

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

4th February 2014

DIARY DATES

Friday 7 February

Ice Block Day
Lunch 2

Monday 10 February

9.00am Assembly

Wednesday 12 February

Parent Information Night
7pm

Friday 14 February

Ice Block Day
Lunch 2

Monday 17 February

9.30am School Mass

Open Day for Prospective
Enrolments
3:15 – 5pm

Parent Association
Meeting
7pm

Tuesday 18 February

Open Day for Prospective
Enrolments
3:15 - 5pm

2015 Kindergarten
Interviews Start

Wednesday 19 February

Open Day for Prospective
Enrolments
9:30 – 10:30am &
11:30am – 12:30pm

Friday 21 February

Ice Block Day
Lunch 2

Monday 24 February

9.00am Assembly

Tuesday 25 February

Zone Swimming

Friday 28 February

School Clean Up Day

Ice Block Day
Lunch 2

Diocesan Swimming
Carnival

Monday 3 March

STAFF DEVELOPMENT
DAY

Tuesday 4 March

9.00am Assembly

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday

Friday 7 March

Ice Block Day
Lunch 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Sunday we celebrated the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. This feast, which is 40 days after Christmas, marks the end of the Christmas season. In the northern hemisphere, it is a feast marked with processions of candles, celebrating the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, into our world.

Pope Francis' Sunday homily reflected on the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, noting how the event shows both young, Mary and Joseph, and old people, Simeon and Anna, joyous in their faithfulness to God.

Pope Francis said the Presentation is *"a meeting between the young full of joy in observing the Law of the Lord and the elderly full of joy by the action of the Holy Spirit,"* present in each of them and enlightening Simeon to recognise Jesus as *"a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel"* (Luke 2:32) and Anna who *"gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem."* Luke 2:38

He called on the "old" of the Church to share the Light of Christ with the young people in our family, in our community, in our world.

At the close of Mass, Pope Francis stopped to pray before the nativity scene, which was to be put away that day, marking the end of the Christmas season, before processing out of the Basilica.

Let the Light of Jesus shine through us today and every day.

Blessings to you all,

Fran Jackson
Principal

Parent Information Night Wednesday 12th February 7pm in MPA

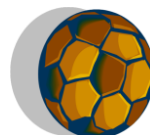
2014 Sport Days

Students are to wear their sports uniform on their sport days.

Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 – Monday & Friday

Years 3 & 4 – Tuesday & Friday

Years 5 & 6 – Wednesday & Friday



Learning Without Limits

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General News...

Kindergarten 2015 Enrolment Interview Appointments are now available.

Open Days for prospective enrolments are:
Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February 3:15-5pm
Wednesday 19th February 9:30-10:30am & 11:30am-12:30pm
All prospective enrolments are welcome to visit & have a tour of the school.

Census Day

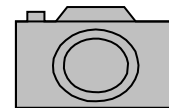
Census Day is Friday 14th February. If you know your child will be away that day it is a matter of urgency to please send in an absence note before this date. If your child is away sick please send a note in on Monday 17th February.

Staff Development Day

Monday 3rd March. There will be no supervision on this day for students. If you need care for your child/ren please contact Joey's Before and After School Care 4732 5771.

School Photos

School Photos will be held on Tuesday 8th April. All children will wear full school uniform. NO sports uniform to be worn on this day.



Student Attendance

A reminder to parents that morning supervision at school commences at 8:20am. **Classes begin at 8:50am. It is important for children to be at school on time so they do not miss morning instructions and learning activities.** At afternoon dismissal, children remaining at walkers at 3:15pm will be taken to Kiss 'n Ride. Children remaining at Kiss 'n Ride after 3:30pm will be taken to the Office, at which time parents will be contacted. Afternoon supervision concludes at 3:30pm. Children should not be at school before or after these times. If your child is away from school please send a note in explaining their absence – this is a legal requirement.

