



# St Joseph's Primary School Schofields



Term 2

Week 2

29th April 2015

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Gospel Value for Week 3—Doing my Best

Sunday Gospel for 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2015

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

### Reflection

*The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.*

*Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.*

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Joseph's,

Welcome to Term 2, I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy the Easter Celebrations and holidays. I really enjoy seeing the children return to school in their uniform. They all looked fresh and ready to catch up with their friends and teachers.

It was also good to come back to school to complete the Easter Story celebrations. Stage 3 students and teachers presented the Resurrection of Jesus Christ – Jesus is Alive! The students gathered in the Community space with reverence and curiosity. The Stage 3 students role played the events leading up to when Mary recognized Jesus Christ outside the tomb. There were many parents and grandparents who attended the event.

The end of the week was marked with great enthusiasm by parents, students and staff who participated in the ANZAC Ceremony celebrating 100 years. St Joseph's was alive with the ANZAC spirit at 6.30 am surrounded by the light fog and dew. Afterward everyone enjoyed a scrumptious breakfast organized by the Parent Group. All enjoyed the great hospitality!

The St Joseph's community continued the ANZAC spirit when a number of students, parents and teachers representing our school community attended the Riverstone ANZAC Dawn Service at 5.20 am on Saturday morning. You can visit the St Joseph's Primary School Schofield's Facebook page to see the many photographs of both events.

On behalf of the staff and myself I wish to express our appreciation to all parents and carers for your patience and support during last week's weather conditions. During wet weather conditions, such as last week, teachers manage morning, recess and lunch supervision, as the students remain in the classroom for the whole day. They all worked together to ensure student safety whilst the rain deteriorated during the week. I thank the teachers for the dedication and care of the students and their colleagues.

During the holidays our staff were very excited to hear of the birth of Grace Robyn May Adams to the proud parents of Erin and Liam Adams. Grace Robyn May Adams was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.54 am, weighing 3.3kgs and 48 cm long. Mum and dad are enjoying their time together with their precious little baby girl. Mr Liam Adams is currently on paternity leave and will return in Week 4.

Term 2 will be a very busy term with many events happening. Below is a brief overview of the events:-

- St Joseph's School Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 10.30 at Mary Immaculate Church Quaker's Hill
- Dance Fever starts this week
- Mother's Day Liturgy 9.00 am on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, followed by morning tea and classroom visits
- Chess lessons every Thursday in the Library
- Naplan Assessment for Years 3 & 5 beginning in Week 4, the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May, with 15<sup>th</sup> May being a make up for any students who were away on the previous days
- The QCS Survey results will be available later this term
- ICAS test are scheduled (see the Website Calendar)

## STUDENT MEDIA TEAM

During this term we hope to organise a Student Media Team. The media is an effective and powerful tool in promoting our school to the wider community, and is also an area where student involvement can benefit both the school and students. A student media team assists school staff in managing school media and gives students the opportunity to learn new skills and apply those skills in real situations.

It is important to promote the student voice in our community as well. Mr Atkins initiated a segment in the fortnightly Assembly where 3 Year 6 students Demi, Charli Belle & Lily will present media on 'Student Voice'. The Student Media Team will work with Ms Mizzi and Mrs Bowden.

## FACES

Our school is currently initiating the process of migrating to a Student Information System (SIS) a software application designed to manage student data. The Catholic Education Office, Parramatta currently uses eSchool but this will be replaced with a new application call Faces. The SIS project team, as part of the Office of The Executive Director is working with ICT to implement this application across all schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. Most of the diocesan schools have already migrated to Faces. The process began in 2014 and St Joseph's is one of the schools in the final rollout. The St Joseph's SIT team will be Mrs Delvecchio, Mrs Farhat, Miss Mizzi and Mrs Beck. Mrs Bowden has already been trained in Faces with Sacred Heart, Mount Druitt.

