

# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS STUDANS

Dear Parents,

#### Communication about Learning

So much great learning happens at St Joseph's! Already Kindergarten have been learning through play about school, Year 1 have become paleontologists, studying fossils lent to us from the Australian Museum, Year 2 have been learning about insects from live stick insects and meal worms. Astronomy is happening in Year 3 with a visit from the planetarium on Monday. Year 4 are learning about rocks and soil, Year 5 about earthquakes and Year 6 are preparing for their trip to Canberra by having classroom votes and campaigns. The way for you to find out about what's happening in class is through the See-Saw app. Children and teachers post on the app work and photos for you to see and you will then be able to see it and comment. We are keen to meet with you. Next week is our Meet the Teacher interviews- a reminder to book online if you haven't already done so. This is a chance for you to let the teachers know about your child and for the teachers to meet the parents of their students. Strong relationships between home and school means better learning at school in 2018.



*This is a screenshot of some fantastic animation done on an iPad by Jana Yap in Year 6. This shows Joey our school mascot sharing a joke with k0Ala the robot.*

**Rolling Pickup has now begun!** As we work through the early days there will be a few hiccups to soothe. Next week we will have a survey for parents to fill in so I can learn from your perspective what may need to be adjusted. A reminder that No Parking means only a few minutes to stop and pickup. The police and council rangers will enforce this rule.

#### Brick wall repair in the staff Carpark

This will now occur between Feb 19th and 21st. The small brick wall on the edge of the carpark will however not be replaced for safety reasons and will be replaced with a kerb barrier.

#### Sweat Weather

You may have noticed the hot weather in Schofields! We are very lucky to have airconditioning and so when the weather is very hot we have, "sweat weather" which means the children eat and play in the classroom supervised by a teacher. In extreme hot weather for rolling pickup the children will be in the library in the airconditioning as we have a side door quite close to the gate.

#### Carpark Closure

The staff carpark is closed for parents at school drop off and pick up time except with permission of the Principal. This decision is made for the safety of students and their families who need to walk through the carpark.

Kind regards,

Lesley Studans

**WELCOME BACK.** It has been wonderful chatting with many of you over the last couple of weeks hearing about the wonderful time you spent together as a family. So good to see the students again, looking tanned and refreshed, and marvelling at how much they have grown over the Christmas break. As always, I am looking very forward to working with this wonderful community in 2018.

As we continue on our Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) journey, teachers have been busy administering the Mathematics Assessment Interviews with the students on the first two days of school. Thank you for making the time or specific arrangement to bring your child. This interviews is pivotal as it gives teachers specific information about the student's development and areas of need in Mathematics so that they can deliver a tailored mathematics program. It also gives us a snapshot of the data across the whole school. As a staff we analyse this data to determine our next steps in professional learning in mathematics in order to provide a quality Mathematics program. This data is continually tracked throughout the year and updated as students make progress. We also use this data to determine which students in Year 1 and upper primary (Year 4,5,6) will receive specific daily intervention with an EMU specialist teacher. Zara Richards will be the EMU specialist teacher for Year 1 and Joanna Delvecchio will be the EMU specialist teacher for upper primary.

### ATTENDANCE

Each day that your child attends school is a valuable day, not only are they provided with opportunities to learn about themselves and develop relationships with their peers, teacher and community, they are deepening their knowledge and skills about the world around them.

Each and every teacher and members of staff at St Joseph's cares for all the children in the school. Over the Christmas break they have been working collaboratively in preparing a welcoming and safe classroom and school environment as well as a stimulating and engaging curriculum to help each student achieve their potential and develop themselves as a whole person - emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually .

Daily attendance at school is critical to ensuring that your child is provided with these opportunities.

In 2018, St Joseph's will be continuing the work of ensuring that students are at school everyday. 'Every Learner, Every Day', an initiative designed to all remind students and parents why regular school attendance is so important.

If you child is away, it is important that this is communicated to your child's classroom teacher with a note explaining their absence within 7 days. If you wish to take extended leave of more than 5 days, please complete the appropriate form, available on the school website, as this leave needs to be approved by the principal.



# Mathematical Assessment Interviews in Action!





***Today we celebrate Ash Wednesday.***



In our Roman Catholic Church, **Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.



### **Finding God in Ash Wednesday**

by Julianne B. McCullagh



### ***So Lent begins.***

Every year in the middle of a week in late summer we go to Church and have the ashes smudged upon our clean foreheads. Every year the churches are filled to overflowing with the regulars and the not-so-regulars. Why do we still undergo this ritual of ashes that is centuries old, as old as the prophets who pleaded with God's people to turn back from sin and toward God? We go because we need to go, because at least once a year we need to be reminded that our deepest hunger is the hunger for God.

