

# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4

18<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, Fr Andrew invited our students to participate in a Burning of Palms ceremony. The palms, distributed last Palm Sunday (2014), were returned to be burnt to provide the ashes which we all received today, Ash Wednesday.

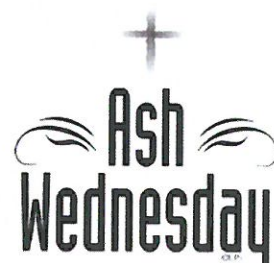
## *Repent, believe the Gospel*

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is a time of **almsgiving, fasting and prayer**, a time for reviewing our life and looking at the changes we need to make so as to come closer to God.

Next Monday, we launch Project Compassion, offering us the opportunity to contribute, 'give alms,' to the continued development of projects that give life to communities in need.

**Fasting** means to limit our food intake, eat less and appreciate more. Consciously change our daily routine, abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.....or every Friday, as once was the tradition of the Church. Raise our consciousness to doing without intentionally, to changing something in our lives.

**Prayer** is our conversation with God, it's sharing our daily life with God, making God a regular part of our day. It doesn't need to be formal, it just needs to happen. Sunday mass is the most profound prayer of all, and supports us in building our relationship with God and our community of faith.



Our Parent Association meeting is at 7pm next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the MPA. Please come along and support the committee who invest much of their time and energy supporting the school and holding fun events for your children. This meeting is not for children.



We welcome Chloe Mansweto, media officer, who will be working with us to promote our school with the wider community. Chloe will be working with a number of schools and will be at St Joseph's each Monday. She is looking forward to introducing herself to parents. Please make her feel welcome.

Good luck to all the students who will be participating in Zone swimming on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. I'm sure you'll do yourself and St Joseph's proud.

Captivate rehearsals begin next week. Students have been selected to participate in the Combined Primary Schools Choir and Combined Primary Schools Band. We will not be participating in the String Orchestra this year. Students participating in the Captivate Showcases have already been given details of rehearsal and performance dates.

St Joseph's is a happening place. Spiritual formation, sport, creative arts...and LEARNING are already in full swing. We look forward to sharing more of this with you in Catholic Schools Week (CSW). Save the date: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March we will launch CSW at the 10am Mass, followed by a sausage sizzle. There will an iMovie in the MPA showing students engaged with learning activities. All welcome! Bring a friend!

May the grace of God bring us  
"out of ashes" in this season  
of Lent.

Fran Jackson  
Principal

*Staff Development Day*  
*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February*



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# Catholic Culture News

## What's happening in RE this month?

### **Caritas – Project Compassion appeal**

Project Compassion 2015 focuses on Food for Life. It throws a spotlight on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world's poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. As Pope Francis says: "It is a well-known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still suffering and dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous."

Project Compassion 2015 explores how Caritas Australia is helping the world's poorest people establish sustainable food, walking with them as they free themselves from the burden of food insecurity and develop new, improved income streams for a better future.

Stories from Fiji, Niger, Indonesia, Peru, Nepal and Australia show how our supporters help people to grow and access food for life. Find out more via the links below.

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

### **Congratulations school leaders**

Our School Leaders were blessed and inducted by Father Andrew at our recent opening school Mass. They were given the challenge to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to always be Servant Leaders. Congratulations to all students.



### **Staff Formation Day**

This Friday teachers will be spending time with Father Andrew and Jenny Langford from the CEDP. We will be focusing on teaching strategies designed to help students deepen their knowledge and understanding of scripture.

### **Upcoming dates!**

Catholic Schools Week Sunday  
Mass 8<sup>th</sup> March 10am

Lent and Project Compassion  
Appeal  
28<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> March

### **First Reconciliation Enrolment**

Families are reminded that they can still enrol for the sacrament of reconciliation, contact the Parish Office on 4721 4080.

### **Opening School Mass**

On Monday of this week we celebrated our opening school mass. Our theme was "Our happiness lies in God", we pray that our St Joseph's community may find true happiness that comes from a relationship with God.

**Mark Aggar**  
**Religious Education Coordinator**

# General News



### **Staff Development Days for 2015**

Term 1: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Term 2: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE  
Term 3: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Term 4: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December & Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Children **are not** to attend school on these days. However, Joey's is open for care. Please call 4732 5771 to book your child's place.

### **Clothing Pool**

The school clothing pool is run by Parent Association volunteers. It will be open every Monday this term from 8:30am until after assembly. Pre loved uniforms are priced from \$2 - \$10.



### Fun Food Day

The Parent Association will be running an Ice Cream Fun Food Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Ice Creams will be sale from 50c - \$3.