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR in SCHOOL for LEARNING (PBS4L)

A PBS4L team of teachers have been set up to implement the Positive Behavior in School for Learning at St Joseph's. Ms Mizzi has included information on the program in previous newsletters this year. The team consists of Mrs Delvecchio, Mrs Farhat, Ms Mizzi, Mrs Turner, Mr Adams and myself. In this week professional learning meeting with staff the team will be engaging the staff in discussions on the following areas of the program:-

- identification of the 3 rules - I am safe  
I am respectful  
I am a learner
- create a Matrix of the specific behaviours that would demonstrate the above rules in particular areas of the school environment
- trialing of a Data Collection Form (OCF) to monitor inappropriate behaviour

As the program progresses I will ensure that you are updated in the fortnightly newsletter. When the program is ready to be launched at St Joseph's, information sessions will be available for parents and carers to attend.

The school rules and the rights and responsibilities of every member of the school community are very important in creating a safe and orderly learning environment.

To ensure each member of the community enjoys the right to learn, be safe and enjoy personal well being, we expect all children to:

1. Show respect for the God given dignity of each person in our community.
2. Take pride in wearing the appropriate school uniform and maintain a neat and tidy appearance.
3. Keep school and class rules (displayed in classrooms).
  - I am safe
  - I am respectful
  - I am a learner
4. Practice appropriate social behaviour (Saying "please", "thank you", "excuse me", listening, knowing how to gain attention, interrupting a conversation.)
5. Be aware of the needs of others and respect their feelings and property.
6. Display good sportspersonship.
  - abiding by decisions of the umpire, judge.
  - accepting defeat graciously.
7. Behave in a responsible and appropriate manner when travelling to and from school.

Behaviour Management strategies at the school focus on the development of responsibility for one's actions and restoration of other's rights when infringed.

(source: Policies on St Joseph's School Website)

## **UNIFORM AND GROOMING**

A reminder that the full winter uniform is compulsory from Monday Week 3.

- Children are asked to wear full school uniform and be neatly groomed.
- Long hair must be tied back and trendy or coloured hairstyles are not acceptable.
- Nails should be clean and well trimmed. Nail polish is not acceptable.
- We feel it is important at a young age to develop pride in appearance and the concept of appropriateness of dress and appearance to suit the occasion.
- Jewellery should be confined to sleepers, signet rings and watches. Crosses and medals on chains should be worn under uniforms for safekeeping.
- Expensive items should not be worn to school.

I trust that all parents and carers will support the above protocols and requirements to ensure consistency of expectations for all members of the St Joseph's School Community.

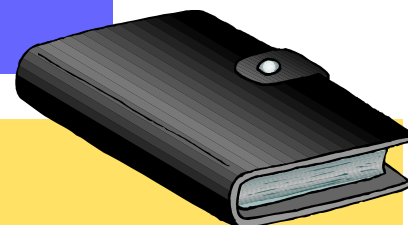
Together We Can

God Bless and Keep Safe

*Cheryl Brown*

Principal

# IMPORTANT DATES



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## Term 2

Week 2	Mon	27th April	Kindergarten 2016 Interviews commence
	Mon	27th April	Stage 2 Excursion to Hyde Park Barracks and The Rocks Discovery Museum
	Fri	1st May	School Assembly 1.30pm Community Hall
	Sat	2nd May	Kindergarten 2016 Interviews
	Sun	3rd May	Parish Mass 10.30am
Week 3	Tues	5th May	Eastern Creek Cross Country
	Tues	5th May	123 Magic Parenting Program 6.30-8.30pm Community Space
	Wed	6th May	Healthy Harold Van visiting St Joseph's
	Thurs	7th May	Mothers Day Stall
	Fri	8th May	Mothers Day Liturgy and Morning Tea commencing 9.00am
Week 4	Tues	12th May	Naplan Spelling, Writing and Grammar Assessment Years 3 & 5
	Tues	12th May	123 Magic Parenting Program 6.30-8.30pm Community Space
	Wed	13th May	Naplan Reading Assessment Years 3 & 5
	Thurs	14th May	Naplan Numeracy Assessment Years 3 & 5
	Fri	15th May	Ascension Liturgy In class
	Fri	15th May	School Assembly 1.30 Community Hall
Week 5	Tues	19th May	123 Magic Parenting Program 6.30-8.30pm Community Space
	Fri	22nd May	Pentecost Liturgy 12pm
Week 6	Mon	25th May	Staff Development Day –No Students at school
	Tues	26th May	National Sorry Day
	Wed	27th May	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
	Fri	29th May	School Assembly 1.30 Community Hall
Week 7	Wed	3rd June	ICAS Science
Week 8	Mon	8th June	Queens B'day Public holiday
	Thurs	11th June	School Photo Day—Full Winter Uniform
Week 9	Mon	15th June	ICAS Spelling
Week 10	Tues	23rd June	Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
	Wed	24th June	Stage 2 Girls Soccer Gala Day
	Fri	26th June	Last day of Term

