

# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 9

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS STUDANS

Dear Parents,

What a fun term we have had. A very big thankyou to teachers and parents for the way you have gone above and beyond to make St Joseph's such a special school. We have had the colour run fundraiser which is on track to raise well over \$10 000. Friday in Term 3 also saw the book week parade and the crazy hair day that raised money for the farmers' families of St Joseph's Balranald.

Today Year 6 went to the school hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills to cheer on Dianne Palma in the Parramatta Diocesan public speaking competition called the Voice of Youth. Dianne has made it through to the Grand Final next Wednesday and we wish her all the best. Dianne highlights the opportunities given to our older students to stretch themselves academically. Her speech was creative, funny and well-written and the pride in our school from the children was great to see. (And of course I am a very proud Principal).

Please see the information within the Newsletter about some work that will begin on our school oval very shortly to begin to prepare the way for our new school buildings.

Tonight at 7pm is our Parent Group meeting and at that meeting we will be electing a new executive. I'll be able to give some more information about our new buildings and our great learning results. A very big thankyou to our 2017/2018 executive who have done a wonderful job of developing community and fundraising. Babysitting will be provided for anyone that needs it. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting or perhaps at the movie night on Saturday night.

With kind regards,

Lesley

Over the school holidays, I have the privilege of travelling to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage with other Assistant Principals and leaders in our diocese. I am looking forward to walking the "Footsteps of Jesus" with fellow colleagues and look forward to sharing stories and pictures with the students of the places travelled and how they link to the places they read about in scripture.

Mrs Neill heard Morris Gleitzman, Children's Laureate and 2018 Australian Reading Hour Ambassador, talking about Australian Reading Hour. It happens this Thursday, 20th September. Although I know it is hard for some families to stop for a whole hour to read together, but it would be an idea to set aside some time each night over the next couple of weeks and especially over the holidays to read. If you would like further information Here is a link to Australian Reading Hour; <https://www.readinghour.org.au>

Next term we'll be running after school Art Classes on a Thursday afternoon in Weeks 1- 8 from 2.45 - 3.45. If you are interested in your child attending these art classes, please email contact Khyati Garach at [khyatigarach@icloud.com](mailto:khyatigarach@icloud.com) or call her on 0430 553 450 expressing your interest as well as discussing payment options. The cost is \$25 per week and \$60 for materials for the term.

Wishing you all a happy safe break with the family.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR- MRS ANNE WATSON**

**END OF TERM THANKSGIVING MASS –  
Tuesday 25 th September 2018**

We would like to invite you to attend our End of Term Mass in the Community Space on Tuesday 25th September at 12:00 pm with Fr Ever.



## BREAKING NEWS

**MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS** to Dianne Palma in Year 6

After recently winning the Voice of Youth Cluster Final, today she again progressed through the Voice of Youth Semi Final and will be competing in the Diocesan Final next Week.

We are amazingly proud of you Dianne and we wish you well next week.



I am writing to let you know that the preliminary stages of the construction of the new school will shortly be beginning. Over the course of 2019 Cottages 2,3 and 4 will be demolished and two new buildings will be constructed. To accommodate the school during construction we will need some extra demountables.

**1. Delivery of the demountables needed for 2019 will happen over the next school holidays ready to be refurbished.**

**a. Fencing will be installed later this week on Area 3** (the green field at the back of the school) Children will still be able to play on the field.

**b. Foundation piers for the demountables will be built in the next two weeks and over the holidays.**

**c. Demountables will be delivered over the holidays.**

**d. THE CHILDREN WILL REMAIN FOR THE REST OF 2018 IN THEIR REGULAR CLASSROOMS.**

### **Term 4 Dates**

*Term 3 concludes:* Friday 28th September

*Term 4 Resumes:* Monday 15th October

*Term 4 Concludes:* Wednesday 19th December

### **Application for Extended Leave - Travel (5 days or more)**

Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child's attendance, the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child's participation and progress at school. Application forms are available on the school website and in the school office. Relevant travel documentation such as an eTicket or itinerary must be attached to the application. Parents will receive a Certificate for Extended Leave on approval of the application.

### **Medication, Allergies & Anaphylaxis**

There are a number of students at St Joseph's with severe food allergies.

We ask that **no nut products** be sent to school.

Parents of children with allergies are asked to provide an action plan signed by your doctor, to be displayed in the sick bay in the office. We also ask that any medications, including EpiPens, are given to the office to be kept in the sick bay for treatment if a reaction occurs. A school EpiPen is carried in each of the playground medical bags that may be used in case of an emergency.

### **Afternoon Pick Up Arrangements**

Each child is required to have an afternoon pick up arrangement in place using the form provided by the school. This informs the teacher how the child gets home each afternoon. Afternoon pick up arrangement forms are available from the school office and on the website under school notes. If you need to change arrangements on a one-off basis please call the school office before 2pm.

