

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8

16th March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful celebration of learning was Catholic Schools Week!

Beginning with our joining the parish community in the celebration of Mass on Sunday, we came together to enjoy the hospitality of our tireless Parent Association, visited classrooms where children proudly shared their learning and took the opportunity to meet our teachers. We hosted a number of prospective 2017 families who toured the school. They all commented on the positive, supportive community they experienced that Sunday. Thank you everyone for participating and valuing the efforts of the Parent Association and school staff.



On Sunday, we begin Holy Week, remembering the events that led up to the crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus. The students will be participating in prayer activities each day as part of their Religious Education lessons, in place of our weekly assemblies.

Morning assemblies on Monday 21st April and the Tuesday 29th April have been cancelled. Term Award Assembly will be held on Monday 4th April. Parents of award recipients will be notified next week.

Tomorrow, Friday 19th March, students will celebrate St Joseph's Day by looking at how Joseph, trusting God, managed the challenges he faced in his life. Students will particularly look at the emotions Joseph went through when Jesus 'went missing' on the journey from Jerusalem to Nazareth and how his trust in God gave him the courage to parent the child Jesus. An amazing man!

Please send Easter 'goodies' in tomorrow for our mammoth Easter Raffle, drawn next Wednesday. We like to have lots of winners....so we need lots of prizes! Children wear normal sports uniform tomorrow...and a crazy hat!

I will be on leave from 23rd March until 8th April. Ms Nicholls has been appointed Acting Principal and Mr Baird will be Acting Assistant Principal. Both Ms Nicholls and Mr Baird are experienced in these acting roles and I thank them for 'stepping up' while I'm on leave.

During my leave, I will be visiting shrines and churches in Malta and Sicily. In 2014, I visited the places where St Paul preached in Turkey and Greece. This pilgrimage, I will follow St Paul's footsteps in Malta - an exciting journey.

May the blessings of the risen Christ be with you all over Easter and beyond,

Fran Jackson
Principal

2016 Easter long weekend

Friday 25th March until Monday 28th March
School resumes Tuesday 29th March



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Catholic Culture News

Sunday's Scripture some background to the reading

"What did Jesus mean when He said, 'He who is without sin can cast the first stone'?"

Jesus was teaching in the temple when the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman who had been caught in sin, and they asked Him if she should be stoned as required by the Law of Moses. However, they cared nothing about this woman; they were using her to trap Jesus. In their minds, if He told them to set the woman free, they could claim He did not hold to the Law of Moses. If He told them to stone her, they could claim He was not the Saviour; and, if He said nothing, they could claim He lacked wisdom. Jesus did not answer immediately but stooped and wrote something on the ground, and they kept pressing Him. Finally, the Lord said, in essence, "Go ahead and stone her because that is what the Law requires. But the Law also requires that the first stone be thrown by a person who is sinless in connection with this charge"

There is no doubt that this woman was guilty of a capital offense and that the Law required that she be stoned, but the Law also required that the guilty man be stoned as well, that witnesses be produced, and that a witness begin the execution. But the Jewish leaders came with venom against Jesus and were thwarted by their own single-minded hate. They did not produce the guilty man, and they were unwilling or unable to produce the required witnesses. After He wrote a second time, the Jews left one by one, from the oldest to the youngest, without saying another word. Jesus then set the woman free with a warning to her to sin no more.

Jesus was the only sinless person in the temple scene, and, instead of condemning the woman, He looked ahead to His work on the cross and offered her life. Likewise, we should use every possible opportunity to forgive and to reach out with the gospel and the love of Christ. In this year of mercy let us be merciful as Christ was merciful.

School Calendar Notes

This week we have our Bullying No Way Day on Friday. Our students will be exploring the idea of feelings and emotions and how they combine to make us who we are.

Next week is Holy Week. The children will remember the key events of Palm Sunday, The Washing of the Disciples Feet and The Agony in the Garden in three morning assemblies. This will be followed by Station of the Cross which will be held in the school grounds on Thursday.

Our Easter celebration will follow on Tuesday 29th March.

Mark Baird

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



A poster for the National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence. The top half has a blue background with the title in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the title, the date 'Friday, 18th March 2016' is written in a smaller white font. The bottom half has a green background. On the left, an orange speech bubble contains the text 'Bullying, NO WAY! Take a stand together' in white. On the right, there is a white speech bubble with the 'Kids Helpline' logo and the text '@school'. Below these, the text 'The 6th National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday, 18 March 2016.' is written. At the bottom, a paragraph explains the event's purpose, and a final line encourages helping to deliver a message that bullying and violence is not okay.

General News



Student Bus Passes for 2016

Application Forms for school bus and train passes are now completed online. Please go to www.transport.info/school-students



Fun Food Day – last day this term

Zooper Dooper's will be on sale for 50c and assorted ice creams will be on sale for \$1 this Friday 18th March.

2016 School Photos – Save the Date

2016 School Photos will be held on Friday 20th May. Students are to wear full school uniform on this day. **Order forms will be distributed closer to the event. Please find prices below. DO NOT PLACE YOUR ORDER YET.**

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NSW Premiers Reading Challenge 2016

This year we are encouraging all of our students to participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

"The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools." (PRC website- <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>)

The 2016 Challenge opened on the 7th March 2016 and runs till the 19th August 2016.

