whole School Assembly 1.30pm Community Space

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards Week 8 & 9 Assembly



Cooper Opdam
Khloe Buere
Shivika Kaushik
Emma Laycock
Lucy Barnsley
Mathew Every
Lachlan Vella
Kaiden Bryce
James Taylor
Montana Wright
Emma-Grace Ting
James Sinclair
Olivia Murace

Marissa Thomas
Zachary O'Keefe
Harley Ransfield
Michael Butjerevic
Meghan Lynch
Sienna Vella
Hayley Hogbin
Lexie Beacroft
Maddison Ruprecht
Brianna Grima
Imogen Tollis
Kade Ellims
Noah Blanchard
Branden Holmes

Student of the Week— Week 7	Student of the Week— Week 8
Hunter Sultana	Naomi Sultana
Lachlan Vella	Ella O'Brien
Maximos Fredericks	Isabella Iannello
Simrit Kaur	Kazika Jeykumar
Fraser McLaughlin	Cameron Attard
Ashley Taylor	Jonah Mondragon
Charlie Liddicoat	Jayden Rook
Sophia Ling	Rhys Sultana
Aidan Gosling	Madison Ozmun
Charli-Belle McCammont	Charlie Sultana
Andrew Butjerevic	Juliana Murace
Brendan Nelson	Gabriella Papallo

Gospel Value —Week 8	Gospel Value— Week 9
Daniel Prior	Jack Wilkinson
Pranav Lalji	Isabella Birch
Suhanee Patel	Summer Warren
Cameron Grima	Luke Sultana
Calista Murdaca	Taylor Bryce
Brayden Tavoletti	Caitlin Buttigieg
Isaac Beacroft	Lilah Magro
Mujtaba Kazim	Laurie Spiteri
Ishita Sreepathi	Caitlyn Morris
Lachlan Godec	Maddison Cauchi
Justice Lowe	Dominic Azzopardi
Andrew Bagaric	Kayla Apap

COMMUNITY NEWS

Weet-Bix Tryathlon

Do you have a child aged 7-15 years wishing to do the Weet-Bix Tryathlon at Sydney's Homebush on Sunday 31 January 2016? If so, please use the Group name of **Joey's (Opdam)** in your registration to receive group discounts on your registration fees - Earlybird discounts apply when registered before 6 December 2015. This code can be used by all families and friends of the St Joseph's community so please feel free to share with friends!

Register online at <http://try.weetbix.com.au/events/sydney>

School Banking

Thank you to all the children and parents who have supported school banking throughout the year. We have raised \$1100 for St Joseph's this year, which is a fantastic effort.

A very special Thank you to Maria Borazio and Kim Taylor for all their assistance on the school banking desk, it's been wonderful, fun, although sometimes a bit hectic.

The commonwealth bank pays the school \$5 fundraising money for every new school banking account, and also pay a 5% commission on every deposit we get, so it's a really easy fundraising activity for the school to do.

We really need some more helpers on the desk, so if you'd like to help out, we'd love to have you. The more people we have helping out, the easier it is. Please contact Jacinta on 0422100856.

English Courses

Nirimba College

Nirimba TAFE (Quakers Hill) offers English courses* at various levels which include reading, writing, speaking, listening and computers. These courses will help you with English and literacy needed for further study, work or community involvement.



What you need to do:

You need to do a reading and writing test and have an interview with one of our English teachers.

This can be done prior to or during our Information/Enrolment session.

We will then know your English level and can discuss with you which course is the most suitable. If unable to attend, please contact Meagan Geist.

Information/Enrolment Sessions

Wednesday 20 January 2016
from 10:00 am
Nirimba TAFE College
Block T2C Ground Floor
Room T2CG.28
Eastern Road, Quakers Hill

For further information please contact
Meagan Geist on 9208 7030 or meagan.geist1@tafensw.edu.au
or WSI Service Centre on 131 870

*Smart and Skilled fees apply. Please ring 131870 for more information or visit
Website www.Amleligible.com.au to check if you are able to enrol in the Smart and Skilled course.