

DIARY DATES

Friday 8 November
Fit-a-Thon

Monday 11 November
10.45am Prayer for
Remembrance Day

Monday 18 November
9.00am Assembly
Kinder

Thursday 21 November
Choir Singing for Aged

Sunday 24 November
Feast of Christ the King

Monday 25 November
9.00am Assembly
Year 4 (Advent)

Sunday 1 December
First Sunday of Advent

Monday 2nd December
9.00am Assembly
(Advent)

Sunday 8 December
2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday 9 December
9.00am Assembly
(Advent)

Tuesday 10 December
School Reports sent
home

Friday 13 December
12 noon - Year 6 Farewell
Liturgy and Lunch

6.30pm – Year 6 Dinner

Sunday 15 December
3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday 16 December
Swimming Carnival
Years K-5
Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 17 December
Assembly – Advent and
Term Awards
9.00am

Christmas Pageant
6.00pm

Wednesday 18 December
Talent Quest, 9.00am

Last day of School
for students

Thursday 19 December
Staff Development Day
PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 20 December
Staff Development Day
PUPIL FREE DAY

Sunday 22 December
4th Sunday of Advent

Wed 29 January 2014
Years 1-6 begin Term 1

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

5th November 2013

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is most disturbing that despite numerous safety alerts, drivers using Kiss 'n' Ride continue to put lives at risk by

- parking across the pedestrian crossing,
- pulling out from the curb without looking,
- doing U-turns on Joseph street,
- reversing into the administration driveway to turn around,
- blocking the road while waiting to join the queue,
- generally disregarding the safety of others.

...all for the sake of saving minutes!



We expect others to look out for our children, but continue to neglect our responsibility for our own and others. Convenience cannot be the priority when it comes to safety. **Stop, look, use your common sense and put safety first.** It only takes a second for a tragedy to occur.

Thank you to those drivers who do put safety first and drive around the block when there is no room on the queue. Better safe than sorry.

We teach our children with what we do. If we flout the law and show no concern for others, our children will do the same. Think about what you model. Children do as you do!

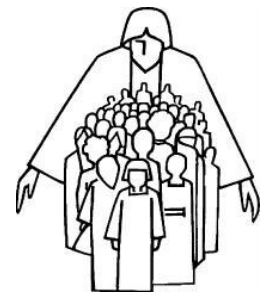
Thank you all who contributed to making our Grandparents' Day a wonderful event. We raised \$240 for the Catholic Care Bushfire Appeal and added 30 new books to our library. Mr Cowley enjoyed his farewell and thanks you for your good wishes.

Last week we held our Kinder 2014 Parent Orientation meeting. We look forward to welcoming these families to our school community in the new year.

On Monday 25th November, we invite all parents who have supported us with fundraising, excursions, sports events, Captivate events, etc to come to the PA meeting at 7pm which will be followed by a **Thank You Supper**. Looking forward to seeing many of you there. Child minding will be available if required.

November is the month we pray for all those loved ones who left this life. Family prayer cards are displayed in the MPA and prayers are offered each day during class prayer. Take time and join with the universal church this November, to remember and pray for All Souls.

*We ask you Lord to welcome into your kingdom
All those who have departed from this life.
May they find peace in your presence
And eternal life with you.
Amen*



Blessing to you all,

Fran Jackson
Principal

Fit-A-Thon – Please Sponsor Your Children!

Help us raise \$5,000 to purchase new books for our school library.

Students are promising to participate in a range of sporting activities on Friday 8th November (week 5, term 4). Your children are hoping you will sponsor them with a donation. Children will need to wear their sports uniform on the day, including their school hats! Make sure that you pack plenty of water for your child so they can re-hydrate throughout the day.

Please return the Pledge Card and money to school by Friday 22 November.

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Religious Education News



Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our All Saint's Day Mass and All Soul's Day liturgy. It was a lovely opportunity for the school community to gather in prayer and reflection on these special Church feast days.

Next week, Monday 11th November, is Remembrance Day. This being the case, we will be having a short prayer service at 10:45am near the flagpoles to pay our respects. There will be NO ASSEMBLY that day in the MPA. All are more than welcome to come and be part of our prayer service.



General News

Reminder!! Kindergarten Healthy Food and Safety Day

A quick reminder to all Kindergarten parents that our Healthy Food and Safety Day is fast approaching. A note went home asking that each child pay a \$3 or a gold coin donation for supplies to make a sandwich for lunch on the day. We have only had a few children from each class bring back the money. Please remember to send in the gold coin or \$3 this week so that we can all have fun making healthy sandwiches together!



