



St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 4

Week 6

11 November 2015

THE WEEK AHEAD

<i>Fri</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>School Assembly 1.30pm</i>
	<i>November</i>	<i>Christmas Disco</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Kinder Orientation</i>
	<i>November</i>	<i>Group A 9-12</i>
<i>Tues</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Kinder Orientation</i>
	<i>November</i>	<i>Group B 9-12</i>
<i>Fri</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>Primary Swimming</i>
	<i>November</i>	<i>Carnival Emerton Leisure Centre 9-12.30</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>School Fete</i>
	<i>November</i>	
<i>Mon</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Kinder Orientation Group</i>
	<i>November</i>	<i>A 9-12</i>
<i>Tues</i>	<i>24th</i>	<i>Kinder Orientation Group</i>
	<i>November</i>	<i>B 9-12</i>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sunday Gospel fo15 November 2015

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 13:28-32

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Reflection

We are approaching the end of the liturgical year in which the readings take on an eschatological flare, meaning that they are focused on the end times. Jesus suggests that when the end is near, we will know it by the signs that are taking place around us. We read in the Book of Revelation of the great tribulation that will accompany the end times. It does us no good to fear the apocalypse; rather, it should inspire us to work for the perfection of heaven on earth. If we saw the dawning of God's Kingdom of peace in our world, the earth, as we know it, would certainly pass away. Challenge yourself to perform one act of love in the week ahead that could help bring the Kingdom a little closer.



This Weeks Newsletter

From the Principal

The Term Ahead

From the Assistant Principal

From The REC

Assembly Awards

From the Classrooms

Week 7 GOSPEL ACTION – Sharing Love and Hope with Others

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers of St Joseph's

Welcome to Week 6. We are half way through the term, and revving up for the end of year events.

Exciting times are happening at our school. This Friday night is our ***Christmas Disco***. I look forward to seeing all our school students attend the Disco. Many teachers will be supporting the parents and children on the evening. We are truly blessed with the wonderful support of our parents who give of their time to organise events for our children.

On Saturday, 21st November, the St Joseph's Spring Fair is going to liven up our school community. There will be stalls, hot food, rides, Chocolate Wheel and lots more. The St Joseph's Spring Fair committee have been very busy organising the event and they are looking for your support as well. Bring all your friends and family to our school's Spring Fair. See you there.

There is so much happening at school and around the school environment. I have received concerns regarding the KISS and DROP protocols in the morning and the parent and student use of the Pedestrian Crossing.

KISS AND DROP

There is an expectation the parents using the Kiss and Drop arrival at school remain in their car when dropping off their child. The traffic flow can be disrupted when a parent gets out of the car to assist their child with their school bag.

I recommend you support your child by having their school bag at easy access for them to be able to alight from the car safely and independently. The whole school community gratefully appreciates your support.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

I ask all parents to talk to their children about using the pedestrian crossings whilst walking into and out of the school environment. I have seen children walking down the centre of the staff car park and exiting through the big gates right into the line of traffic from the Kiss and Drop/Bus Bay area.

There is a *pedestrian crossing in the staff car park* for parents and students to use at all times. I encourage all parents to talk to your children about Road and Pedestrian Safety and model good practice to your child. It is the school's aim to keep all students safe.

SCHOOL STAFF CAR PARK

This is a reminder that the staff/school car park has restricted parking. The only people to use the car park are:

- Parents with a parking permit.

- Parents/Carers who need to use the disability parking arrangements.

- Staff of St Joseph's

I would also like to remind parents to be very cautious of pedestrians using the crossing when entering and leaving the car park. A parent mentioned to me that there were parents having a conversation in their cars in the middle of the carpark, one parent was leaving the school and the other parent arriving at the school. They both stopped and began a conversation. This made it very difficult for parents who were arriving to pick up their students in the afternoon. I remind you to reflect on what we are modeling to the children in your car and the rest of the school community.

