



FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS STUDANS

Dear Parents,

You can smell the chocolate in the air- Easter is coming closer. Last week we had our Easter disco thanks to the generosity of the parent group and the sight of over 100 little ones with bunny ears dancing away was lovely to see. The older kids had a great time too and the disco was very well run.

This Friday we will have our annual Easter Hat parade and raffle and it will be the last time we get to use the concrete checkered area before the building begins. Come along and join us from 8:30. The Easter Bunny may make an appearance too!

Today the children were very excited to see the arrival of the builders sheds. When they come back after the holidays there will be big changes with 3 cottages demolished and a greatly changed playground.

All this week we have been having our Easter liturgies. It's lovely to see so many parents visiting us to take part in the liturgies. The story of Easter has a message that is so inspiring. Bad things may happen but nothing is so bad that love will not conquer. Even though Jesus seemed defeated his message of love to all still exists today. Jesus' message of love and forgiveness is the foundation of our school.

Have a very Happy Easter and if times are hard for you and your family know that there is always hope. The Easter story shows us that.

With Kind Regards,

Lesley Studans

Principal



NAPLAN 2019

If your child is in Year 3 or Year 5, they are required to sit the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) test. NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

This year the NAPLAN test will be done online except for writing in Year 3. The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is extended from three days provided for the paper test to nine days. This is to give schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 14 May and finishes on Friday 24 May 2019.

The Schedule is as follows

The online tests must be taken in the following order:

Test	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 40 min. Year 7: 40 min. Year 9: 40 min.	To be completed in the first two days	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day one only
Reading	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the writing test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts
Conventions of language	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	To be completed after the reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the conventions of language test	This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability

For further information go to:

<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/2019-cedp-naplan-online/information-for-parents>

Last week the students had an opportunity to complete a practice test in NAPLAN conditions to ensure that our school and their device is NAPLAN ready. If you have any questions or concerns, the above website is great and full of information. However if you need any further clarification, please see your child's classroom teacher or myself.

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

Each and every teacher and members of staff at St Joseph's cares for all the children in the school.

Each week, we monitor and track student attendance across the school and sometimes you will get a phone call from the class teacher if they are concerned about your child's attendance. I work with Mrs Victoria Bourke, one of our valuable Teacher's Assistants who has taken on the role of the Parent Liaison in regards to attendance. She is there to support all parents ensuring that your child is at school so that Every Day Counts for them.

If your child is away, it is important that this is communicated to your child's classroom teacher. This can be done with a note explaining their absence within 7 days or a phone call to the office. If you have not sent in a note explaining your child's absence, then you will receive a reminder letter. If you have sent in a note explaining your child's absence, please disregard this letter. 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.

Congratulations to Year 3 with the highest attendance rate of 87.9%.





Project Compassion Coin Fundraiser

This Thursday, students are asked to bring in coins to make a class line of coins. The coins will be going towards our Project Compassion Fundraising.

The Funds we raise allow Project Compassion to help people like Thandolwayo's from a village in north-western Zimbabwe. Here is the link to share with your family about Thandolwayo's story.

https://lent.caritas.org.au/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMI6KLFzqu_4QIVUx0rChZITwO9EAAYASAAEgLf_sfD_BwE#blank

Together we can give hope to those in need!



*Wishing all our families the happiest
Easter of all.
God bless you now and forever.*

ANZAC Day March Riverstone

A note went home yesterday inviting families to come along to the ANZAC Day March at Riverstone. St Joseph's will be participating in the Riverstone/Schofields Anzac Day Dawn Service on April 25th (Anzac Day). if you are interested in joining us, we will be meeting at the RSL Sub Branch Hall - 18 Market Street Riverstone at 5:15am. As a school group we will march to the Cenotaph where a wreath will be laid on behalf of our school. We look forward to sharing this experience with many of our St Joseph families. Children are asked to wear full school winter uniform.