Kinder teachers

Year 7 Orientation

Orientation days are organised by the secondary schools. Parents are advised that transport needs to be arranged by parents and St Joseph's needs to be advised if their child is attending.

Bus Pass Applications for Children Currently in Year 2

When your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3, you will need to re-apply for a bus pass as your child **will NOT automatically receive one**. Eligible students in Years 3 to 6 **MUST be NO LESS** than 1.6km (radial distance), or 2.3km or more by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest point of physical entry to the school. Bus Pass applications have been sent home to current Year 2 students who have a 2013 bus pass. If your child is eligible for a free travel pass, please return the fully completed application to the school office before Friday 29th November.

Next Year!

School term dates and the number of Staff Development Days are set by the State Government. Term dates for next year are as follows.....

- Term 1: Tuesday, 28 January (staff only) to Friday, 11 April
- Term 2: Monday, 28 April to Friday, 27 June
- Term 3: Monday, 14 July to Friday, 19 September
- Term 4: Tuesday, 07 October to Friday, 19 December



Parent Association Meeting Postponed New date: Monday 25th November

Meeting will be held from 7.00pm and will be followed by a 'Thank You Supper' for all who have supported the school in 2013 with fundraising, sporting carnivals, book covering, etc.

Please RSVP by 15th November for catering purposes (see form below).



Parent Association 'Thank You Supper'

I/we will be attending the Parent Association Meeting on Monday 25th November.

Name/s: _____

Child minding required: yes / no No of children _____

URGENT URGENT URGENT

SWIM SCHOOL NOTES ARE OVERDUE

Notes must be returned to your child's teacher by **Wednesday morning** at the very latest. We are required to deliver the Ripples permission notes to the pool on Wednesday. Therefore, this is the last opportunity to complete the note and hand it in to your child's teacher.

It is compulsory for students from Kinder to Year 4 to be included in this program. Fees for swim school were included in the school fees statement this year. There are many families who have already paid for swim school in the office or through the flexible payment plans.

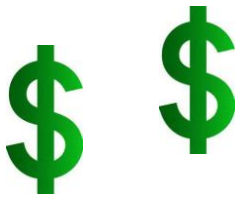
If you have not yet paid for swim school please send payment ASAP.

If you are not sure if you have paid for swim school please contact Jenny Pendleton for clarification. If you are experiencing any difficulty in making the payment please also contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.



YEAR 5 & 6 SWIM SCHOOL

As it is not compulsory for Years 5 & 6 to be included in swim school, the cost of the program was **NOT included on your school fees statement**. There are some families who have returned notes without the payment. **If payment is not received by this Wednesday the 6th November children will not be included in the program.**



SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLAN



The Flexible Payment Plans offered to families through the Catholic Education Office have an end date of 8th November 2013. If you are paying your fees through the Flexible Payment Plan, by a **direct debit**, this arrangement will be deleted from the system by the 8th November. If you have missed a payment or did not keep strictly to the arrangement, you will need to finalise these payments through the office.

If you have been paying via Bpay and you have kept to the Flexible Payment Plan your account should also be nearing finalisation. If you have any queries regarding outstanding accounts please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

All fees should be finalised by the end of November. If you do not have an arrangement in place and have outstanding fees please pay in full or make an arrangement to do so. It is a very costly and time consuming job to chase up fees and we would appreciate your attention with this matter.

Fit-A-Thon

Please find below the timetables for our Fit-A-Thon on Friday:

INFANTS	Mrs Aggarwal <i>Aerobics</i> Year 2 rooms	Mrs Geraghty <i>Games</i> COLA	Miss Zeait <i>Dancing</i> DAS room	Mrs Serrao <i>Skipping</i> Top infants playground	Mrs Berg <i>Circuit</i> Bottom infants playground	Mrs Kay <i>Yoga</i> Kinder rooms
Activity 1 9:30-10:00	KTB	KDM	1VG	1RZ	2AA	2JS
Activity 2 10:00-10:30	2JS	KTB	KDM	1VG	1RZ	2AA
Activity 3 10:30-10:50	2AA	2JS	KTB	KDM	1VG	1RZ
Return to classes for first lunch After lunch students line up in normal areas and move to next activity						
Activity 4 11:35-12:00	1RZ	2AA	2JS	KTB	KDM	1VG
Activity 5 12:00-12:30	1VG	1RZ	2AA	2JS	KTB	KDM
Activity 6 12:30- 1:00	KDM	1VG	1RZ	2AA	2JS	KTB
Move to MPA						