The website has lots of helpful information such as reading requirements, booklists and rules.

NSW Premier's
Reading
Challenge

Many students have taken home a Reading Log Sheet to start recording their Book Log for the Challenge. Copies of the Log Sheet can be downloaded from <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> or from our SkoolBag App.

The rules for each age group are outlined in the table below. Books in our St Joseph's Library that are on the PRC Booklists have a coloured label on the top of their spine. Pink for K-2, Orange for 3-4 and Green for 5-6.

Challenge	K-2	3-4	5-6
Number of books you must read	30	20	20
Minimum number of PRC books	25	15	15
Maximum number of Personal Choice books	5	5	5
PRC booklists you can read from	K-2, and above	3-4, and above	5-6, and above
St Joseph's library books colour labels	Pink, Orange and Green	Orange and Green	Green

More information on how to log your student's books online will be available soon.

Happy adventures in reading to all our Challenge participants.

Mr Tim
Martin

Joeys Vacation Care April 2016

Monday 11 th April 2016 \$37.50 + \$3.00 =\$40.50 Lunch Supplied	<u>Cooking Day</u> Foods from around the world. Today we will be cooking and trying foods from other countries and cultures.
Tuesday 12 th April 2016 \$37.50 + excursion cost BYO Lunch	<u>Excursion TBA*</u> Depending on Numbers we will let you know closer to the date. Price will be notified before the date but will be no more than \$40.00
Wednesday 13 th April 2016 \$37.50 + \$3.00 =\$40.50 BYO Lunch	<u>Garden Day</u> Today we will be using our green thumbs to create our own garden.
Thursday 14 th April 2016 \$37.50 + excursion cost BYO Lunch	<u>Excursion TBA*</u> Depending on Numbers we will let you know closer to the date. Price will be notified before the date but will be no more than \$40.00
Friday 15 th April 2016 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	<u>Minute to win it.</u> Are you up to the challenge? Can you complete the task in a minute?
Monday 18 th April 2016 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	<u>Origami Day</u> Today we will be having a quiet and relaxing day making Origami.
Tuesday 19 th April 2016 \$37.50 + \$3.00 =\$40.50 Lunch Supplied	<u>DVD and Pyjama Day + Pizza Lunch</u> Bring in your favourite (PG) DVD and come in your warm and comfy pyjamas for a day of lying around getting relaxed. We will be ordering pizza for lunch yum.
Wednesday 20 th April 2016 \$37.50 + excursion cost BYO Lunch	<u>Excursion TBA*</u> Depending on Numbers we will let you know closer to the date. Price will be notified before the date but will be no more than \$40.00
Thursday 21 st April 2016 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	<u>Technology Day</u> Today you are allowed to bring in your electronic games. <u>*Please label all equipment*</u> <u>*Joeys is not responsible for any lost or damaged items*</u>
Friday 22 nd April 2016 \$37.50 BYO Lunch	<u>Anzac Day</u> Today we will be looking back at the ANZACS, we will also be making fresh Anzac biscuits.

Joeys Vacation Care Information

- Joeys is open 7am – 6pm during the school holidays.
 - Make sure bring a hat EVERYDAY!
 - We supply breakfast, morning tea and afternoon tea.
- Children need to bring their own lunch as well as any additional snacks that they may want.
- Once you make your booking, you must pay for the day regardless of whether you attend or not.
 - Casual Fee – \$40 per day (plus extras) if booking after booking week
 - JOEY'S IS A NUT FREE CENTRE!

BOOKING WEEK 21st-24th March
ANY BOOKINGS MADE AFTER THIS WEEK WILL BE CHARGED AT THE CASUAL FEE OF \$40.00 INSTEAD OF \$37.50

JOEYS IS CLOSED ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL

Sport News

Greg Alexander Trophy

On Tuesday, nine keen and enthusiastic Stage 3 league players (Zane Diehm, Cooper Park, Taine Paul, Atel Dau, Brock Rodziewicz, Jon Page, Hayden Bayley, Rishikesh Manoj Nair and Zaid Lehn) gathered to play for the Greg Alexander Shield.

Facing strong opposition, and putting their bodies on the line, our team narrowly lost the first game 20-12 but rallied in the second and third game winning them both. This meant, that we were tied in second place in our division but missing out on a place in the semi-finals on a for/against point score.

I'd like to thank the parents for their support and encouragement of the team throughout the day and to Ms Devine for her great work as Team Manager.