Mother's Day Liturgy Invitation

We will be celebrating Mother's Day on Friday May 10th at 8:45am, followed by a morning Tea. Part of the liturgy is a slideshow of photos of mothers, carers & grandmothers. If you would like to have a photo included in the slideshow, please send in your photo to the following email address by Friday 3rd May: stjosephsevents22@gmail.com

Sacramental Programs at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill

Schofields Postal Address: PO Box 267, Quakers Hill NSW 2763 Church ~
125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill Parish Office: 9626 3326 Fax: 9626 1613

Email: parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au



First Eucharist 2019 Children Year 4 and Older

- 28th April -- Sun Online Registration closes
11th / 12th May -- Sat or Sun Enrolment Mass (Sat 5.30pm or Sun 9am ONLY)
25th / 26th May - Sat or Sun First Class
1st / 2nd June - Sat or Sun Second Class
8th / 9th June -- Sat or Sun No Class due to Public Holiday Weekend
15th / 16th June -- Sat or Sun Third Class and Practice
22nd / 23rd June - Sat to Sun First Eucharist
(Sat 5.30pm, Sun 9am and 2pm ONLY)

What is coming up next...

Wk11 Thursday 11/4

- Project Compassion Coins Fundraiser
- Holy Week Reflection - Years 3 & 4:- Crucifixion @ 1:50pm

Term 2 Week 1

Tuesday 30/4

- Year 5 Resurrection @ 10am Whole school Reflection in the Community Space.
- ANZAC day in class liturgy. (This will be happening during each Class' RE lesson)

Week 2

Friday 10 May

- Mothers' Day Liturgy @ 8:45 am followed by a Mothers' Day morning tea.

INTO THE DEEP

LEADING FOR MISSION

Parent Retreat Day

“Do not
be afraid”

LUKE 5:10

DATE

MAY 1 2019

TIME

9.30 – 2.30

VENUE

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RETREAT
CENTRE**

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**CLICK TO
REGISTER**

Join parents from the Paramatta Diocese in a day of personal **TRANSFORMATION** as you nurture faith through reflection, small group discussion and creative activities.

Explore the concept of **WITNESS** as you interact with Scripture, God, Self and Others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Doana Dempsey • 0407597426 • ddempsey1@parra.catholic.edu.au



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Cross Country 2019

With a bit of a wet start to the day our Cross Country Carnival was a little late to start, but by 9:30am we were underway with our first race. It was fantastic to see everyone try their hardest and have fun at the same time. A huge thank you goes out to our amazing parent helpers and to all the parents who came to cheer their children on.

We have a team of 38 students who qualified to represent our school at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek on Tuesday 7th May.

We wish everyone all the best and know that you will do our school proud - well done!



NEED TO KNOW

Second-Hand Uniform Shop - Monday @ 8:30am in the Community Space

Call Tina on 0417 457 417 for further information

School Banking Program - Wednesday @ 8:00am in the school reception

For questions regarding accounts and set-up, please speak to the parent helpers on Wednesday morning

Online Uniform Ordering

See page 12 for a How-To guide.

Order by 4pm Monday, Order delivered to school (child's class) by Tuesday afternoon.

For all Online Uniform questions or returns call Elle on 0421 216 414 OR email elle@ozfashions.com

Uniform Try On Closet

Sample sizes of Winter & Summer Uniforms are available to try on before ordering on the following days:

Mondays & Tuesdays

8:00 - 8:15am & 2:30 - 3:00pm

Uniform Try On Closet Open Tuesday 16th April 10:00am - 11:00am

SCHOOL FEES

Term one School Fees are now overdue. If you need more time to pay and wish to organise a payment arrangement, please contact Mrs Beck on 8869 8100 to discuss.

STAFF CAR PARK

Parking in the school grounds is not available to parents/carers due to student safety issues as the staff car park becomes a pedestrian way at critical times.

Term 2 Commences Tuesday 30th April

Term 2 Uniforms

Children will return to school in Term 2 in either Summer or Winter Uniforms for weeks 1 & 2. All children are required to be in Winter Uniform by Week 3.

2019 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Term 2 Week 3 Tuesday 14th May - Envelopes going home Tuesday 30th April.

GOSPEL AWARDS

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

TERM 1 WEEK 7-9

Dyaana Shah
Emily Xerri
William Peroni
Ashton Powell
Georgia Miranda
Jozia Mafi
Max Metherell
Blossom Karbhari
Eyelene Kaur
Niranjan Nair
Brayden Vangelder
Akshada Chaubrey
Charlotte Gotsis
Harry Lawson
Nicholas Stein
Sienna Maniscalco
Zachary Mannal
Sanskar Gangrade
Alfie Gu

Ezekiel Pangllnan
Myron Shah
Nakshatra Nair
Freya Varsani
Happy Nguweneza
Daniella Marinovic
Alexia Leonardo
Amelia Vincent
Hunter Wilkinson
Griffin Clarke
Dwij Bhatt
Kade Elims
Lucy Barnsley
Alaina Sreepathi
Cayden Kong
Keashan Kotli
Kristin Van Eck
Caitlin Thorburn
Tristian Holmes

