St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2 **15th October 2014**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final term for 2014. Mrs Jackson sends her greetings from Assisi where she is now enjoying some well-earned rest and relaxation following her pilgrimage. Mrs Jackson will be returning in Week 6.

At the end of last term we enjoyed the wonderful success of our school musical, Antshillvania. The children gave two amazing performances on Wednesday, 17th September, showcasing their exceptional singing, dancing and acting abilities. A number of students assisted with 'behind the scenes' production essentials including sound and lighting and our 'living curtain'. Our congratulations to ALL the students involved. Our thanks to the many parents who supported our production with after school rehearsal each Wednesday and assisting with props and scenery. Thanks to staff members who assisted in the lead up to and on the day of the performances. Of course, enormous thanks and congratulations to Mr. Tim Martin. Mr. Tim coordinated the entire production of Antshillvania and inspired our students to take a risk and do their absolute best. He taught all the students (performers and production assistants) the importance of working together as a team and supporting each other in working towards one goal. We are truly blessed to have Mr. Tim so willingly share his many gifts and talents.

Our final community celebration this year will be our Christmas Pageant on the evening of December 16th. Please save this date and join us in the culmination of our school year. The pageant will involve all our students and be a wonderful celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. We look forward to a special evening with all our families and students.

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Religious Education News

Mission Week

This year's Mission Week focus is Jamaica, a nation with a vibrant life and identity, but also a reputation as one of the most violent on earth.
We will be having a **CRAZY** sock day on **Friday 17th** October **(Week 2)** to raise money for the children of Jamaica whose hopes for the future are tempered by the reality of fear and violence in their communities.

Please bring a gold coin donation on Friday 17th October and wear **CRAZY** socks to support the children of Jamaica whose motto is:

Go to http://www.catholicmission.org.au/ for more information or to see how the teachers of St Anne's Primary School, Jamaica are making a difference.

National Rosary Day - October 2014

In the second week of October 2014, there will be a **National Rosary Day** to pray for the future of Australia, it's protection and for our youth. As a way of consolidating prayer and the rosary to Catholic students, our school together with many others will pray a decade of the Rosary on Mondays, in each class.

WHY PRAY THE ROSARY?
The Rosary was given to our church…..
Pope John Paul II our patron of youth, had great devotion to Our Blessed Mother taking as his papal motto 'All for Mary'. After his assassination attempt, John Paul II visited the Fatima shrine in thanksgiving to thank Mary for saving his life.
In Hiroshima, in 1945, Father Schiffer and 7 other Jesuits survived the Hiroshima bomb blast even though they were only 8 blocks from the epi-centre. None had any signs of radiation sickness and all lived long lives. They attributed their protection to Our Lady after having said the rosary daily for many years.
When reciting the rosary, we are reflecting on the mysteries of Christ. It is a good way to remind ourselves of the many miraculous events surrounding the birth and death of Jesus.
During October we are joining with thousands of schools and parishes across Australia to pray for the future of our young people. I can't think of a more worthy cause.

Prayer Cards

In November, the Catholic Church traditionally remembers the lives of families and friends who have passed away. We are again sending home prayer cards. As a family give some thought to the names of people you would like us to keep in our prayers during the month of November. We will send more information in our next newsletter.

Mark Aggar
Religious Education Coordinator

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General News

Student Data Validation

Student Data Validation forms were sent home during the holidays. Please note that we have recently changed computer systems therefore some of the data sent home is different to the information we have on our new system. We are aware of the problem and any changes you have given us have been updated in our new system. Please return your Student Data Validation form, with any changes, to the school to ensure all the information is up to date. We apologise for the inconvenience.

School Fees – Now OVERDUE

Thank you to the families who have finalised their school fees for the year. Thank you also to the families who are maintaining their approved payment arrangements – Please note they may be nearing completion. If you have any queries regarding your child's school fees account please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

Learning News

Mathematics News

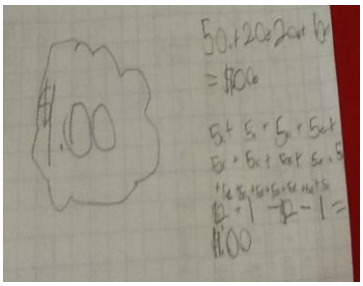
****Congratulations to the Halliburton Family for their creative arrays****

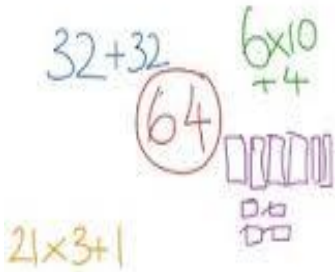
Your next challenge

Number Busting

Have you ever heard your children talking about Number Busting? Number Busting helps children learn about numbers. It teaches them how to partition (split) numbers in different ways. As teachers we challenge them to find creative solutions.