### **Second Hand Uniforms**

Second Hand Uniform shop is opened every Monday 8:30 - 9:00 am

**Please contact Tina Sultana on 0417 457 417**



## PARENT VOLUNTEERS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

### BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE A CURRENT NSW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.**

**Please note: Until both the 'Volunteer Form' and the 'Module' have been completed, parents will not be able to assist in any capacity as a volunteer within the school.** (The school receives notification when you complete each section).

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. **It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form** that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- 1 **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' by accessing the **form** via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au), then click on the 'Volunteers and Contractors-Click here' image (halfway down page on the right hand side). This image will take you to the Building Safe Communities page.  
Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)  
Click on Step 1—Volunteer Form and follow the steps



**You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted.**

- Your details will be maintained confidentially in a central database
- **A copy of your confirmation will then be emailed to the School / location where you are volunteering to be kept on file.**

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

- 2 **A reminder that you once you receive your confirmation email, you will need to complete the Child Protection Module.**



[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au), then click on the 'Volunteers and Contractors-Click here' image (halfway down page on the right hand side). This image will take you to the Building Safe Communities page.

Click on the green Volunteer tab (left hand side)

Click on Step 2—Complete the Online Training Module

**Once you complete this online module the school will receive notification that it has been completed and you will be cleared to volunteer.**

#### Therefore in brief :

1. To complete form go to: [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au) and follow Step 1 above
2. Wait for confirmation email
3. On receipt of the confirmation email follow Step 2 above to complete Child Protection Online Module
4. Wait for confirmation email
5. The School will receive an email confirming that you have completed both steps and are now cleared to volunteer.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support of Catholic Education.

# LEAP 2 LEARN AWARDS

*This award recognises students who put effort into their learning, leaping as our school mascot Joey teaches us to do.*



<b>TERM 3 WEEK 5</b>
Sophie Blackmore
Athea Zara Ocampo
Sanskar Gangrade
Jake West
Justin Malinao
Keylan Smith
Dwij Bhatt
Hazelle Onate
Cayden Kong
Zane Steele
Kynan Smallacombe
Taksheel Chand
Jordan Turner

<b>TERM 3 WEEK 6</b>
Keanu Clarke
Onyx Tiaiti
Lily Feather
Jack Gillett
Rachel Elias
Ashlee Gosling
Caylum Pheiffer
Darius Kohistani
Meghan Lynch
Kayla Apap
Lucas Oliver
Ryhs Sultana

# GOSPEL AWARDS

*Each week the school will focus on a particular Gospel value. The Gospel Value is based on our school founding scripture. To Love Tenderly, Live Justly and walk humbly with our God (Michah 6:8) A Gospel value Award is presented each Monday morning at assembly for the Gospel Value.*

<b>TERM 3 WEEK 5</b>	<b>TERM 3 WEEK 6</b>
Jessica Garner	Ania Abayon
Senuj De Alwis	Vanya Rampal
Giada Kuizon	Sienna Kim
Yashavi Attreya	Sehansa De Alwis
Jiya Parthiban	Antonia Bonilla
Evie Cvetanovski	Matthew Every
Dane Lesson	Susannah Elias
Zac Vagas	Zac Vagas
Shania Tavarayen	Kristen Kendale
Katie Stewart	Kayla Apap
Morgan Rogers	Cooper Opdam
Jake Kresan	Skye McKevitt



STARR PARTNERS RIVERSTONE  
PRESENTS

Blue Sky  
**FERDINAND**

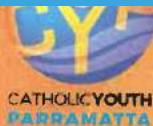
\$10  
PER  
FAMILY

PIZZA  
ICE CREAM  
AND MORE  
FOR  
PURCHASE!

SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER  
SCHOOL GATES OPEN 5PM  
OUTDOOR MOVIE STARTS AT 6PM

B.Y.O CHAIR, BEAN BAG OR PICNIC RUG.  
\$10 PER FAMILY, BOOKINGS VIA FLEXISCHOOLS OR IN CASH  
TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER.

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE



# FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019

TICKETS  
\$2 ea

**1st Prize:** Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered  
*Supplied by Penrith Mazda (02) 4732 2777*

**2nd Prize:** **COSMOS.** \$2000 Gift Card  
*Donated by Cosmos - can be used on any Cosmos coach tour for travel in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any WYD 2019 pilgrimage. The value cannot be transferred to cash*

**3rd Prize:** New iPhone X

**4th Prize:** New iPhone X

**5th Prize:** New iPhone X

*Donated by Secure Agility*



**6th Prize:** Apple iPad Mini

*Donated by Champion College Australia*

**7th Prize:** Cash Prize of \$500

*Donated by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu*

**8th Prize:** \$500 Westfield Gift Card

*Donated by Automated Control Solutions*



**9th Prize:** Apple Watch

*Donated by Catholic Church Insurance*

**10th Prize:** \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card

*Donated by The Catholic Foundation*

**DRAWN**

at **LIFTED LIVE**  
on 27<sup>th</sup> October  
2018



**COSMOS.**  
GIFT CARD



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For tickets and further information please contact  
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