### Parent Association Meeting

The Parent Association Meeting will be an AGM held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Please note there is no lunch box presentation on this night.

### School Fees Statement

You should have received your school fees statement this week. We apologise for the delay, unfortunately there was an issue in posting them from the CEDP. If you have any questions regarding your statement please contact Jenny Pendleton at the school office on 4732 3999.

## Learning News

4-2-15

District H

Audience: Stage 3

Purpose: To Entertain

Form: Narrative

Weapons, Tree-houses, Life and Nature. This is where I live, this is District H. My name is Katrina, but my friends call me Kat. District H is a secret place, we hide from the police, FBI and other organisations. ✓

My brother and I escaped to District H almost five years ago, we're fugitives in the Heist, that's where all the ~~evil~~ people live. All they want is power and entertainment. My parents hated the heist, they risked their lives to take the whole place down. I was only eleven at the time, I watched my parents die that day and I also left my mark on the president, too. ✓

Today is my sixteenth birthday. I wake bright and early to see the sunrise. Up I climb, out of the window, to the roof of my treehouse. The bright orange and yellow colours bloom across the sky and as I look away, I see my brother coming towards me. "Happy Birthday Kat!" he said in a slightly happy tone, "Thanks

Dean" I replied happily. "What're you going to today Kat? Train? Explore? Stay Here?" Dean asked "I think I might go explore the woods. Try and find some more food and water" I replied. I left my brother alone on my roof and grabbed my weapons. ✓



## Community News



### **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

### **High School Information Night, Days and Times**

#### **St. Dominic's College**

Open/Information Day at the College on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
between 10am – 3.00pm.

Information Sessions: 10.00am and 1.00pm

Organised Tours commence: 10.30am and 1.30pm

#### **Caroline Chisholm College**

Open Night Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm – 8:30pm,  
includes information sessions, displays, performances and tours.

All considering enrolment for 2016 are invited to attend

For further information please contact the College on 4737 5506.

#### **Xavier College Open Night**

Tuesday 10th March from 5pm-6.30pm for prospective families for 2016.



### **Healthy Children's Network**

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[www.facebook.com/healthychildrensnetwork](http://www.facebook.com/healthychildrensnetwork)

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Childcare Staff... Teachers & Educators

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**PENRITH**

# Cinema

IN THE

# Park

**SATURDAY,  
21 FEBRUARY**

**TIME: 6PM TILL LATE**  
**WHERE: REGATTA PARK**  
River Road, Emu Plains

Kids Activities will be available from 6pm including CircusWorks, Face Painting and the Mobile Playvan, with the feature film, Madagascar 3 commencing at 8pm.

**PENRITH**  
CITY COUNCIL

[penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events](http://penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events)



## **Positive Partnerships – supporting school age students on the autism spectrum**

Free two day workshop and information session for parents and carers of school age children on the autism spectrum.

### **Workshop: 2015NSWPC1 Location: Blacktown**

Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

### **What will you learn?**

When you come along to a Positive Partnerships workshop, you will:

- ☐ Develop a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- ☐ Understand how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- ☐ Learn specific strategies that will help you:

- advocate for your child

- support your child's participation at school

- develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs

- ☐ Receive information about your local school system's processes

- ☐ Have the opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members

- ☐ Have the opportunity to discuss a range of topics relevant to students with ASD and their families

People who work to support families living with autism in your community will also be invited to take part with the goal that there is an ongoing community focus beyond the workshop.

### **Workshop details**

**Venue:** Blacktown Workers Club Group

55 Campbell Street, Blacktown NSW 2148

**When:** Two day workshop – Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 March 2015

**Day 1:** 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)

**Day 2:** 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

**Registration closes two days prior.**

*We strongly recommend you register as soon as possible to secure your place. You will receive confirmation of your registration.*

**Online registrations are preferred directly through our secure website** [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au)

Phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline if you have any enquiries: 1300 881 971


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**VENUE** C3 Penrith

**CONTACT** Karis-0459983754

**DATE** 21st, 28th Feb & 7th Mar

**TIME** 10:30 am

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## Dates for your Diary

### **Week 4**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – Staff Development Day

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Reconciliation meeting

### **Week 5**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – 9am Assembly – Year 6 launch of Project Compassion

7pm Parent Association Meeting AGM

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Zone Swimming

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Combine concert band rehearsal

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Combine choir rehearsal Captivate

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Diocesan Swimming

Ice Cream Fun Food Day – 50c - \$3

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Reconciliation meeting

### **Week 6**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – 9am Assembly

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Ice block day – 50c

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – 10am Catholic Schools Week Mass; Reconciliation meeting