



St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

What an exciting term we have had so far. As I'm sure you have heard the children are loving their new playground and learning spaces. The place really has a lovely hum about it that we were able to showcase at our Open Day on Saturday. In this Newsletter is a link to a video compilation of the children's learning that we used for the Open Day.

We have been able to get Year 6 up and running with their leadership, and Year 5 and Kinder have enjoyed buddying up. Any parents of Year 4 students would have heard about the chocolate crime scene in their class. Year 1 have become palaeontologists with their dinosaur fossil kit. Year 3 love being upstairs with the big kids in Year 5 and 6 and have also been doing some great science, learning about energy to create simple machines. Year 2 are great scientists too. If you have a Year 2 student in your family, you may notice a few paper planes around the house!

Our new playground spaces give us lots of opportunities for the children to use their imagination. We have the opportunity for dancing, lego building and painting during recess and lunch as well as the regular games that the children like to play.



Kind Regards,

Lesley Studans
Principal

Assistant Principal

In **Week 4 to Week 6 (Monday 10 August – Friday 28 August)** we are inviting members of our school community to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *St Joseph's*.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/9hqcb>



Every day counts for our students and every minute missed of learning adds up. Keep up the attendance (if there are no flu-like symptoms) and remember that if you have any concerns to speak to either Mrs Bourke or Mrs Delvecchio.

It is not only important that your child attends school each day but that they arrive at school on time. Please make allowances for traffic and parking as these often cause delays.

If your child is away from school, it is important that you provide the classroom teacher with a note outlining the reason that your child was away within 7 days. The teachers are required to mark on the roll the reason for the student's absence. If no note is given, then no explanation can be provided for the absence. If you would like to send an electronic message about absences, we ask that you do not send it through SeeSaw but use the Skoolbag app instead.



Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

From the Library

Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will conclude on Friday 28th August. Even though this year itself has been quite a challenge, I hope all students have been reading, and reading in an effort to complete the Reading Challenge.

Records of students' reading logs should be uploaded to the Premier's Challenge website by 28th August, and if help is needed, please don't hesitate to ask Mrs Neill in the library.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Good luck with the final weeks and I hope everyone has enjoyed the books they have read.

Joanne Neill
Library Technician

Religious Education Co-ordinator



Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill - Schofields Sacramental Program of First Reconciliation

Starting this week and over the coming weeks, the following students will be making their First Reconciliation.

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| Ethan Cross | Myron Shah | Sofia Petrocco | Eliana Ortado |
| Mia Mooney | Lily Feather | Isaac Gotsis | Avalon Olsen |
| Olivia Sarno | Jayden Xerri | Lucas Webster | |
| Ezekiel Pangilinan | | Mikhaila Catusanu | |

A Prayer for our Reconciliation Candidates

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Feast Day of The Assumption of Our Lady, Mary August 15th

Friday, 15 August our Catholic Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus.

Prayer for the Assumption of Mary.

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Learning Spaces



Please click on the link to watch a video of our **new school building**

<https://youtu.be/xWtZD9xn5wA>

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice:

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by **28 August 2020**.

Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

Birthday Cakes

Could we please ask that any birthday cupcakes, donuts, lollies brought into the school for sharing on birthdays, be placed in individual bags for the safety of our students. Thank you.

Father's Day



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
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St Joseph's Schofields
Parents & Friends

Father's Day Virtual Gift Stall

GIFTS AVAILABLE FOR FATHERS
& GRANDPARENTS

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the traditional Father's Day Stall is heading online! A perfect way for the children to still select a gift for their loved ones.

Contactless Collection from school on Friday 4/9/2020

Order now via www.trybooking.com/BKWLA
by 30 August 2020

Stock is strictly limited.
Order today to avoid disappointment!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Daffodil Day

A sea of yellow hope set to hit St Joseph's Primary School

Did you know that the daffodil is the international symbol of hope for people affected by cancer? Or that one in two people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime? This Daffodil Day Appeal, we're doing something about it!

This year, we're hosting a Daffodil Day Appeal fundraiser to raise vital funds for lifesaving cancer research.

Who: St Joseph's Primary School Schofield

What: Daffodil Day Appeal

When: 28th August 2020

Why: Cancer touches all our lives and it's time we did something about it. We're raising funds for Cancer Council to invest into cancer research and help improve patient treatment options and care.

How: This year we'll be turning St Joseph's into a sea of yellow. We encourage all the children to wear something yellow for a gold coin donation.





Thank you for supporting our Daffodil Day Appeal fundraiser!

daffodilday.com.au

Proudly supporting
Cancer Council
Daffodil Day Appeal



All Classroom Catering schools are moving to Cashless!




Classroom Catering is happy to announce that we are now using Cashless for all recess and lunch orders as of Term 1, 2020

What is Cashless?

The Cashless app makes school life easier for parents, starting with the canteen. Parents can order and pay for recess and lunch for their kids from the Cashless website and app. Simple!

How do I get started?

Just go to www.cashless.school or download our mobile apps to get started!



How much does it cost?

Your first 3 orders do not incur any fees, so feel free to try it out!

After that there is a simple low fee of \$5 per child per term. We don't like hidden fees either, so this covers all transactions, top ups & purchases.

What do I do with my Flexischools account?

Simply contact Flexischools to advise you are closing your account and you would like your remaining funds refunded.

