



St Joseph's Primary Schofields Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

A Place for all in the Playground

Just before I wrote this front page, I was lucky enough to join Year 1 having a picnic in the place where the Year 3 demountables once stood. We sat on the mats and the seats under the trees, chased some bubbles, played with the frisbees, and “cooked” in the outdoor play kitchens. Yesterday, Year 3 had a turn and last week Year 4 and Year 2 did. Other grades will have a turn soon.



One of the great things about our new school is the number of different places to play. The picnic area is calming and sensory. Area 3, the big grass area behind the school, is great for ball games. Every day we put out a big treasure chest filled with board games like chess, card games, and Connect 4 that the children play on the stadium seats. We use the big televisions for dancing games. Each Recess we have an art club for the children to paint if they would like to. Outside the library we have a quiet reading area on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Of course, we have the amazing Joey Park with its musical instruments, sandpit, water pump, racetrack, hill, stepping stones and balance beam.

We have places for handball and places for basketball, hopscotches, drums and xylophones. We have the slippery dip, ably managed by our school leaders with a teacher. Today it was Kindergarten's turn. The aim is to have **a place on the playground to suit all personalities.**

Kind Regards,

Lesley Studans
Principal

Assistant Principal

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 ap instead.



Mrs Joanna Delvecchio
Assistant Principal

Religious Education Co-ordinator



What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece
was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

This coming Father's Day, we would like to give thanks to God for the special gift of our father.

We pray for fathers who are living. We remember fathers who have died. We are grateful for special men in our lives who have been like fathers to us. We celebrate the love of all fathers on Fathers' Day and are mindful that Jesus had such great love for God, whom he called Father.

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son, Jesus, who was the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, who was his earthly father.
Bless all fathers for the good work they do each day in caring for their family.

Help us to always be thankful and guide us to be kind and helpful towards our Dads. We are thankful for the generosity and good example of Dads in teaching us how to follow Jesus. May they reflect your love and protection to all who are entrusted to their care.

Bless them with integrity of life, with wisdom and clarity of heart.

We ask this through Jesus, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



Mrs Anne Watson
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is concluding this Friday, 28th August. If anyone requires assistance in logging their list of books onto the PRC website, please see me in the library and I will be happy to help.

Mrs Joanne Neill
Library Technician

Car Park Safety

A reminder that our car park in the morning and afternoon is a safety hazard. Please stick to the marked paths and don't walk across the driveway near the gates.

From tomorrow the gates will be closed each afternoon as a visual reminder.

There is no parking for parents at pickup time but we have some staff members who need to exit the carpark at this time.

COVID Update

Thank you for your continued efforts to help us and you family remain COVID free. As outlined in the recent letter we now have a CEDP and State School directive, the expectation that:

- all children with cold and flu symptoms need to be tested and not return to school until they have a clear test communicated with the school and, also, no further symptoms;
- we have cancelled all assemblies;
- no parents are to be on site. Social distancing for the park and walk pickup will continue. Your patience is greatly appreciated with rolling pickup. Remember not to arrive too early to avoid long queues;

- we have no singing or chanting.

This morning's news about school closures

We woke up this morning with the news that, out of caution, Wyndham College at Quakers Hill, Riverstone High and Schofields Public School have been closed for today so they can be thoroughly cleaned. A parent with children at these schools has tested positive as has one of the older children.

St John Paul II College senior- Years 11 and 12 have some minimal interaction with Wyndham College. Any shared areas with Wyndham College will be deep cleaned today. This is a separate campus to the school behind our school. As a precaution JP II are taking extra care with cleaning, however, they have taken advice that it will be safe to open today.

You may recall that we stopped children from JP II entering our school grounds and any big brothers or sisters picking up siblings from our school must be socially distanced and wait in the queue outside our gate.

The situation will continue to be monitored, with the assistance of NSW Health and, of course, we are taking care with our cleaning, social distancing, hand washing and sanitising.

Building Work

After a blissful 6 weeks with no building construction, our third and final building has commenced this week. We have delivery of site sheds and ground preparation happening at the moment.

Scheduled finish time for the building is Term 3 2021.

Buildings can be seen on the flyover video. Please click on the link to watch a video of our **new school building** new school on the following link <https://youtu.be/OBWAMYAkeys>

Please note that this building will be using the lower part of Nazarene Crescent as the entry point for the builders.

Daffodil Day

A reminder that Friday, 28th August is Daffodil Day. Children may wear mufti (yellow) or something yellow with their school uniform for a gold coin donation.

Father's Day Stall



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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

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by **30 August 2020**

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