Lent is a gift that the Church in her wisdom celebrates every year. It is a gift of time, a gift of contemplation, and a gift of quiet so that we may listen to the Word, who whispers to us to come back to the God who created us. It encourages us to turn away from the noise and over-indulged appetites so that we may understand the hunger that can be filled—with the grace of God—only by prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor.

So we go to our parish churches once a year to have crosses signed upon our faces. It is in this same manner that, when the Gospel is proclaimed, we take our right thumbs, trace three crosses, and pray: may the word of God be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart. The prayer of the whole Church, the Body of Christ, is that each year the sign of the cross penetrates a little deeper and moves us toward fuller conversion toward the light of Christ.

Anne Watson  
Religious Education Coordinator

## NEED TO KNOW

### 2018 School Fees

School Fee Statements are sent home via post to your residential address by the Catholic Education Office in Parramatta. Please advise our office ASAP if you have moved. We estimate that the statements will be sent sometime this week so please advise if you have not received them by Friday 23rd February. With this statement you will be offered to either pay on time in 30 days or you may pay by instalments via BPay or Direct Debit. If you decide to go on a payment plan you must return the completed paperwork to the Catholic Education Office by the date shown on the form.

### Changes to Afternoon Pick Up Arrangements

For parents needing to change an afternoon pick up arrangement for a one off basis please call the school office on 8869-8100 **before 2pm** so that a change of pick up slip can be sent to the classroom informing the teacher. If you need to change arrangements on an ongoing basis please fill in a new afternoon arrangement note which is available from the office.



**OPEN DAY SATURDAY 3RD MARCH 10AM - 2PM**

# Sports News

## Term 1 Dates

Wed 14/02	Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival
Fri 23/02	Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Wed 04/04	School Cross Country

**A huge congratulations** to the St Joseph's students who qualified to compete in the **Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival** at Mount Druitt Pool on Wednesday 14th February. We have representatives in a range of events in all eligible age groups. **We wish you all the very best of luck on the day!**

### The St Joseph's Squad

<b>Isaac Beacroft</b> (Yr 6)	<b>Nikisha Rogers</b> (Yr 5)
<b>Cooper Ellims</b> (Yr 6)	<b>Sophie Sultana</b> (Yr 5)
<b>Charlie Liddicoat</b> (Yr 6)	<b>Ty Opdam</b> (Yr 4)
<b>Lucas Harding</b> (Yr 6)	<b>Madeline Scott</b> (Yr 4)
<b>Kaitlyn Chapman</b> (Yr 6)	<b>Lexie Beacroft</b> (Yr 3)
<b>Kia Kim</b> (Yr 5)	<b>Kade Ellims</b> (Yr 3)
<b>Rubie Constable</b> (Yr 5)	<b>Max Piesnik</b> (Yr 3)
<b>Megan Lynch</b> (Yr 5)	<b>Hunter Wilkinson</b> (Yr 3)

**The School Cross Country** will be held on the morning of Wednesday 4th April for children 8 years old and above. The carnival is a fun event and all students are expected to participate to earn a point for their house colour. Competitive runners can participate to qualify for the Zone Cross country next term. A separate permission note will be sent out shortly.

**We would very much appreciate parent support and assistance on the day with marshalling and supervising the students running the track.**

### Mark Taylor Shield (MTS) Cricket Competition 2018

A team from Stage 3 will be selected to represent St Joseph's in the Mark Taylor Cricket Shield, which is a knock-out competition run over Terms 1 and 4 in 2018. Coached by Mr Liam Adams, our first match will be played later this term against Holy Family, Luddenham (details TBC shortly).  
Good luck Team Joeys!!

**Congratulations** to Copper Opdam (Yr 6) and Isaac Beacroft (Yr 6) on trailing for the Parramatta Diocesan Cricket Team. Unfortunately the boys didn't get the call up but they are ready to display their talents when they try out of the St Joseph's MTS team.

# LEAP 2 LEARN AWARDS

## Leap 2 Learn

This year from Term 1 week 3, replacing the student of the week award is the Leap 2 Learn Award. This award recognises students who put effort into their learning, leaping as our school mascot Joey teachers us to do.



# GOSPEL AWARDS

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### TERM 1 WEEK 2

Gospel Value : **Live justly -  
Treat others Fairly**

Charlotte Gotsis

Eloise Leonardo

Harper Alderson

Mia Greenaway

Yashavi Attreya

Natalie Edwards

Blaize Va'a

Kiarna Kong

Zachary O'Keeffe

Maximos Fredericks

Zhayden Joseph

Kayla Apap

Charlotte Feather

Shannon Sheeny

*\* Please note, no award was given for Week 1*

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.



# Book Club **LOOP**

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club  
**L**inked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

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Google play

Follow these **easy** steps!