CLASS GROUPING

Over the next weeks, class teachers will be looking at mixing their grades to create the 2016 class groups. This is done to help socialise children more fully with other members of their cohort as well as possibly assisting them with their learning. Teachers will endeavour to create class groups which are evenly balanced with academic ability, special needs, gender, behaviour and friendships. It is a task which takes time, effort and information. Your child's teacher will draw upon as much information as they currently have to create these classes. If you feel that there is an important aspect of your child that the teacher is not currently aware of, please put your considerations into writing and send to myself.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our 2016 Kindergarten Orientation mornings will be held as follows:

Group A Monday 16th November at 9.00 am until 12.00 pm.
Group B Tuesday 17th November at 9.00 am until 12.00 pm.

Parents are asked to bring their child to the community space at 8.45 am. Children will collect their name tags and be escorted to the Kindergarten Classroom. The children should dress in play clothes and bring food for recess. While the children are working with their teachers inside kindergarten, Mrs Brown will be running an informal information session for parents in the community space.

The second 2016 Kindergarten Orientation days are:

Group A Monday 23th November at 8.30 am until 12.00 pm.
Group B Tuesday 24th November at 8.30 am until 12.00 pm.

Parents will take their child to the Kindergarten Classroom and leave the school to return at 12.00 pm.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2016

We are in the process of finalising classes for 2016 and have been advised of a few students who will not be returning in 2016. To enable us to prepare our classes for 2016, it would be appreciated if you would kindly notify the School Office if you know your child/children will not be returning to St Joseph's Schofields next year. If you are planning to return to St Joseph's, however, you are extending the holidays, please write a letter stating the reasons for your late return, and hand it into the School Office as the Census will be completed early in February 2016.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all families who have finalised their fees for this year. Fees should have been finalised but if you are experiencing any difficulties please contact Mrs Beck in the school office.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR 2015

I wish to advise the following dates and information in relation to returning to school in 2015.

Tuesday 26 th January, 2015	Australia Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 th January, 2015	Staff Development – Kindergarten to Stage 3 Student Assessment
Thursday 28 th January, 2015	Staff Development – Student Assessment Kindergarten to Stage 3 Student Assessment
Friday 29 th January, 2015	Year 1 – Stage 3 students return to school Kindergarten Student Assessment
2 nd Monday, 2015	Kindergarten students start school

Mrs Joanna Delvecchio will be organising the Interview Website so parents can book appointment times for assessment. A letter will be sent home with all the details in Week 8.

Enjoy the week and see you soon

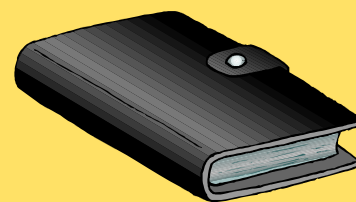
Together We Can

Cheryl Brown

CALENDAR OVERVIEW

2015

Term 4



Week 6	Wed	11th November	Stud Banking / Playgroup / Remembrance Day Ceremony 11am
	Fri	13th November	School Assembly 1.30pm Christmas Disco
Week 7	Mon	16th November	Kinder Orientation Group A 9-12
	Tues	17th November	Kinder Orientation Group B 9-12
	Fri	20th November	Primary Swimming Carnival Emerton Leisure Centre 9-12.30
	Sat	21st November	School Fete
Week 8	Mon	23rd November	Kinder Orientation Group A 9-12
	Tues	24th November	Kinder Orientation Group B 9-12
	Fri	27th November	Parent Helper liturgy 12noon School Assembly
Week 9	Thur	3rd December	Year 6 Big Night In
Week 10	Tues	8th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.30pm
	Fri	11th December	Class Promotions Day 9am/ School Assembly Christmas Carols Concert
Week 11	Tues	15th December	Motiv8 Year 6 Big Day In
	Wed	16th December	End of Year Mass 10am / Year 6 Guard of honour 2.15pm School Closes

2016

Term 1

Wed	27th January	School Opens for 2016 Tesing
Thurs	28th January	Testing continues
Fri	29th January	Year1 to Year 6 return to school
Mon	1st February	Kindergarten commence school

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Open Wednesday & Thursday mornings 8.30-9.00am or contact Tina on 0417457417

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD –



Over the three weeks we have demonstrated the true meaning of “Together We Can” through our participation in Operation Christmas Child. Last week on behalf of our community I had the privilege of delivered 167 boxes to Samaritan Purse. Thank you very much for your generosity and support of this charity. We have shared joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world this Christmas.