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## Professional Learning Conversation

At St Josephs this term, we have found a way for teachers to spend some time with the leadership team to have a conversation around classroom data. During these meetings we focus on the good things that their students are doing and what we need to do to further improve student learning. This term the focus is on writing and we will be meeting with each grade twice a term looking closely at writing samples.

## HAROLD VAN

Next week the Harold Van is visiting our school. Below is a timetable of when your children will be participating in the session. I have organised for a parent session on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30 if you are interested in finding out what the program is all about.

Day/Date	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
Session 1 9.00 – 10.30	Stage 3 White/Gold	Parent Session 8.30 – 9.00  Stage 3 Blue/Gold	Mother's Day Liturgy	K-6 Gold
Session 11.00 – 1.00	Year 4	Year 2 White 11.00 – 12.00	Year 3 Blue	Year 3 White
		Year 2 Blue 12.00 – 1.00		
Session 3 1.30 – 2.30	Kinder White	Kinder Blue	Year 1 White	Year 1 Blue

Regards

Joanna Delvecchio  
Assistant Principal

## REMINDER - 123 MAGIC PARENTING PROGRAM

A free 3 week program run for parents / carers of children aged between 0-12.

This group will

- Help enhance your skills as a parent
- Provide ways to further strengthen your relationship with your child/ren
- Suggest helpful strategies to manage behaviour and change in families

Tuesdays 6.30-8.30pm

5th, 12th & 19th May

School Community Space

## Need some help or have a question?

### Who do I contact?

For general matters and information the ladies in the office can usually help. If they can't, they will direct you to the most appropriate staff member.

For classroom based matters relating to your child's wellbeing and learning please contact your child's teacher. They are in the best position to help you and your child.

The next point of contact is the Stage Co-ordinator  
 Infants (Kinder & Stage 1)- Mrs Delvecchio  
 Primary (Stage 2 & Stage 3) - Mr Atkins  
 Special Needs– Mrs Bates

After having explored these avenues if you still require further assistance an appointment can be made with either Mrs Brown or Mrs Delvecchio.



# FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

## ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Thank you to the many families and students who participated in our school dawn service and those who joined us at the Riverstone-Schofields Dawn Service. Our students, proudly marched, laid a wreath, remembered and paid tribute to all those who fought for our freedom. Thank you to the teachers and families who commemorated the centenary of ANZACs.

We are also very grateful for the time of Roger Kelly a retired serviceman from our local RSL who spoke to the children about his service experiences and what ANZAC day means to him.



# FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH MASS

This Sunday our school parish mass will be at 10.30am at Mary Immaculate. The number of volunteers to read, commentate and participate in the offertory has over whelmed me and unfortunately not all volunteers will have a part in this Sunday's mass. I will send home a note informing those students with a role and the readings for children to practice today. I sincerely thank all the families and children who have volunteered and look forward to celebrating mass with the St. Joseph's and Mary Immaculate community.

## MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY

Our Mother's day liturgy will be held on Friday 8th May in the Community Hall at 9.00am with a morning tea to follow. **Please note the time change to 9am.** We invite all our mothers and grandmothers to join us for this special liturgy.

Thank you to the many families who have sent in photos for the movie. It is not too late to send in a digital photo of you and your children to the school email address [stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au) as soon as possible.

## CARITAS FUNDRAISING

During Lent St. Joseph's raised \$513.30 for Caritas. As a result of this wonderful contribution by our families we have made a difference to families and communities in Fiji, Nepal, Nigeria and Australia. Thank you for your support throughout Lent with this fundraising initiative. The children also thoroughly enjoyed our student V's teacher/parent touch football match for reaching our \$350.00 target held at the end of last term.



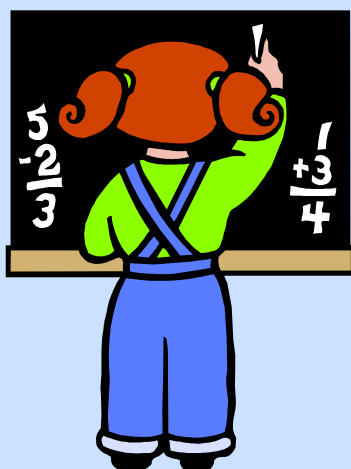


**"To act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God"**

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Student of the Week—Week 9	Student of the Week— Week 10
Isabella Howlett	Amelia Rainbow
Mali Garay	Ryan Thomas
Connor O'Brien	Pranav Lalji
Susannah Elias	Khushi Rupakula
Sophie Sultana	Isabella Pafumi
Isaac Beacroft	Andrew Vella
Billy O'Brien	Ashley Taylor
Brayden Cauchi	Shane Carroll
Chantelle Gatt	Mutjaba Kazim
Sebastiano Petrocco	Eden Kenna

Gospel Value of the Week—Week 10
Isabelle Birch
Georgia Wilson
James Sinclair
Jacob Cremona
Jacob Zahra
Sophia Ling
Stephanie Attard



### KINDERGARTEN 2016

We are now accepting Enrolment application forms for Kindergarten 2016. Interviews are being arranged for May & June. If you have a child or know of a child who will be 5 or turning 5 by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and the parents are interested in becoming part of the St Joseph's community, you can pick up an enrolment package from the school office.

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Our Mothers day stall will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Gifts are \$5 and \$10. A small amount of Nana gifts will be for sale on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoon at the school gate. We are also looking for parents to help out on the Thursday with the stall 8:30am till 10:30am.





# FROM THE CLASSROOMS

## YEAR 3 & 4 EXCURSION

On Monday 27th April Year 3 & 4 travelled by Bus to Hyde Park Barracks, The Rocks Discovery Museum and had recess in Hyde Park.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRE-MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

**Saturday**  
**9th May 2015**  
**7.00pm until 1am**



**RSVP to**  
**Tina - 0417 457 417**  
**Jacinta - 0422 100 856**

**before Sunday 26th April 2015**  
**so we can reserve tables**

**Bella Vista Hotel**  
**13-15 Lexington Drive,**  
**Bella Vista**

**(Booths near dance floor**  
**under Tina and Jacinta)**

### Second Hand uniform Shop

Open Monday and  
Thursday mornings 8.30am  
or contact Tina on  
0417457417

### Important Information

**EMAIL.** The school sends most notes and all newsletters home via email. Newsletter and updates are sent weekly. If you do not receive an electronic copy of this newsletter today then you will miss out on receiving important information in the future. You may also need to check your spam folder in case we are delivered to it. Should your email change or you stop receiving weekly newsletters please contact the school office immediately.

**SKOOLBAG APP.** Please take the time to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just look for our school name "St Joseph's Primary, Schofields" in the Apple App Store for iPhone" or Google Play Store for Android. This is an important form of our communication that is used regularly.

**FACEBOOK.** Like us on Facebook to follow what's happening in the St Joseph's community.