Students choose a target number and come up with as many ways as they can to reach the target number. E.g10/100/256
Addition (7+3, 5+2+3 etc...)
Subtraction
Multiplication
Division
Visual representation (Drawing 10 objects)
Repeated addition(1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1)





Check out these videos and pictures of number busting

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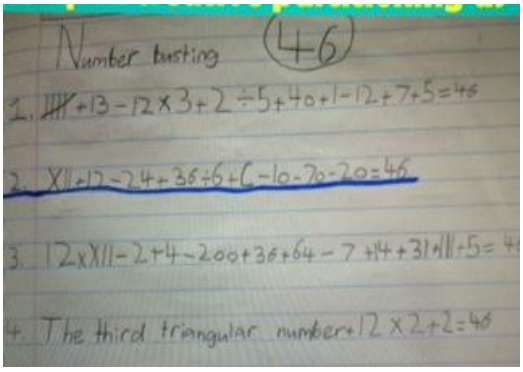
http://www.showme.com/sh/?h=5UpWePY



Your challenge

Come up with as many creative ways as you can to number bust the number 246.
Do it as a family challenge.
The most creative number busts will receive a prize.
Entries to be returned by Friday 24th October.
Happy number busting !!
Thanks
The Maths Team

Year 1 Excursion to Featherdale

Stage 3 Camp

Camp at the Great Aussie Bush Camp- Kincumber
By Kate 6ET

On the morning of the 10th of September, Year 5 and 6 were ready to go to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber. Everybody was so nervous and excited at the same time. Mostly the Year 5's, because it was the first time they went to camp.

Because the bus was late to camp, we jumped straight into our activities instead of our cabins. There were three groups and they went to different activities. I was in group two and we did rock climbing first. I am afraid of heights so I only went halfway, so it wasn't the best activity.

Then was lunch and high ropes after that, which is an obstacle course up in trees. Again I only went halfway as I am afraid of heights. Lots of students did a great job over coming fears and should be very proud of themselves. Next was lost island, which was one of the best activities. Getting a mud facial was so fun!
Next we did challenge night, then we relaxed and went to bed.

When we woke up, we had breakfast, then went to raft building. My small group won the race! But the other small groups did a good job as well. Next was the last activity, the giant swing, I tremble at the name. That activity got me to have mixed feelings, joyful, frightened, excited and more. But it was so fun.

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). Please bring something to share for morning tea. Enquiries to Father Pawel 4721 4080.

S.K.Y Youth Group

The S.K.Y Youth Group meet every Wednesday from 3pm in the Parish Hall. All 12-17 years are most welcome.

Post Separation Recovery Program

CCSS Solo Parent Services are offering its seven week Post Separation Recovery Program again, commencing on Wed 22nd October 2014. This has proven to be an excellent Program that guides and supports those whose marriage or long-term partnership has ended. Venue: DAC Centre 1-5 Marion St Blacktown, Time: 7.30pm – 9.45pm. Further information and registration PH: 99330205 or email soloparentservices@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. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: $5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

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

Our Lady of the Rosary School and Parish Fete
Sunday 2nd November 10am – 3pm

- Rides
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Harley Rides
- Various Stalls
- Games
- BBQ
- International Food
- Chocolate Wheel

**12pm: Ex-Students Photo **1pm: Panthers Supporters Gear Auction **3pm: Raffle Drawn

Dates for your Diary

Week 2

Friday 17th October – Silly Sock Day

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th October – Catholic Primary Schools Basketball Challenge in Kiama

Week 3

Monday 20th October – Assembly 9am

Tuesday 21st – Diocesan Basketball

Week 4

Monday 27th October – Assembly 9am

Monday 27th October – Year 6 End of Year Parent Meeting 6pm; PA Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 28th October – Year 5 Graffiti Education Program; Kindergarten 2015 Parent Meeting 7pm

Friday 31st October – World Teacher's Day

We are invited to be involved in the work of global mission and share the loving grace of God with all.

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