Please pass on my thanks to the members of your families and wider community who also supported our school. I truly appreciate the generosity and support of the St. Joseph’s Community.



PARENT HELPER LITURGY – SAVE THE DATE

This year our Parent Helper liturgy will be held on Friday 27th November in the Community Hall at 12.00pm.

If you have been a helper within our community in any capacity this year – library, banking, reading, excursions, carnivals, fete, working bee etc. You are warmly invited to our liturgy, so we can say THANK YOU!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS

Each year our school collects food hampers to donate to St. Vincent De Paul from our community. Each class will be collecting food hampers to be presented to St. Vincent de Paul representatives at the Christmas Concert. There are many people in our parish who depend on these hampers.

We will begin collecting food donations over a four-week period beginning next week, 16th November, by asking you to send an item for the hampers. Some suggestions:

Week 1: Bottles- this could include soft drink, juice, cordial etc.

Week 2: Savoury Items: snacks, nuts, savoury biscuits, chips etc.

Week 3: Sweets: lollies, Christmas pudding, mince tarts, cakes, sweet biscuits, long life custard etc.

Week 4: Christmas: decorations, tinsel, plates, cups etc.

Please keep these items in mind when you next go shopping

Thank you

Mrs Crane, Mrs Farhat and School Leaders



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Principal Awards Week 4 Assembly

Nicholas Pierazzi

Suhanee Patel

Shane Carroll

Jacob Zahra

Cooper Ellims



Student of the Week— Week 3	Student of the Week— Week 4
Amelia Vincent	Isabella Howlett
Jesse-James Crane	Kaiden Bryce
Hussein Moussa	Robson Carrier
Keashan Kolti	Kyah Morris
Hayley Hogbin	Casey Monk
Isaac Wilson	Maddison Ruprecht
Shane Carroll	Isaac Beacroft
Marissa Thomas	Natalia Papallo
Molly McGaughey	Matthew Cremona
Amber Bagaric	Emma Laycock
Chantelle Gatt	Sebastiano Petrocco
Sharmaine Santos	Anthony Strangio
Garth Morandin	

Gospel Value —Week 4	Gospel Value— Week 5
Noah Blanchard	Kade Ellims
Joseph Blanchard	Alastair Laylo— McCall
Ty Opdam	Fizah Razvi
Lucy Barnsley	Thomas O'Brien
Jeizek Reyes	Lachlan Allsop
Georgia Pafumi	Isabel Tyagi
Jack Kresan	Mustafa Hashim
Erin Whiteley	Billy O'Brien
Ishita Sreepathi	Victoria Guerva
Natasha Grima	Eamonn Saunders
Daniel Lizzio	Shivika Kausik
Jai Ellims	Sarah Said
Jordan Turner	

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 **Joeys (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>



FROM THE COMMUNITY

To all Parents/Students of Joseph's Primary School

St Joseph's Fair on Saturday 21 November

As you all may be aware the big fundraising event for our school is fast approaching. To make sure that we make it a profitable and fun event we are calling upon all parents of this great school to come on board and make a small donation per your child or children's class.

In order for this to be a successful event the Fair Committee has come up with the following list for **donations**:

Kindergarten: all types of plants eg, flowering plants, ferns, herbs etc.

Year 1: all types of plants eg, flowering plants, ferns, herbs etc.

Year 2: side show alley prizes eg, coloured pencils, writing pads, novelty toys, small soft toys etc.

Year 3: side show alley prizes eg, coloured pencils, writing pads, novelty toys, small soft toys etc.

Year 4: suggestions for donations to contribute to the choc wheel including: appliances, vouchers, toys (not used) books, toiletry packs, non perishable food, hampers, fruit/veg. All donations to be in by **16 November 2015**.