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**2** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

*Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.*

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**3** Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

**4** All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

# How to know *What's Happening* at St Joseph's

*Communication between parents/caregivers, teachers and children is important to create and maintain a strong sense of community within the School. Here are a few ways to get information and keep up to date.*

**Skoolbag Application** - Download the "St Josephs Schofield's Primary School" Skoolbag application for free on all Apple and android devices and receive notifications, school notes, and alerts on your smartphone or tablet!



[www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjosephsschofields.catholic.edu.au) - The School website is the centre point for all communication and is constantly updated with notices, reminders, news stories, galleries, events, school notes, & blog posts. Save it in your favourites for instant access.

[www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Primary-School-Schofields](https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Primary-School-Schofields)

Like "St Josephs Primary School Schofields" on Facebook for instant reminders, notices, pictures, videos and news.



Ph: 8869 8100 - Our Office Staff are always happy to help!

The staff are available from 7.45pm to 3.45pm, Monday to Friday.

[stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au) - Email the School for all your questions and queries. An email form can be found on the school website.



**The Parents Chat Group** during week 3 of each term is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to gather with the principal to discuss current issues within the School. Dates are available on the School website calendar. Mrs Studans is available for appointments, for parents wishing to meet one on one with the School Principal.

The School Newsletter is sent out via email and available on the school website every 2 weeks throughout the term. Subscribe to the Newsletter via the school website to receive it straight to your email inbox.



**School Calendar.** This is an up to date calendar for parents to get their school event dates from. Updated as dates become available and includes an agenda, week or month view. Available on the School website under Important Dates



# PARENT GROUP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term One, we hope that everyone is settling into the new year and that our new families to the school this year are feeling welcomed.

We have some exciting things planned for this year and in particular Term One. Below we've included some important dates for the term with some brief information on what is going on. Also included is our 'Just One Thing' campaign for 2018. It takes a village to achieve all that we do during the year and we understand that your time is important and in high demand. Whether you have an hour free to help prepare baskets for the Easter raffle or would like to help out with a disco, we greatly appreciate any time that you can volunteer and help out with just one thing.

## **Term One Important Dates**

- Friday 23rd February - Family Welcome Picnic and Games Night
- Friday 23rd March - Easter Disco
- Thursday 29th March - Easter Raffle, to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade
- Saturday 7th April - School Working Bee

## **Welcome Picnic and Games Night.**

On Friday 23rd of February we will be hosting a welcome picnic and games night at the school. Motiv8Sports and Evolve Gymnastics will join us with some activities for the kids and they will also have some information on hand for parents. For our new families, Motiv8sports is a company that runs sport clinics for primary school children, during the school term and vacation care during the school holidays. This Picnic will be a great opportunity to get together and meet some of the old and new families at the school. The details are as follows:

Date: Friday 23rd February

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Where: School Grounds

What do you bring: Picnic dinner and drinks, picnic blankets and chairs, there will be a coffee van on site.

## **P & C meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th of February at 7pm in the school library. Mrs Burke has kindly offered timing children during the meeting if you are unable to find a babysitter. Please join us to discuss what is happening this year, everyone is welcome!

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving notes about the P&C meeting, working bee, the Easter Raffle and disco. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at [stjosephspandf2762@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephspandf2762@gmail.com).

Kind Regards,

St Josphe's P and C Committee

# PARENT GROUP

## Just one thing!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends

You are invited to participate in our "Just One Thing" campaign for 2018. We hope to build on the success we had in 2017, and give all St Joseph's families a chance to be involved in our school community. We would especially encourage families which are new to the school to get involved. Volunteering at the school is a great way to meet people and make friends.

We understand that your time is valuable but we would be grateful if you would nominate to do "just one thing" throughout the year. Together, we can achieve so much!!

Below is a list of "Things" that we would appreciate your assistance with. **Please tick just one box (or more if you wish)** and complete your contact details at the bottom of the page. Please return to the office **as soon as possible**, so that we can collate the responses, and someone from the school or P&C will be in contact with you regarding your participation. Alternatively, you can fill in a google form by typing in the follow link: <https://goo.gl/forms/zTIEdrdzq3M0qFqD3> or scanning the QR code below.

Last year's list will not be carried over, so please fill in this form if you are available to help, even if you filled in a form last year.

Thank you for taking the time to offer to volunteer, we really appreciate any assistance you can give.

Yours Sincerely  
St Joseph's Primary P & C Committee

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*Please tear off and return the office by Friday 16th February.*

Yes, I would like to help out with the following...

Parent Pastoral Care Team  
Easter Raffle  
Easter Disco  
Term One Working Bee  
Trivia Night  
Movie Night  
Mother's Day Stall  
Father's Day Stall  
Colour Run  
Father's Day Breakfast  
Term 4 Halloween Disco



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_