LEAP 2 LEARN AWARDS

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



TERM 1 WEEK 7-9

Sophie Gerke
Olivia Hogan
Sophie Blackmore
Cruz Leite
Kyra Lewis
Dhiaan Priyardarshi
Aarav Singh
Hunter Staniland
Tiara Vatau
Lucas Zondaras
Harry Bensley
Rhiana Brown
Aiden Howle
Mia Mooney
Jacob O'Keeffe
Sourish Singh
Oliver Whiteley
Lexie Beacroft

Shubbh Chugh
Griffin Clarke
Mrunal Moharekar
Anhad Nibber
Naomi Sultana
Thomas O'Brien
Summer Williams
Luke Martelli
Sophie Sultana
Hayley Hogbin
Kayla Apap
Kristen Kendale
Jessica Khov
Ekroop Deo
Peter Douglas
Addison Tavoletti
Bella Marie Strong
Bhakti Kerai

Cooper Lee
Ethan Shrestha
Evianna Lowe
Brayden Vangelder
Hirav Varsani
Luisa Oraya
Troy Chimbwanda



St Joseph's Primary

SCHOFIELDS

KINDERGARTEN 2020 ENROLMENTS OPEN

Enrolment Interviews 18th May

by Appointment only

School Tours: 01/05 & 15/05 @ 1:35pm

ONLINE UNIFORM HOW-TO GUIDE



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Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add student profiles for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for items.



Purchase school items



Making payments

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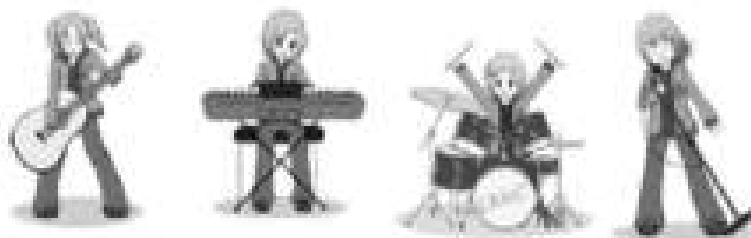
At checkout select which card to pay with.

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Once your payment is approved you can view it on the home page, or view your receipt.

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K-6 Curricular Mandarin Chinese Program

St Joseph's Primary Schofields is excited to introduce weekly Mandarin Chinese classes across K-6 as part of its curriculum from 2019 Term 1. Students will learn practical Mandarin and Chinese culture and develop an appreciation for multi-cultural diversity.

Why learn Mandarin Chinese:

- Mandarin Chinese is the world's most spoken language with 1 in every 5 people in the world speaking it. It is also the most spoken language after English in Australia.
- China is the world's second largest economy and Australia's largest trading partner.
- Learning Chinese enhances cognitive capabilities as the unique tonal and pictorial language uses both sides of the brain, whereas most other languages including English only use the left side of the brain!

How students learn the Chinese language and culture in class:

- Multi-sensory and multimedia learning through interactive games, stories, songs, crafts, and fun activities both online and offline.
- Cultural enrichment through authentic Chinese festival celebrations.
- Visual and auditory associative memorisation techniques for effective learning of word pronunciation and character recognition.

How to extend learning outside of the classroom:

- Enjoy first-hand experience of Chinese culture by going to Chinese restaurants and trying yum cha and hot pot etc; sample authentic Chinese tea at the Zensation teahouse; visit oriental places of interest such as the Chinese Garden of Friendship and the White Rabbit Gallery (contemporary Chinese art); celebrate Chinese New Year and other major Chinese festivals.
- Download Chinese educational game apps to your tablet / phone and learn some words and phrases together. Share these new words at your next Mandarin class.
- Use Google Translate to find out how to say something and double check with your Mandarin Teacher its correct pronunciation and usage.
- Practise words and phrases you learn in class with your Chinese friends / neighbours or even a friendly Chinese waiter / shopkeeper in Chinatown.
- Take a family trip to China or to another Mandarin-speaking country such as Singapore, Taiwan, and part of Malaysia and Thailand etc. Experience the wonders and richness of Chinese history, architecture and culture.

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 in 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 - 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

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 - 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



starts
Wed 8 May
2019

Term 2
St Joseph's
Wednesday Afternoon
8 WEEK
SUPER SPORTS
Tournament

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