



St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We have now almost finished 3 terms of education at St Joseph's in this quite extraordinary year.

Thankfully we have been able to settle down into a routine in our new buildings and build on the great efforts between home and school. Lots of slippery slides and creative activities but lots of work on the basics too.

You may have noticed that construction the 3rd new building has begun. We now have a slightly new exit to Nazarene Crescent. This is temporary. We will have a wide grand entrance from Nazarene Crescent in a similar location to the old gate. Our new builders are now busy establishing the foundations for the new building. This new building will house the canteen and 8 classes. It will have a lift for disabled access and connect to our current buildings. A flyover of the new building can be viewed by clicking this link <https://youtu.be/OBWAMYAkeys>



In 2021 we expect to have 2 new class groups- with 4 Kinders, 4 Year 1s, 4 Year 2s, 3 Year 3s , 3 year 4s. We will continue to have 2 Year 5s and 2 Year 6s. We are currently advertising for 2021 new staff to accommodate our growing school.

For term 4 we will continue to operate by government guidelines for the health and safety of the community. Let's pray things will continue to progress and we will soon be able to have a more regular school life with parents at assemblies, masses, orientation days, graduations and concerts. In the meantime, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for patiently waiting in queues for pickup, getting your family tested for COVID when winter sniffles and hay fever symptoms inevitably pop up, and for your support of the school and teachers during this tricky time. Enjoy the break from school routine over the holidays.



Coding and playing with mini drones at recess.

Kind Regards,
Lesley Studans
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

It is so hard to believe that another term is almost over! So much has happened inside our new buildings - great learning in new learning spaces and awesome play experiences in the new playground, with many more exciting playground opportunities to come next term. It has also been wonderful to have the students all back at school. I have especially enjoyed the cold morning greetings at the front gate and Kiss and Drop.

Our attendance has been great! Let's keep up this great effort. BUT remember to keep your child at home if they have any symptoms, get them tested and return after the results have come back negative and the symptoms have passed.

Have a restful break with your children and enjoy the time together - Keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all back next term.



Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Book Week

This year's Book Week theme is **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds**.

Book Week at St Joseph's will be celebrated in the week of 26-30 October. There will be lots of activities for the children, including the reopening of the library.

It's time to put our thinking caps on to create a costume of our favourite book character, and what a terrific school holiday activity this can be!



Mrs Joanne Neill
Library

Religious Education Co-ordinator



Sacramental Program at Mary Immaculate Parish

Ceremony Dates:

13th (Tuesday) or 15th (Thursday) October - Confirmation Ceremony at 6.30pm
20th (Tuesday) or 23rd (Thursday) October - Confirmation Ceremony at 6.30pm
27th (Tuesday) or 29th (Thursday) October - Confirmation Ceremony at 6.30pm

PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord,

You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

As these children prepare for Confirmation, make each of them an instrument of Your love.

Teach them to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what they do not understand.

Deepen their faith in the Gospel and help them to pass it on by their example.

We pray that You will continue to guide them and sustain them.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Thanksgiving In-class Liturgy

On Friday the students and staff will be celebrating an in-class Thanksgiving Liturgy.

This is an opportunity for students and staff to reflect and give thanks to God for all the wonderful opportunities and experiences throughout Term 3.

A quote from Pope Francis:

"To be able to offer thanks,

to be able to praise the Lord for what He has done for us: this is important! "

Mrs Anne Watson
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Term 4 Dates

Term 4 will commence on **Monday, 12 October 2020**. The last day of school will be **Wednesday, 16 December 2020**.

School Fees

Thank you for the families who have paid their school fees during this difficult year of COVID.

If you have not paid any fees yet or you have not contacted the Catholic Education Office regarding seeking help due to loss of income, please contact Leonie Beck on lbeck@parra.catholic.edu.au to advise of your situation. We are happy for you to pay by installments if you wish.

Stop, Walk and Talk

At school we teach the children how to deal with behaviour from others that bothers them. This teaches the children to speak up, walk away so that the argument can settle and then talk about it with a trusted adult if the problem doesn't settle.

Tell them you don't like the problem behaviour and ask them to stop



Walk away from the problem behaviour



If the problem behaviour doesn't stop talk to an adult



School Hats

It is very important that children come to school with their hats. Unfortunately, if your child is not wearing a hat during playtime, they are asked to play in the shade

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HAVE A BLAST!

GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES - WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

Schofields Cricket Club
Monday's, 6pm at Schofields Park
Starts on Monday, 19th October! 8 Week Program!
Junior Competition teams U10-U16 are also available!
Register now at playcricket.com.au

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HAVE A BLAST. BE PART OF THE CREW!

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast. It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities - whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard cricket star!

- ✓ It's easy to join a crew and make awesome new friends.
- ✓ Wear the colours of your Big Bash heroes.
- ✓ Parents warm up, you can join in too!
- ✓ Outdoors, non-contact.

JUNIOR BLASTERS
AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game based activities.

Sign up now for your Starter Pack. Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Pack with a Backpack, Ball and choice of bonus item!

STARTER KIT **RETURNER KIT**

MASTER BLASTERS
AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. For kids with basic cricket skills.

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THE PONDS

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BOYS AND GIRLS, AGED 4-12 YEARS

NSW RUGBY LEAGUE

COME AND JOIN US AND TRY LEAGUE

a fun, safe way for boys and girls from culturally and linguistically diverse communities to get active and learn the basics of Rugby League

TUESDAY EVENINGS 6PM - 7PM
Term 4 (13 October - 1 December)
The Ponds Synthetic Field,
Cnr Fyfe Rd & Carindale St, The Ponds

Cost \$20 per child for 8 weeks.
FREE t-shirt for each registered participant

	For more information or to register, please scan the code or contact: Zoe Hamilton 0424 430 424 or zhamilton@nswrl.com.au	
	nswrl.com.au	