Year 5: suggestions for donations to contribute to the choc wheel including: appliances, vouchers, toys (not used) books, toiletry packs, non perishable food, hampers, fruit/veg. All donations to be in by **16 November 2015**.

Year 6: suggestions for donations to contribute to the choc wheel including: appliances, vouchers, toys (not used) books, toiletry packs, non perishable food, hampers, fruit/veg. All donations to be in by **16 November 2015**.

To make this day a success and to run smoothly we require volunteers at some of our stands. With this we are asking for parents to volunteer some of their time during the event and to place their names down on a roster system. We will be sending this out to all parents shortly which will list all the different time slots throughout the day. For years 5 & 6 children we are asking for any students who may wish to volunteer some of their time to assist with side show alley games.

When returning your donated items to the school we will have a collection area in each class room and this will be collected every week leading up to the event.

We also *attach* a copy of an **Early Bird Special form for Unlimited Fair Rides**. This form is to be completed and returned back to the office by **Monday 9 November** with payment. Any forms received after this date will be charged at the higher rate as advised on the form. Please note the wristbands will be ready for collection on the day down at the rides section.

We will be organizing meetings for all to attend so please keep an eye out for notices in the school's newsletter, school bag app and notice board. Please also look out on the school's Facebook page for notices to come up as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Nicole or Kylie to discuss any areas of interest.

We look forward to working along side you all on the big fundraiser event and know that as a community we can all work together to make it an event to remember.

“together we can”

Kind Regards

P & C Committee

Nicole Grima: nicolegrima@bigpond.com or 0432 723 049

Kylie Smallacombe: info@blissfulevents.com.au or 0415 311 752

FROM THE COMMUNITY

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

FAIR

Saturday 21 November 2015



UNLIMITED FAIR RIDES: St Joseph's Primary School
Saturday 21 November 2015

Pre Paid Unlimited Fair Rides Armband @ \$25.00 Adult/Child gives you access to all Fair Rides (excluding Side Show Alley) from 10 am to 3 pm during the Fair. \$30.00 if purchased on the day of the Fair. Please return to the school office payment and the completed section below before **Monday 9 November 2015**. Any payments received after this date will be charged at \$30.00 a ticket.

PRE PAID UNLIMITED FAIR RIDE ARM BAND PURCHASE

Number of Wristbands# @\$25 each. I enclose \$

I understand that the receipt issued from the school office is required in order for us to collect the wristbands, which will be available from the Rides Ticket Stall on the day of the Fair.

Child/s name:

Class:

Contact:

Email:



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Book School Interviews Online

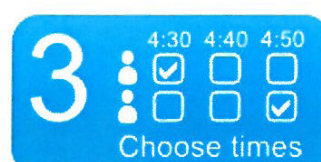
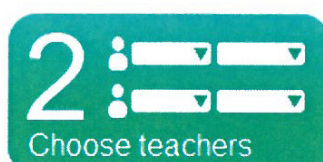
Dear Parents,

On the 21st November, St Josephs is having their Spring School Fete. For the success of this event, we require volunteers at some of our stands. With this we ask parents to volunteer some of their time during the event and to nominate an hour time slot or more on the Online Interview bookings website below. This allows you to select a time that best suits your busy schedule. Please make a booking at your earliest convenience as times will fill up fast. To make a booking just click the link www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple steps below.



How do I make a booking?

You can access the website directly on <http://schoolinterviews.com.au/book> or click the link on our school website www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au. Enter the school event code, and click go. Follow the three simple steps below.



When you click **finish**, your interview confirmation will be emailed to you automatically – please check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

For parents that don't have access to the internet, please contact; Nicole Grima on 0432 723 049 or Kylie Smallacombe 0415 311 752 and we will be happy to make the online booking with you.

You can change your interview bookings by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times but find the bookings have closed, should contact Nicole or Kylie.

Nicole Grima and Kylie Smallercombe
P and C Committee

Mrs Cheryl Brown
Principal