



# Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parent/Carers,

This past week has been a time to be thankful and to celebrate.

Last Friday we gave thanks for our Grandparents and for everything they do for us. We prayed with them, had fun showing off our Book Week outfits, ate morning tea with them and then shared some reading and activities. It was a special time for me as it was my first Grandparents' Day as a grandparent.



This morning we gathered as a school community to celebrate all the father figures in our lives. Despite being cold and rainy there was great excitement and laughter as we all munched on our yummy cheese and bacon rolls. This was followed by a beautiful liturgy led by Kindergarten - a chance to make time to thank these people for everything they do for us.



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# St Joseph's Primary School

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We wish all our fathers and father figures a happy and relaxing day on Sunday. I know they'll love breakfast in bed and the presents bought from the Fathers' Day stall.

***A Blessing Prayer for Father's Day by Greg Sunter***

*God of Kindness and Compassion,*

*we are your children and you are Father to us all.*

*We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example:*

*those who are dads and granddads; step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law;*

*those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;*

*and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.*

*We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.*

*We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.*

*We look to them to protect and provide.*

*We look to them for care and compassion.*

*We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.*

*For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.*

*For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.*

*For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.*

*For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.*

*Bless these men that we call father.*

*Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.*

*Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.*

*Bless them in their work and in their play.*

Take care,

Trish

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## 2019 Voice of Youth Penrith Cluster Final

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On 12th August, 2019 the Cluster Final for the Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition was held at Corpus Christi in the school hall.

Tristan Hientz and Adwoa Boamah-Addai represented St. Joseph's with Simon Amor as a reserve. They competed against Year 6 students from Corpus Christi Cranebrook, St Nicholas of Myra Penrith and Our Lady of the Rosary St Mary's.

Tristan and Adwoa spoke confidently and did St. Joseph's proud. Tristan received the runner-up trophy for his speech about his brother Archer.



Congratulations to all Year Six students who had to prepare and perform their speech in front of an audience.

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## 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

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### **Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments are now being accepted.**

Please advise family and friends to contact the school to book their enrolment interview now!

Don't miss out - only a few spaces left!



## Counsellor's Corner

### *Whole school strategies to support social skills and to try something different.*

Across the school we have been focussing on social skills development to help improve friendships, connection and inclusion, whilst K-2 have been running for some time 3-6 is gathering steam. I am lucky enough to work with different groups of students for a brief period of time each week with the support of a teacher aide and leadership - the teachers are then reinforcing the skills during the day with each student as they feed into our **PBS4L framework**.

The types of skills we are exploring with kids are all about “**Doing something different and making it work**”.

In Kindergarten this includes looking at someone's eyes and face to tell what they are feeling as well as seeing someone on the **Buddy Bench** and “doing something about it”.



In Year 1 and Year 2 - using eye contact and active listening to tell when it is our turn and to **STOP and THINK about what we do** next and to make sure our behaviours are “above the line”.



In Year 3- the focus is on **teaching and learning a skill** - currently this is about Chess - we are working out how to read the other person's strategy and thinking style - some people are outside thinkers and others are internal thinkers - we are working on managing each other's style so the game is successful for both players.

In Year 4 - the focus is on **being good sports** - accepting success and disappointment and being active in supporting each other and building each other up.

In Year 5 and Year 6 the focus is **active bystanders** - what each student can do to support each other to have success - when they see someone struggling, or hear a rumour how they can **actively** intervene and change the outcome. Being active bystanders means **standing up for their beliefs** and asking for help if it is too much for them. This means asking at school and at home - if adults know about it we can support their choice for change.

## Diocesan Mass

Faith, Tristan and Simon represented St. Joseph's at the Education Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Wonderful ambassadors for our school community. Thanks to Sylvia and Matthew for joining us.



## St Joseph's in the Media

Have you seen that we've become famous??

Last week the staff created a funny video for the children about reading and books. It was picked up by the Penrith Press, Channel 10 (who wrote a story about it) and shared by Channel 7. CEDP had it on their home page as well. We currently have 38,000 views!!!! If you haven't seen the article/film have a look now [Hilarious Book Week](#)

We were also celebrated in The Daily Telegraph.



Pupils at Kingswood's St Joseph's Public School: Asal Nematzadeh, 9, Pallav Giddaluri, 9, Cassidy Watson, 10, Edmond Williams, 8, Charli Hofmeier, 9, and Dreisson Nugroho, 11; the school has lifted its literacy results in NAPLAN thanks to dedicated instructional leaders.

Ms Howell was quoted:

"St Joseph's Primary School in Kingswood have lifted their literacy results in NAPLAN thanks to dedicated instructional leaders, funded by the NSW Government's Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan. The school has had instructional teachers for the past two and a half years and over that time there has been a decrease in the number of vulnerable students in literacy and numeracy."

"We have had proven success, our improvement in our NAPLAN results and our other assessment data results over the last few years have proven that the model has worked," the school's assistant principal Lisa Howell said.

In addition, the school is bolstering literacy by promoting "reading stamina" this year.

"We are really focusing on students being able to maintain reading for longer periods of time. As part of the program Kindergarten to Year 6 students are encouraged to read every day and children's authors visit the school."

## St Joseph's Social Media

Did you know St Joseph's have many media platforms to keep yourself updated with school events, photos, newsletters, notes, etc



Facebook - St Joseph's Primary School, Kingswood. NSW

School Website - <http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au/>



Twitter - @stjosephskwood



Skoolbag - St Joseph's Primary Sydney



YouTube - St Joseph's Primary Kingswood

If you would like to opt out on your child's photo, work and name being published please put your request in writing and send it to the school office. If at any time you change your mind regarding publishing please put your request in writing and send it to the school office.

A reminder that each family must subscribe to Skoolbag as this is the main form of communication used. If you are having difficulty accessing it please make a time to come into the school for support.

## Volunteers - Thank You

A special thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who support our school.

- Thanks to the many parents who helped to make our Mary Mackillop Disco a huge success
- Thanks to those who purchased and assisted at the Father's Day Stall
- Thanks to those who cover books at home



These school events could not happen without you.

## Complaint Policy

Complaints Handling Policy Reminder for our school community:

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with St Joseph's Primary School, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to identify your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.



If you would like to raise a concern, the Catholic Education Office has guidelines for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to handle complaints either informally or formally is available from the school office and/or within the Complaint Handling Guidelines. These documents can be accessed on our school website or on the CEDP website. Complaint forms are available in the school office and can be downloaded from Skoolbag.

## Sibling Discount - Notice from Head Office

"Reconciliations to external sibling discounts are conducted by CEDP. If your circumstances change in regards to sibling discounts please notify us immediately. Failure to do so could result in an increase in fees throughout the year and your current payment arrangement may not cover the balance of your account."

## St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

**September** - Mila, Leo, Aaron, Navy, Charlie, Madeleine, Anthony, Lilly, Tristan, Midhvan, Lachlan, Cooper, Kobe, Skye, Movina, Jacob, Mason, Ethan, Ariana, Jared, Pallav, Abbygail, Tegan, Marco Paulo, Jared Markell, Amish, Marley, Amelia, Jayden, Elise, Zac

# Community News



## Member for a Day: What would you say?

Free fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament for children from 4 to 12 years.

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers and places rarely open to the public; give your first speech as a Member of Parliament in the chambers; be entertained by roving musicians.

**FREE ENTRY**  
Activities  
10.00 am to 3.00 pm  
**Location**  
6 Macquarie Street –  
opposite Martin Place

The public café  
will be open.

Sausage  
Sizzle  
**\$3.00**  
per person



## Penrith City Children's Choir

invites you to join its third project for 2019

## Ancient Echoes

directed by

Lucy McAlary

Boys and girls (7 – 13 years)

Workshops: Sundays 2 and 15 September

Performance: Sunday 22 September

*If you love to sing, please join us.*

No auditions!

For further information contact the Administrator, Liz Strasser:  
0418 202 849 or [pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au](mailto:pccc@penrithcitychoir.com.au)



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Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

... to get free classroom resources.

Cancer Council supports **Fruit & Veg Month**, a health promotion event for NSW primary schools that puts a positive focus on fruit and vegetables.



This year Fruit & Veg Month will run from **Monday 2 September to Friday 27 September**. The event provides free classroom, and whole of school, resources that promote kids eating more fruit and vegetables. The event is funded by NSW Health and registration is **FREE!**

For more details on the event, and to register go to [healthy-kids.com.au](http://healthy-kids.com.au).

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



SunSmart Snippet

## The simplest way

... to wear SunSmart clothing

Clothing provides a barrier between your skin and damaging ultraviolet (UV) radiation - unlike sunscreen, it can't be wiped or washed off.



For the **BEST** protection, choose:

- Shirts with collars or high necks, and sleeves
- Trousers or longer shorts and skirts that come to below the knees
- Clothing that is loose rather than stretched across the skin

Clothing is just one part of sun protection! Remember to use SunSmart hats, sunglasses, apply sunscreen, and seek out shade.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)

## Dates for your Diary

### Week 6

Friday 30th August                      Fathers Day Breakfast and Liturgy

### Week 7

Sunday 1st September                      Father's Day

Monday 2nd September                      Ripples Water Safety Roadshow

Wednesday 4th September                      8:30am Year 3 & 4 Open Classrooms

Thursday 5th September                      Year 3 excursion

8:30am Year 2 Open Classroom

## **Friday 6th September - Staff Development Day**

**There will nobody at school on this day**

**Students are not to attend school**

### Week 8

Wednesday 11th September                      9:15am Years 5 & 6 Mass

Thursday 12th September                      8:30am Kindergarten Open Classroom

Friday 13th September                      8:30am Years 5 & 6 Open Classroom

2:15pm Whole School Assembly

### Week 9

Friday 20th September                      Writers Festival

### Week 10

Friday 27th September                      2pm End of Term Assembly

Last of school for Term 3

**Students and Staff return to school  
Monday 14th October**