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St Joseph's

Message From Mrs Reilly...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Today is World Teachers' Day. It's a day to recognise the great contributions all teachers make to the students in their care. At St. Joseph's, our staff are highly knowledgeable and dedicated professionals who have set the foundations for learning and increased wellbeing, helping our students to feel successful, safe and supported at school.

The staff of St. Joseph's have been recognised today by CEDP and Teachers' Mutual Bank with the inaugural Ann D Clark Award for the difference they have made to our students. We are a wonderful example of the work schools in the Diocese of Parramatta do every day to improve outcomes for students above and beyond the classroom.

The St. Joseph's staff are the epitome of the impact collective teacher efficacy has on students. John Hattie's research has shown that the impact on student learning is significant when all staff believe that they have the ability to make a positive difference to the achievement of students.

The attendance of students has significantly improved at St. Joseph's through the introduction of a strategic, focused strategy that was personalised for each student and directly related to the focus on learning, safety and joy. Staff embraced the shared responsibility of improving attendance and teaching and learning was improved through the support of Instructional Leaders. Parents accepted responsibility for ensuring their children came to school each day and on time. Children also accepted this responsibility and rose to the challenge.

At St. Joseph's, we have a shared vision of positivity and of building relationships with students and families. We focus on connecting with children and their parents/caregivers in a caring, welcoming and engaging way. This engagement is also framed with clear, focused expectations.

Congratulations to the staff of St. Joseph's on achieving this award today and a happy World Teachers' Day.

Take care,
Trish

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL KINGSWOOD - 'SHARED VISION FOR ATTENDANCE'



With the need to improve attendance rates, St Joseph's introduced a whole of school community approach. Tailored for each student's needs, the program called on caregivers to help ensure good attendance and the children also rose to the challenge.

The positive changes were a result of:

- engaging an Attendance and Family Liaison Officer
- rewarding attendance with praise, trophies, certificates and treats
- positive praise for caregivers, and follow up calls if students are absent
- each morning students are greeted with a smile and 'thank you' and surprise random morning activities to make school exciting, and much more.

Since the program was introduced, there has been an improvement in Naplan results, behaviour, safety and a more than 20% increase in attendance rates over the past 4 years.

From the REC

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 Once while Jesus[a] was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, **2** he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." **6** When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. **8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; **10** and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." **11** When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

You're Invited!

We are continued to be called to follow Jesus today and come to know our faith as did St Peter. Support our crazy sock day to help Catholic Mission continue the work of Jesus' ministry. Gold coin donation.

29th October.

*All families are welcome to **Year 5/6 Liturgy of the Word** in the Year 5/6 classroom 2:10pm.*

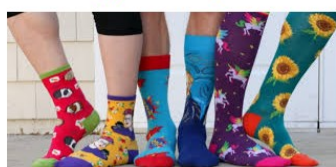
Friday 1st November - All Saints Day Liturgy - MPA@2:15pm - led by year 5 students.



Crazy Sock Day

Tuesday, 29th October

Go crazy with your socks



Matching or not, on your hands,
on your feet or in your hair!

St Joseph's supporting Catholic Mission
Gold coin Donation



Counsellor's Corner

Being the "I" in KIND

Kindness feels good, being nice promotes happiness - these elements at school will help our children have success on Joeys Journey.



kind

Here are some tips:

- 1. Brighten someone's day.** Model a warm "hello" that kids can repeat when they greet their caregiver, playmates, or teacher each morning.
- 2. Remember others.** Help kids call, email, Skype, or FaceTime grandma and grandpa.
- 3. Inspire giving.** Set aside canned goods, cookies, juice, and cereal. Take your kids along when you deliver items to the local food bank.
- 4. Embrace gratitude.** Remind kids to put the sitter, the librarian, or the parent in charge of carpool onto their I-need-to-thank-them list.
- 5. Reward efforts.** Dole out a thank you and a warm hug when kids pick up toys or books they weren't responsible for dropping.
- 6. Tell them to smile like crazy.** It's a terrific way to make others feel great.