Parking

Kiss 'n Ride is a drop off zone only. Parents do not get out of their car. Simply pull up at the Kiss 'n Ride Zone, give your child/ren a kiss and then they depart the car and walk through the gate. If you wish to walk your child into the gate, you need to park in a parking zone (NOT Kiss 'n Ride or a No Stopping Zone), and then walk your child into school. Please do not park in the Administration driveway. Please remember that this is not simply a legal matter, but a protocol that needs to be followed to keep our children safe.

Change of Home or Emergency Contact Details

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren).

Reminder to Parents

Parents are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to attend assembly, classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in at the office on arrival, and sign out on departure.

Communicating With the School Regarding Your Child

If you have a concern in relation to your child, please contact your child's teacher first. If you feel that the problem hasn't been sufficiently dealt with after contact with your child's teacher, please contact the Stage Co-ordinator. If you feel that the problem then needs to be taken further than this, contact the Assistant Principal or the Principal. If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. These documents can be accessed on the system website www.parra.catholic.edu.au

Child Protection Training

If parents are planning on assisting in the classroom, or on an excursion, they are required to first complete a "Prohibited Employment Form", and Child Protection Training. The form can be collected from the school office. The training is undertaken over the internet at <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/childprotection>. Simply click the

training link under “Volunteer” to undertake the training. Once training is undertaken, complete the questionnaire, submit your details, and contact the school to advise that the training has been completed.



Birthday Cakes

At St Joseph’s we enjoy celebrating children’s birthdays. If you would like to bring a cake in it would be appreciated if all birthday cakes bought in be individual cupcakes or donuts. Knives are not permitted in the classroom, due to safety concerns for children and staff.

Notes and Money sent to the Office

In order for money to be safely/correctly forwarded to the school office, please send money in an envelope with your child’s name, class, amount enclosed and details of payment.

School Fees

School Fee Statements and Payment Arrangements will be posted out during the next week. If you have any queries please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

Photos at School

Due to privacy issues, photos taken at school should be taken of your own children only.

Mobile Phones

Students are not encouraged to bring mobile phones to school. Where parents require a student to bring a mobile phone to school, they do so at their own risk. While at school, mobiles must be turned off and remain in the student’s bag. Staff cannot take responsibility for safe storage of mobile phones, iPods, or other electronic devices.



Community News...

Joey’s Before and After School Care Inc

Joey’s Before and After School Care Inc is a Child Care Benefit approved centre that is located on the school site. They have a flexible, relaxed, program catering to all ages and most interests with staff that are dedicated and caring. They value and encourage family input. Phone 4732 5771. Hours: Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays): 6.30am to 8.30am and 3.00pm to 6.30pm. Special 8.00am service is also available. Vacation Care programs run during school holidays from 7.00am to 6.00pm.

St Joseph’s Netball Club

Ages 6-16 years

Registration Saturday 8th February

10am – 11:30am

Jamison Park Netball Courts

Court 8 – Under the trees

For any further enquiries please contact

Ray Geraghty on 0412 061 335



St Joseph’s Catholic Church Kingswood—Mass Times

Cnr Joseph Street & Richmond Road, Kingswood Phone 4721 4080

Office Hours: 9:00am-2:00pm Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30am—1:30pm Friday

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 6pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 10.00am
Polish Mass - Saturday 4pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday 8am
Saturday 8.30am



Sacrament Of Penance - Saturday after morning mass

Eucharistic Adoration - Before all masses

Parent Information Night

Please note change of date

Wednesday 12th February

7pm: General Presentation in MPA

7:40pm: Session 1 in Classrooms

8:05pm: Session 2 in Classrooms

8:10pm: Session 3 in Classrooms

From 8pm: Supper in COLA

Please RSVP for catering purposes and for Joey's booking by this **Friday 7th February**

Yes I/we will be attending the Parent Information Night.

No. of Adults: _____

Name of
Parents: _____

Yes I/we will need care for our children.

No. of Children: _____

Children Names, Classes and Ages:

Please return to the school office by this Friday 7th February.