Moreno Faccin
Sport Co-ordinator



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

Anzac Services

Student's Service – Tuesday 5th April 2016

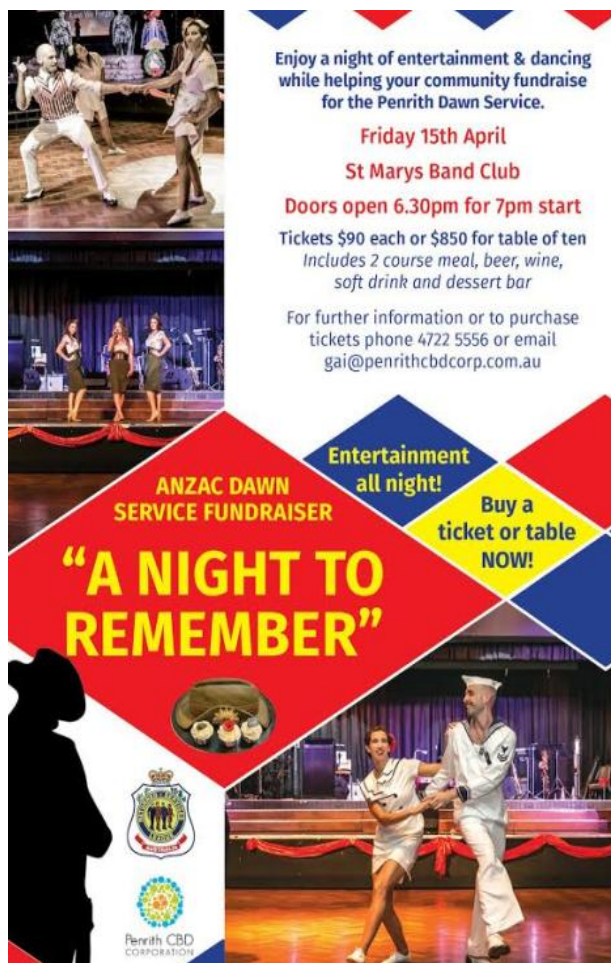
The City of Penrith RSL sub-Branch will be conducting its annual Schools ANZAC Service at Penrith Paceway, 146 Station Street Penrith, commencing at 10.30hrs on Tuesday 5 April 2015. The service is provided for Schools in the Penrith area. Last year, had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, was accepted by 55 Schools and over 2,000 students and teachers were to attend. The Honour Guard and Catafalque Party are provided by, Training Ship Nepean, 21 Army Cadet Unit and 323 Sqn, our local Cadet Units. Emu Heights Public School, provide a Choir and Lapstone Public School, the Band. The Master of Ceremonies is shared on a rotational basis by High Schools; this year is should be Kingswood High School.

Sunday Community Anzac March – Sunday 17th April 2016

The City of Penrith RSL sub-Branch will be holding its annual Sunday ANZAC Services commencing with a march from Castlereagh Street Penrith, at 14.45hrs via High Street to Memory Park, where the service will be commence at approx. 15:00hrs. The Sunday Service is held so the public and members of the sub-Branch can commemorate locally and also attend the march in Sydney on ANZAC day. The Catafalque party is normally provided by the 5th Engineer Regiment located at Holsworthy (previously Penrith).

Anzac Day Dawn Service 25th April 2016

The City of Penrith RSL sub-Branch will be holding its annual Anzac Dawn Service with assembly at 04:30hrs and a silent march will commence at 04:45hrs from Castlereagh Street, outside of Penrith RSL Club, to Memory Park. The service will commence once all are assembled in the park. The Catafalque Party is normally provided by the 176 Air Despatch Squadron from Richmond. Breakfast is provided by the RSL Club LTD commencing approximately 06:30hrs for marchers.



Enjoy a night of entertainment & dancing while helping your community fundraise for the Penrith Dawn Service.

Friday 15th April
St Marys Band Club

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start

Tickets \$90 each or \$850 for table of ten
Includes 2 course meal, beer, wine, soft drink and dessert bar

For further information or to purchase tickets phone 4722 5556 or email gai@penrithcbdcorp.com.au

ANZAC DAWN SERVICE FUNDRAISER

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Services is commencing a Bereavement Support Program for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or partner. It will be held on Tuesday fortnights commencing on 05th April, with an Information session and Overview of the Program. The Program will run fortnightly until Tuesday 12th July. Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm. Venue: CCSS 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Cost: \$5.00 per session.

For further information / Registration Essential: Call Rita on 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

St Joseph's Netball Club

Players needed aged 11 and 12 years

For further details please ring

Ray Geraghty 0412 061 335



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Dates for your Diary

Week 8

Thursday 17th March

St Patrick's Day

Friday 18th March

Bullying No Way Day and Kidsmatter

Crazy Hat Day - Easter Egg Donation

Zooper Dooper's 50c, Ice Creams \$1

Saturday 19th March

St Joseph's Day

Week 9

Monday 21st March

NO ASSEMBLY

Friday 25th March

Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 10

Sunday 27th March

Easter Sunday

Monday 28th March

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday 29th March

NO ASSEMBLY

Friday 1st April

Cross Country

Week 11

Monday 4th April

9am End of Term Award Assembly

Tuesday 5th April

Year 6 Anzac Service

Thursday 7th April

Athletics Carnival

Friday 8th April

Last day of Term 1

Staff Development Days Term 2

Tuesday 26th April and Wednesday 27th April
are Staff Development Days

Students are not to attend school on these days; however Joey's will be open.

Please contact Joey's on 4732 5771 if you need care for your child on either of these days.

First day back for students Term 2
Thursday 28th April