(<https://www.highlights.com/parents/articles/kindness-happiness-connection>)

School Fees

Term 4 school fee statements have been sent out to families who have a balance on their fees account.

Please finalise any outstanding accounts ASAP unless on an authorised payment arrangement. If you are experiencing any difficulties with finalising 2019 fees accounts or have any queries regarding school fees please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4726 4200.

Attendance

Thank you to the parents/carers who contact us when their child is absent, we really appreciate it. CEDP attendance expectation is 90%. We are currently sitting at 80.7%, we are on the way up!

Naturally, if your child is genuinely sick please keep them home.

Class Trophies and Awards for Improved Attendance will be handed out at Assembly on Friday.

Please contact the school office if you have questions regarding your child's attendance.

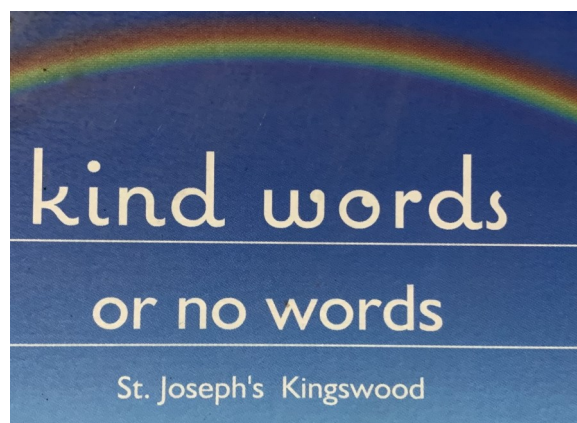
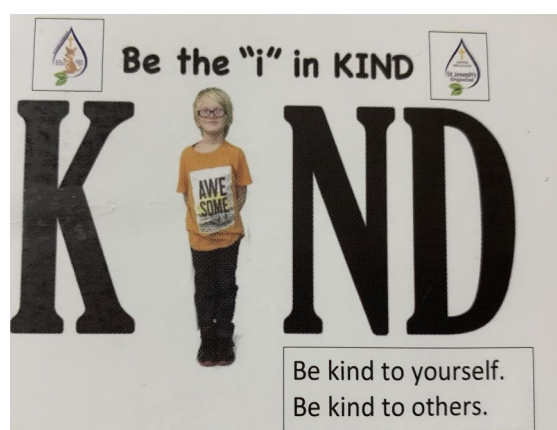
If your child is leaving St Joseph's at the end of the year (not year 6) please let the school know as soon as possible.

Be the "I" in Kind

This term our PBS4L focus is to **Be the "i" in Kind**. Being the "I" in Kind means being kind to ourselves and kind to others. We can **Be the "i" in Kind** and respect each other by:

- Acknowledging people when they greet us
- Using a friendly voice and tone
- Using an appropriate volume when speaking
- Making eye contact with the person you're talking to
- Smiling
- Using kind gestures - wave, thumbs up...
- Using manners "please, thankyou, excuse me"

We challenge all students to think of ways they can **Be the "i" in Kind** at school and at home. We look forward to hearing about all the kindness happening in the St Joseph's community.



Tips from Year 4



We have been learning about climate change and exploring how we can be more sustainable.

Here is our tip of the week:

USE A REUSABLE DRINK BOTTLE AND COFFEE CUP

This saves more plastic ending up in landfill! Remember to refill and reuse.



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.

Lunchtime Clubs

SJK Lunchtime Clubs Term 4 2019



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 1	Craft Club with Mrs Pennay Library	Chrome Club with Mrs McGannon Year 3 Classroom	Chess/ Checkers Club with Mrs McNally Library	Yoga Club with Mrs Purtell MPA	Lego Club with Mrs Fehon Library
Lunch 2	Religion with Miss Saaib Year 6 Classroom	Sports Club with Miss Green MPA	Choir with Mrs Smith and Mrs Serrao MPA	Drawing Club with Mrs Brogan Library	Craft Club with Mrs Hoppitt Library

St Joseph's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

October: Nikita, Lucia, Adut, Gursehaj, Caleb, Keira, Simon, Jaxon, Zolfekar, Vincent, Asal, Clarisse, Zachary, Ekampreet, Stephanie, Harper, Natalie, Arinrada

2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

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!



