

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1

16th July 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3!

Seeing the smiling faces of the children yesterday at assembly, reminded me how fortunate we are to be here at St Joseph's. In our busy lives, we can sometimes forget to give thanks to God for the blessings around and in us. St Paul reminds us that even when we forget, God does not.

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for, when we do not know how to pray properly, then the Spirit personally makes our petitions for us in groans that cannot be put into words; and he who can see into all hearts knows what the Spirit means, because the prayers that the Spirit makes for God's holy people are always in accordance with the mind of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

We have many exciting events to look forward to this term. Note the dates in your diary!

Our **Family Fun Day** on **SUNDAY 10th August** will celebrate the gift of grandparents. We will begin with Mass in our parish church at 10am, then enjoy morning tea, sausage sizzle, student performances, classroom visits, and Book Fair. Bring family and friends for this wonderful community event.



Book Week will be celebrated on **Monday 18th August** with a **Story-a-thon** to raise money for the library. Students and staff are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character for a day of stories and activities. Assembly at 2pm will culminate the day. All welcome!

On **Wednesday 17th September**, we will present our **school musical**, *Antshillvania*, at both an afternoon and evening performance in the MPA. Details of the performance and ticket information will be available soon. Very exciting!



And we mustn't forget **Fathers' Day** – breakfast and liturgy on **Friday 5th September**!

Then of course we will also be participating in the Penrith Eisteddfod, Netball Gala Day, Athletics Carnivals, R U Ok? Day, and the Vietnam Veteran Sunset Service (St Mary's RSL).

Excursions this term are the Year 5 & 6 Camp at Kincumber, Yr 4 to Cockatoo Island and Year 1 to Featherdale Farm.

And YES! The learning continues in each classroom. Teachers are maintaining rigorous learning programs that challenge and enrich students. Our professional learning ensures we implement effective strategies so each child can learn. As I visit classrooms, I'm always impressed with how engaged the children are with their learning, and how much they enjoy being at school.

We look forward to a fulfilling and blessed term.

Peace and joy!

Fran Jackson
Principal

Friday 1st August – Census Day

If you know your child will be away on this day please send a note into the school before this date.

If your child is away on this day please send a note into the school the next day your child returns.



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Athletics Carnival

We are in desperate need of Parent Helpers for the Athletics Carnival on Monday. Please note you HAVE to complete the Child Protection Online Training to be a Parent Helper. Please go to the link: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/child-protection-training> and advise the school if you are available. Thank you

Religious Education News

Sacrament News

Congratulations to Jonah Pares, Carlin McCurtayne and Jamie Sunner who received the sacrament of confirmation last Wednesday night at Corpus Christi Parish.

Enrolments are still open for students wishing to receive their sacrament of confirmation at St Joseph's Kingswood. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



Church Life

August the 10th we will combine the celebration of the feast day of St Joachim and Anne (the grandparents of Jesus) and our Family Fun Day. On this day we will celebrate Mass at 10am, we will enjoy a range of other fantastic activities including open classrooms, performances from the choir and band, sausage sizzle, art displays and much more.

Religious Literacy

Year 4 students are currently hard at work preparing for the Religious Literacy Assessment. The religious literacy assessment is a tool that measures the knowledge of, and ability to understand, religious language and concepts. Our teaching and learning in this area is aimed at developing children's capacity to express their growing understanding, appreciation, thoughts, questions and insights into God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian. This is essential to their participation in the religious life of the school and the parish. We wish them every success in their endeavours.

Christian Life

We continue to pray for Mrs Mowbray who is still awaiting the birth of her first child.

Mark Aggar
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

General News

Congratulations to Braith, who is going to Japan tomorrow to represent Australia in Baseball! Well done, we are very proud of this huge achievement.



Office News

As our computers will be down on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of next week, we will not be able to accept any cash or eftpos payments during this time. The office will still be open but Jenny and Karen will be at a course. Donna Beukers will be available to answer any queries. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place between Monday 21st and Friday 25th July. If you would like to book an interview with the class teacher please go to

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Use the event code **BW8X5** and follow the prompts.



If you have any problems with booking an appointment please contact the school office for assistance.

Please note IVG will have their interviews later in the term



Industrial Action

Some schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be holding a stop work meeting on Wednesday 23rd July, to discuss the proposed new Enterprise Agreement. Please note St Joseph's Primary, Kingswood **will not** be taking part in the industrial action.