PRIMARY	Mrs Soliman <i>Soccer</i> Dream Field	Miss Grech <i>Basketball</i> BB courts	Mrs Rose <i>Skipping</i> Netball court	Mrs McGannon <i>Aerobics</i> Stage 2 building	Miss Dolan <i>Obstacle course</i> Outside Yr 5 (hill)	Mr Tim <i>Yoga</i> MPA
Activity 1 9:30-10:00	6ET	5MD	4CS	4CM	3BR	3LG
Activity 2 10:00-10:30	3LG	6ET	5MD	4CS	4CM	3BR
Activity 3 10:30-10:50	3BR	3LG	6ET	5MD	4CS	4CM
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Activity 5 12:00-12:30	4CS	4CM	3BR	3LG	6ET	5MD
Activity 6 12:30- 1:00	5MD	4CS	4CM	3BR	3LG	6ET
Move to MPA						

Time	Activity
8:50-9:10	In class to mark roll
9:15- 9:30	Start All meet in the MPA Chat about the day Whole school Zumba dance 'what's up' Move to first activity
9:30- 10:00	Activity 1
10:00- 10:30	Activity 2
10:30- 10 :50	Activity 3
10:50-11:00	Return to classes for eating time
Lunchtime	
11:30- 11:35am	Students line up in normal areas and move off to next activity with teacher.
11:40-12:00	Activity 4
12:00-12:30	Activity 5
12:30-1:00	Activity 6
1:00- 1:15	Back to MPA Whole school Zumba
1:15- 1:30	Move back to class for preparation for lunch time
1:30-1:40	Eating time – Ice blocks
1:40-2:10	Lunch with parents
2:10- 2:40	MPA look at pictures taken throughout the day.
	Move back to class, pack up. Move to afternoon line up as normal

TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

Updated: 5/11/2013

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Oct 1	7 th Public Holiday	8 th Staff Development Day	9 th Term 4 begins	10 th	11 th 5pm Bush Dance	12 th /13 th
Oct 2	14 th 9am Assembly Yr2	15 th Diocesan Basketball 3-6	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th /20 th Captive Strings Basketball Challenge
Oct 3 Bullying audit	21 st 9am Assembly Yr1	22 nd 5pm Choir RSCM	23 rd	24 th	25 th 9.30 Grandparents Day celebration	26 th /27 th
Oct 4	28 th 9am Assembly 3	29 th 7pm Kinder 2014 Parent Meeting	30 th	31 st	1 st November 9.30 All Saints Day Mass	2 nd /3 rd All Souls Day - Saturday
Nov 5	4 th 9am Assembly 5 7pm Parent Association mtg	5 th Melbourne Cup	6 th	7 th	8 th Fit-a-thon	9 th /10 th
Nov 6	11 th 10.45 prayer Remembrance Day	12 th	13 th	14 th 2:30 Storytime Kindy 2014	15 th Kindy – Health and Safety Day	16 th /17 th
Nov 7 Bullying Audit	18 th 9am Assembly K	19 th	20 th	21 st CWL Christmas – Choir 2:30 Storytime Kindy 2014	22 nd	23 rd /24 th Feast of Christ The King
Nov/Dec 8 Swim School K2014 visits	25 th 9am Advent Prayer Assembly 7pm Parent Association mtg & thank you supper	26 th	27 th	28 th 2:30 Storytime Kindy 2014	29 th	30 th /1 st December 1st Sunday Advent
Dec 9 Bullying Audit Swim School K2014 visits	2 nd 9am Advent Prayer Assembly	3 rd	4 th K-6 Magic Show	5 th 2:30 Storytime Kindy 2014	6 th 9am Sacrament of Reconciliation	7 th /8 th 2nd Sunday Advent
Dec 10	9 th 9am Advent Prayer Assembly	10 th Semester 2 Reports sent home	11 th	12 th 10am Meet the 2014 Teacher 11:30 DAS Concert	13 th 12pm Yr6 Farewell Liturgy 6.30pm Yr 6 Dinner	14 th /15 th 3rd Sunday Advent
Dec 11	16 th Swimming Carnival K-5 Yr 6 Fun Day	17 th 9am Advent Prayer & Term Award Assembly 6pm Christmas Pageant	18 th 9am Talent Quest Last day for pupils	19 th Staff Development Day	20 th Staff Development Day End of Term 4	21 st /22 nd 4 th Sunday Advent

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

Joey's Before and After School Care Inc

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.

