



The Federated Schools of St Joseph's Catholic Infants
and St Joseph's Catholic Juniors



Junior Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another amazing week at St. Joseph's, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the schools. The infants have been exploring their artistic skills while the juniors drummed their way through their African drumming workshop.

This week 'Safety' has been a key focus in school. In the Infants, children learnt all about 'Safety on Playground' including how to use equipment safely and treat others with kindness and respect. Using 'soft and gentle hands' when playing as well as ensuring they are using their eyes and ears to be observant to what is happening around them. Each class now have a nominated 'Safety Officer' who will help the supervisors each day to look out for children playing safely. Those children will get a special mention at the end of the day. As a school, we are always reviewing our practices and protocols to make sure our environment is as safe as possible. We just received an outstanding review on our fire risk assessment. Well done to Mrs Power and Mr Grunt for all your hard work!

The theme of "safety" also permeated into the Juniors as we considered what made our school safe such as following rules and guidance, being respectful to others and alerting others to when something could be dangerous or when someone is at risk of being hurt physically or emotionally. We reflected on our school mission statement and the 'Starfish Story' and what this actually meant in our daily life at school. We identified factors which could make the school unsafe such as bullying, verbal abuse within the school community and inappropriate language towards our peers either face to face or online. Children do occasionally make mistakes, rather than ignore them, it is important to use them to help our children understand right from wrong and the consequence of their actions. We have young children who will grow into young adults of the future. Empowering them to make well informed choices, take responsibility for their actions and face consequences will be the key to their success. Please support us by monitoring your child's online activity carefully.

At St. Joseph's we have the highest expectations for work and behaviour. We want our children to be the best they can be, and always challenge them to be better. Children do make mistakes, it is all part of growing up and finding their place in the world. At times we may need to speak to you about your child's conduct to ensure they continue to make progress academically, socially and emotionally. Thank you for your support and always make an appointment to come and see us if you have any queries. Continuing to learn and being open to new ideas is part of our learning culture at St. Joseph's. The infants are getting ready to implement the revised early years framework in Nursery and Reception next year. Parents will hear all about this at their intake meetings. In the juniors, the staff have been focussing on progression in maths and 'Challenge for all' through the use of problem solving and mathematical investigations to promote independent and resilience in learning.

Upcoming Dates

Non-Uniform Day
(Every Friday)
Friday 28th May 2021

Cake Sale Every Friday
Raising funds for resources

Walk to School Week
Monday 17th May- Friday 21st May

Year 6 Transition Days Holy Family
Tuesday July 6th 2021- Transition
Information Evening for Parents
Wednesday July 7th 2021- Transition Day
for Students

Last Day of School- Summer Term
Friday 23rd July 2021
(Early staggered Finish)

Congratulations to Mrs Nogales, Mrs Subebe, Ms Lykoura, Mr Byleveldt, Mrs Poku, Mrs Le and Mrs Carmody, who all undertook two days of designated safeguarding lead training this week! Thank you to everyone for continuing to make our school a happy and safe place to be!

Enjoy the weekend and time with your families.

God bless,

Mrs D'Souza and all the staff and St. Joseph's

Recent Updates

Start and Finish to School Day

It is important your child arrives promptly at their allocated start time in order to maximise their learning time, receive additional intervention and support as well as settle themselves in readiness to start the school day. A reminder start times are:

Year 3 and 4 – 8:30

Year 5 and 6 – 8:45

Gate closes: 8:55

A polite reminder release times are as follows:

Year 3 - 2:45

Year 4 - 2:50

Year 5 - 2:55

Year 6 - 3:00

Please kindly do not enter the playground before your time slot and leave promptly once you have collected your child. Please also remember to wear a mask to help keep our community safe. We thank you for your support with these new procedures.

Walk to School Week Next Week

Walking has so many benefits from physical to mental wellbeing; aiding concentration and creativity and creating safer, less polluted and more welcoming streets. All that makes for a happy, healthy child set up for success in and out of the classroom.

Sickness and Absence

Please make sure that you call the school office **every day** that your child is sick or absent from school. We are soon to get an answer machine which should make the procedure much easier. If you do not contact the school when your child is absent, you will receive a phone call from the school office in line with our safeguarding procedures.

Book Swap

We kindly ask you to donate any children books that are in good condition that you no longer need. Buying new books can prove expensive and in the spirit of helping each other as families, we can also support our children in their reading. We hope to hold the book swap in the second half of the summer term to allow you time to have a 'clear out' during the half term holiday. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

New website for September 2020!

We are currently in the process of designing our new school federated website which we aim to have in place by the start of the next academic year. Our school is continuing to grow and flourish and having a school website that reflects the wonderful opportunities our children have here is at St. Joseph's is fundamental to letting others know what a great place our school is to grow and learn.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to

Zephan 5L



Quote of the week

"A child's sense of security and well-being is primarily rooted in the stability of his home and family"



Attendance

Well done to Class 5O for having the highest attendance this week- 100%. Keep it up!



Office Hours

Please be aware that school office opening hours are now from

8:00 to 8:30 am

9:00 to 3:30 pm

If you need to report an absence, please contact the school office.

Certificates

Congratulations to those children who have gone above and beyond in their learning this week. Great job and keep up the good work!

3H: Whole Class.

3K: Anthonia, Jake, Misbah , Umeed.

4P: Amelia, Divine, Jaiden, Jakub, Jayden H.

4RC: Adam, Aleksander, DJuliana, Nadia, Nathalie.

5L: Amber, Elisha, Emilia, Leondrea, Simeon.

5O: Ashley, Kacper, Nirushka, Tyron, Whole of 5O.

6C: Lamar, Micha, Michael, Neshae , Olivier.

6P: David, Jacob, Kayleigh , Klara, Natalia.

Safeguarding

Please remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and schools have a responsibility to promote and protect the welfare of our children.

The designated Safeguarding Team at St. Joseph's Junior school are:

Mrs D'Souza	Headteacher
Mrs Carmody	Year 6 Class Teacher
Mrs Le	Year 5 Class Teacher
Mrs Poku	Year 4 Class teacher

If you have a concern regarding the safety of any child, please speak immediately to a member of our school safeguarding team. Any discussions are treated in confidence.

Photo Gallery

This week, Year3 children learnt how to play African drums.



"Jesus Christ is the unseen but ever present teacher in our school, our model and inspiration for all who work here."