Parent Association Meeting – 7pm Monday 4th August

As Year 4 become more confident using their iPads to support their learning, the question of “Where to next?” arises. The iLean Project provided Year 4 students with the iPad they will use through to Year 6. How can we provide 2015 Year 4 & 6's with the same opportunity?

While the school will always provide a core number of iPads for each class, it is not financially viable to fund a 1:1 program. The alternative, which a number of primary schools and most secondary schools have adopted, is “bring your own device” (BYOD).

There are many issues that need to be considered before we go down that path, and we invite all parents to attend the Parent Association Meeting where this topic will be discussed. Once a decision is made, it will impact on all students as they progress through the school, so make your voice heard, bring your questions, as a BYOD program is only successful when parents and the school work in partnership. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send in your thoughts for consideration.



Uniform and Grooming

At St Joseph's, we have an all season uniform to minimise school expenses for families.

Our school colours are dark blue and yellow, so T-shirts/skivvies under blouses/shirts, jumpers, jackets, hats and socks need to be either dark blue or yellow. School shoes are black, not joggers.

Socks need to be folded over ankles, not anklets that disappear in shoes. Our uniform requirements are not onerous; please support us in students taking pride in our school.

While hair fashions come and go, long hair must be tied back with dark blue or yellow bands, clips, scrunchies, ribbons, etc. While each child likes to express their individuality, being in uniform at school also provides a sense of belonging. Extreme hairstyles do little to enhance a child's sense of self. Do we really want our child to stand out in the crowd for what is a passing fad? Please consider!

Nail polish and jewellery is not for school. signet rings, sleeper earrings, studs and chains with a cross or medal are acceptable. We recommend chains be worn under the uniform so as to minimise breakage.

I look forward to your support and cooperation.

Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments

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Kindergarten 2015 enrolments are now taking place - first round offers have been finalised however vacancies are still available.

Joey's Before and After School Care Inc

Friendly Reminder: It is a legal requirement to sign your child in and out of Joey's whenever they attend. Please make sure the gate is fully closed when entering and exiting the school – this is for the safety of children, staff and parents.

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.

Fundraising News

Great Rotary Whitewater Duck Race 2014

The Rotary Whitewater Duck Race will be held on 13th September 2014 at 1pm. St Joseph's Primary School are selling 'Ownership Certificates' at \$5 each. From this the school will receive \$4 and you could win one of three great prizes. A great fundraiser for Rotary and St Joseph's! If you would like to purchase a ticket please see Jenny or Karen at the school office. Tickets are on sale until 29th August.

Dates for your Diary

Week 1

Friday 18th July – Reports go home

Sunday 20th July – Confirmation Meeting after 10am Mass

Week 2

Monday 21st – Friday 25th July – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday 21st July – Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 22nd July – School Assembly 9am

Thursday 24th July – Feast of St Joachim & St Anne

Friday 25th July – Schools Tree Day

Sunday 27th July – Confirmation Meeting after 10am Mass

Week 3

Monday 28th July – School Assembly 9am

Tuesday 29th July – Stage 3 PD Parent Meeting

Friday 1st August - Census



Sunday 10th August 10am – 3pm

This year we will celebrate our Grandparents as part of our Family Fun Sunday.



- School Mass at 10am in the Church
- Student Performances in the MPA.
- Sausage sizzle, café and book fair.
- Classrooms will be open for visitors.

Come for an hour or stay for the whole day! There will be a special gift for all Grandparents attending on the day.

Community News

Parish Playgroup

Parish Playgroup for children not yet at school is held on Mondays at 10.00am in the Parish Hall (Lieberman Room). Parents are welcome to attend our Monday morning assembly, have a cuppa afterwards and then go over to playgroup, or you can just go to Playgroup at 10.00am. We hope to see you there.



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

Faith in Marriage

“Making the decision to commit to marriage is just the first step. Every day provides opportunities to strengthen your relationship and recommit to each other.” Jo Lamble

Jo Lamble is a Clinical Psychologist who has been in private practice for over 20 years. She sees individuals, couples, and groups and specialises in parenting and relationship issues. Jo is the resident psychologist on Studio 10 on the Ten network.

Jo will be one the speakers at the [2nd Annual Marriage Conference](#) presented by CatholicCare Social Services and Australian Catholic University. This conference will be held on Sunday 24 August 2014 from 9:30 – 4:30 at Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross Street Parramatta. \$25/person or \$50/couple, including, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. To register or make enquiries phone 02 9933 0222 or email marriage@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as “How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?” Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or h. 99330205



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