(please note new date – postponed due to bushfires)

St Finbar's School Parish Fete – Friday 22nd November, 4pm to 9pm

Lots of Family Fun! Prepare to be entertained!

Jumping Castles, Slippery Slides, Quad Bikes, Shetland Pony Rides, Bungee Trampoline, Climbing wall, Chocolate Wheel, Trash 'n' Treasure, food & Refreshments, Toon World, Bungee Run, Mechanical Bull.

Enter through King Street or Levy Street, Glenbrook.

Parramatta Catholic Care Social Services - Family Support Services at Blacktown and Penrith

A child protection and child focused service, providing specialised counselling and intensive family support to residents of these local areas. **Counselling and Education** – includes:

- Solo Parent Ministry: – which includes counselling, home visits, group work programs;
- Family Relationship Counselling: for children, couples, individuals and families; (including counselling for grief and gambling)
- Keeping Kids in Mind Program: – a case management service for families experiencing post separation parenting conflict or complex needs.
- Rollercoasters – A program designed for children aged 6—12 to support them through the 'rollercoaster of emotions' after divorce, separation, change or loss.
- Financial Literacy education
- Talks for children and parents on the subject of bullying

For further information, please visit www.ccss.org.au or phone (02) 9933 0222.

Stepping Beyond: Support For Those Separated Or Divorced

On the last Tuesday of each month CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry invites those who have been separated or divorced to an evening for sharing and support. The emphasis is on personal development, growth and goals for a hope-filled future. Shared personal experiences are prompted by the questions: "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 Ph. 99330205.

Free Japanese Cultural Day – Sunday 3 November, 12 noon to 3pm

Bunka no Hi is an annual Japanese national holiday on 3 November promoting Japanese tradition, culture and the arts. The free Cultural Day will be held at St Marys Corner Community and Cultural Precinct. It is a celebration of the Japanese culture and features rich cultural, community and education program. All welcome. For further information, please call 4732 7476.

Free Parent Workshop – Understanding Bullying

This workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, the different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented. With appropriate support and intervention, the impact of bullying can be lessened and children can feel safe at school.

Details are: Thursday 7 November, 2013, **Time:** 9.00am – 12.00pm, **Venue:** St Clair Public School, 4 Timesweep Drive, St Clair. **Cost:** FREE* **Suitable for:** Parents and carers ONLY

Short term foster carers needed for Barnardos Australia.

The Penrith centre are urgently recruiting carers who can provide a safe and loving home to a child on a short term basis.

We provide training and 24 hour support.

We pay our crisis foster carers up to \$60 per child.

Call Amber today
1800 663 441
barnardos.org.au



St Joseph's Primary School – Kingswood

22nd October 2013

Dear Parents

You may recall that in the past we advised that we were going to implement electronic newsletters rather than paper copies. Due to complications with our website, we were unable to finalise this. We are due for a website upgrade prior to the end of the year. Therefore, we would once again like to pursue the option of providing all parents with an electronic newsletter. A major benefit of going 'electronic' is that each newsletter will be in colour (so no more black and white photos). It also provides you with the option of having other family members subscribe so that they too can be aware of events at our school.

In order to do this we would like to collect your email address. This will enable us to send not only the Newsletter, but school correspondence directly to you. Examples of items we may email to you from time to time include:

- General correspondence
- Surveys regarding the school
- Cancellation or changes to events/excursions etc
- Notice when an excursion will be returning to school later than planned
- Upcoming events

We would appreciate it if you could list your email address/es below. If you would like both parents, Grandparents or other carers to receive a copy of this form of communication, please list the relevant names and email addresses in the spaces below.

Eldest Child's Name: _____ **Eldest Child's Class:** _____

Name	Email

Alternatively, please send an email to stjosephskwood@parra.catholic.edu.au detailing the following:

- Subject Line : Please add to Email List
- Name of person belonging to the email address
- Email Address
- Name of eldest child at St Joseph's
- Class of eldest child at St Joseph's

Please return this form to school (or send an email) by Friday 15 November.

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