Community News

Memorial Mass

FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

CATHOLIC CARE WESTERN SYDNEY
AND BLUE MOUNTAINS TOGETHER WITH THE
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA INVITE THOSE
BEREAVED BY SUICIDE, TO A CELEBRATION OF
MASS TO HONOUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE
TAKEN THEIR LIVES

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED AFTER MASS

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:45PM FOR 7PM MASS

VENUE: ST OLIVER PLUNKETT

CATHOLIC CHURCH,

35 WIGRAM ST, HARRIS PARK

RSVP BY THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER FOR CATERING PURPOSES

☎ (02) 8843 2575 // ✉ soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

*"Come to me, all you who are weary
And burdened, and I will give you rest."*

— MATTHEW 11:28



Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2021

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2021.

The closing date for Year 7 2021 applications 1st round offers is

Friday, 27th March 2020.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus
at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2021 applicants,
but open to any year group.

Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 5th December 2019

9.15 – 11am

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to
tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school
grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers.
Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

Contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

Please note that following these tours there will be no other school tours held
until our Open Afternoon in early March 2020 (date still to be confirmed).



SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

... to know when sun protection is
required.

UV is not like the sun's
light which we see, or
the sun's warmth
which we feel. Our
senses cannot detect
UV so it can be
damaging without us
knowing.

**Protect yourself in five ways
when the UV is 3 and above.**



Sun protection is required today from _____ to _____
Maximum UV Index _____

**When UV is 3 or above you need to SLIP,
SLOP, SLAP, SEEK, and SLIDE!**

Go to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au/resources to
download our free resources to document your
local daily sun protection times and help you
implement best-practice sun protection.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools
SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to swap to healthy snacks

Foods packed in the lunch box contribute
significantly to a child's overall diet. It is important
to try and keep unhealthy treat foods out of the
lunch box. Try these healthy swaps:

Swap this	For this
Chips	Plain popcorn
Chocolate bar	Homemade bliss balls
Sweet biscuits	Raisin bread
Fruit roll ups/sticks	Tub of canned fruit
Lollies	Dried fruit
Flavoured biscuit	Crackers with cheese
Commercial muffins	Homemade fruit muffins

For snack ideas visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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Dates for your Diary

<u>Week 2</u>	Friday 25th October	2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 3</u>	Tuesday 29th October	Crazy Sock Day
	Friday 1st November	2:30pm All Saints Liturgy
<u>Week 4</u>	Monday 4th November	Basketball Gala Day
	Wednesday 6th November	9am Kindy 2020 Orientation
	Friday 8th November	2:15pm Whole School Assembly
<u>Week 5</u>	Monday 11th November	10:30am Remembrance Service
	Wednesday 13th November	Years 3 & 4 ECO Youth Summit
<u>Week 6</u>	Wednesday 20th November	9am Kindy 2020 Orientation
	Friday 22nd November	Maths Mayhem Day
		2:15pm Whole School 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 school office.

It is vital we have up to date contact details.

Change of details form 2019	
SURNAME:	
CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAMES:	
CLASS:	
<u>New</u> Address Details:	
<u>New</u> Home Phone Number:	
<u>New</u> Mother's Mobile:	
<u>New</u> Mother's Work Number:	
<u>New</u> Mother's Email:	
<u>New</u> Father's Mobile:	
<u>New</u> Father's Work Number:	
<u>New</u> Father's Email:	
<u>New</u> Emergency Contact Details	
Name:	
Relationship to Child:	
Phone Number:	
Signature:	Date: