

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4

2nd November 2016

Celebrating the Community that is St. Joseph's

Dear Parents and Friends

In three short weeks I have experienced a great sense of *community*, a great sense of *belonging*.

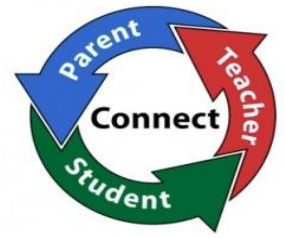
Each week our Assemblies have been opportunities for us to gather with Fr. Andrew, parents, children and their teachers. During this time Fr. Andrew shares the Gospel story, he invites us to consider two very important questions:

What is Jesus asking us to do?
What is Jesus telling us?

Each and every Monday we acknowledge our children's achievements and growth. We confirm our Motto of "Learning has no limits," and acknowledge the *charism* of St. Mary MacKillop.

Over the last week we welcomed many new families into our community at the *Kindergarten Information Night*. Once again we shared our story and we invited these new families to become *active partners* in their children's journey at St. Joseph's.

Last Friday at the *Disco* we simply had FUN. I sincerely thank the many parent volunteers for their support and leadership. I also thank the many members of staff who gave the time to support this *communal celebration*.



Continuing To Build a Great School



During this term we are working to achieve a Goal of, 'Building and Empowering professional teams in constructing our 2017 Action Plans in *Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy*.

This is exacting work demanding of our teaching team clear understanding of student needs and reflecting on professional learning that will support those needs. Our *Draft Goals* will provide specific detail on how we will ensure *student success and growth*.

Within each Goal and its associated Strategies there are two key *beliefs*:

1. *We at St. Joseph's believe that ALL children will grow and succeed.*
2. *Success and growth is dependent upon our community believing, "the whole village educates the child." This means we recognise the need for **connection***



As our direction for 2017 takes more shape I will share all aspects of the plan and invite your feedback.

Love One Another.

John Laffan
Relieving Principal



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Catholic Culture News

All Saints Liturgy

Yesterday the school celebrated All Saints Day with a Liturgy. During the liturgy the students were shown relics of St Mary MacKillop.



General News

Year 6 Parent Farewell Meeting Monday 7th November 6pm

Parent Association Meeting Monday 7th November 7pm

All welcome

URGENT REMINDER

School Fees

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees for 2016.

Flexible Payment Plans by direct debit should be coming to an end over the next 2 weeks. All other outstanding school fees should be finalised as a matter of urgency. If you are experiencing difficulties in finalising your account please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

Will you be leaving St Joseph's at the end of 2016?

We understand that family circumstances change and children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending St Joseph's in 2017, please advise Mr Laffan by completing an Exit Form, available from the school office.

Please note, that concerns regarding financial difficulties **are not** a reason for seeking another school, as the Catholic Education Office and St Joseph's can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise.



Swim School

Permission notes for Swim School have gone home this week. Please return all completed notes to school by Friday 11th November.

If your child will not be attending please send a note to your child's teacher.



Busways – Buses from Jordan Springs

The school has been in contact with Busways regarding supplying a bus from Jordan Springs to school in the morning and afternoon. Below is Busways reply – in short if you are living in the Jordan Springs area and would like your child to catch the bus to school please apply for an Opal card. The more families that apply for Opal cards the more likely Busways will take our request seriously.

To apply for an Opal card to please go to: www.transport.info/school-students

“Thank you for your email dated 31st October 2016 regarding bus services to St. Joseph's Primary School Kingswood.

Busways need to provide evidence of the need to Transport for New South Wales, who make the final decision regarding the provision of services. This evidence includes correspondence such as yours and the residential distribution of students holding student travel OPAL cards.

The case is strengthened when the number of OPAL cards for a particular school increases in a particular geographic area. Should students not holding a student travel OPAL card, please request parents of the students to apply via the Transport for New South Wales website. There is no application fee involved.

Busways are unable to provide a time frame regarding the possibility of introducing a new service; however we are constantly reviewing all service with the aim of increasing customer satisfaction.”

providing quality public transport



27th October 2016

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SCHOOL BUS 4523

SCHOOL BUS 4146

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 7th November 2016** there will be a change to **School Bus 4523**.

From Great Western Hwy & Gipps St, **School Bus 4523** will operate via (R)Gipps St (R)^{1st} Sunflower Dr (Full Loop) (R)Gipps St then continue via current route to Penrith Anglican College.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870** or **9497 1887**.
Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely,

BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(1466) SB 4523 319B

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 7th November 2016** there will be a change to **School Bus 4146**.

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Sport News

Parramatta Diocese Gala Day

It was a very busy start to the term for all the basketballers at St Joseph's.

On Monday in Week 2, 7 teams competed at the Diocesan Basketball Gala Day at Penrith. The teams consisted of Year 3/4 boys and girls, Year 5 boys and girls, Year 6 girls and 2 Year 6 boys. We had a successful day with all our teams competing with great sportsmanship and a lot of skill. We competed against schools from around the Diocese. A lot of fun was had by all and new friends were made.

Our Year 3/4 girls, Year 5 girls and 1 of the year 6 boys teams were successful on the day, each team going through undefeated and winning the competition,

A very big thank you to Danielle Schwarzer and Mollie Pennay for coaching. Thank you to Miss Treble and Mrs Soliman for helping out and coaching at the Gala Day.



Catholic Primary Schools Basketball Challenge

Last weekend 20 of our students, along with parents and coaches travelled to Queanbeyan to compete in the Catholic Primary School Basketball Challenge. The senior boys and senior girls teams had been training for many weeks prior to the challenge and gave up their weekend going to the competition with a lot of enthusiasm, even when they had games starting at 7am.

On the Saturday our teams played 3 games, finishing the day with boys ranked 4th in the state and the girls ranked 9th. A great effort from both teams who had experienced and beginner players in the teams.

On the Sunday the boys played a very strong and determined team from Queanbeyan who defeated St Joseph's in a very tight game. The boys played a great game.

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their weekend to attend this event.

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

Real Festival

A new event by Penrith City Council will transform the Nepean River into a hub of activity and entertainment for kids and families to enjoy from 4-5 November. The [Real Festival](#) features a two-day program of river, environment, arts and lifestyle activities which will appeal to kids of all ages and provide families with hours of affordable fun.

After a long week of school (and work!) bring the kids down to Tench Reserve on Friday 4 November from 5pm and be amazed by illuminated and interactive art, roving and musical performers, circus and science activities and delicious cuisine served from a variety of food trucks. Then come back on Saturday 5 November from 10am for a performance by ABC2's Dirtgirl, free bike and kayak hire and lots of playful activities which promote fitness and physical movement.

Whether they have an adventurous spirit, an enquiring mind or an active imagination, there will be fun activities and experiences to suit kids of all ages.

It's not all about the kids though! The Real Festival is about indulging in the things that matter and that make you happy - so there's plenty of great food, music, art and markets for those who enjoy a bit of shopping.

There's also a program of workshops, demonstrations and talks on the Saturday which will inspire you to look after your health and the environment. Some of these [require pre-registration](#), so book in early to secure your spot. The [Real Festival](#) is a free, family-friendly event. Limited parking is available at the venue, plan ahead and take advantage of the [BUSWAYS Park & Ride shuttle](#). Learn more by visiting realfestival.com.au. #PenrithRealFest #visitpenrith

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on November 14, 2016 the last tour of the year.

The College is now enrolling for 2018.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 4</u>	Friday 4th November	Year 1 excursion Australian Museum Gymnastics Competition
<u>Week 5</u>	Monday 7th November	9am Assembly 6pm Yr 6 Parent Farewell Meeting 7pm Parent Association Meeting
<u>Week 6</u>	Monday 14th November	9am Assembly

Have you moved house or changed your phone number? Have your emergency contact details changed? If so, please fill in the slip below and return it to the office. It is vital that we always have up-to-date contact details for you.

CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM			
SURNAME:		CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAME/S:	
<u>New</u> Address Details:			
<u>New</u> Home Phone No:			
<u>New</u> Mother's Mobile No:			
<u>New</u> Mother's Work No:			
<u>New</u> Father's Mobile No:			
<u>New</u> Father's Work:			
<u>New</u> Emergency Contact Details:		Name: Relationship to Child: Phone: Home: Work: Mobile:	
Date:		Signature:	