

# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> December 2013

## DIARY DATES

**Friday 13 December**

12 noon - Year 6 Farewell Liturgy and Lunch

6.30pm – Year 6 Dinner

**Sunday 15 December**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Monday 16 December**

Year 6 Fun Day

Pre-Owned Uniform Sale  
8.30am, Undercroft

Ice Creams on sale at  
Lunch 2

**Tuesday 17 December**

Pre-Owned Uniform Sale  
8.30am, Undercroft

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**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Wed 29 January 2014**

**Years 1-6  
begin Term 1**

**Thursday 30 January 2014**

**Kindergarten  
Begin  
9.00am to  
3.00pm**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the year draws to a close, we look back over the year, celebrate our achievements and set our goals for 2014.

Advent is a time of reflection and preparation. Reflection, on what our life means and preparation, for the coming of Jesus into the world at Christmas. How do we respond to the call from John the Baptist,

*“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord make his paths straight.’”  
Matt 3:3*

Let us join with the angels and shepherds and celebrate God coming into our world, into our lives.

**Alleluia!**

At our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration last term, we acknowledged Gayle Boyd for her many years of service to St Joseph's. Gayle has been on Long Service Leave since August and has decided to retire having succumbed to life without bells and routines.....coffee mornings, nanna naps and dog-sitting have become the order of the day. We wish Gayle well in her much deserved retirement and thank her for her many, many years of dedicated service to staff and parents at St Joseph's. There will be a formal farewell early in 2014.

We also farewell Mr Faccin, who has accepted a position at OLOR, St Mary's, and Mrs Lynne Shields who has decided to retire to undertake “grandma duties.” We also thank Miss Michaela Dolan, Mrs Lisa Kaye, Mrs Erin Blackman, Mr Glenn Green and Mr Bradley Carroll for their work with us this year. We wish you well for 2014.

Over the next two weeks there are several opportunities to celebrate our year – particularly our Christmas pageant next Tuesday night. All welcome!

Our thanks to the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta, for replacing the artificial turf on the Infants playground, at no cost to the school. It's projects like this that are funded by the Diocesan Building Fund. Thank you parents for your contribution to this fund. The children are eager to play on it.

On behalf of the staff of St Joseph's, we wish you a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Fran Jackson  
Principal



## Christmas Mass Times – St Joseph's, Kingswood

**Christmas Eve**  
Vigil Mass - 6.00pm  
Midnight Mass – 12.00am

**Christmas Day**  
Mass – 9.00am  
Mass in Polish – 11.00am

### Sports Days for 2014

Children will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days next year:

Kinder	Monday and Friday
Years 1 & 2	Monday and Friday
Years 3 & 4	Tuesday and Friday
Years 5 & 6	Wednesday and Friday



# St Joseph's Primary School, Kingswood

## Teaching Staff 2014

Principal .....	Mrs Fran Jackson
Assistant Principal .....	Ms Liz Nicholls
Religious Education Coordinator.....	Mrs Danielle Mowbray
Coordinator 2 .....	TBC
Coordinator 1 .....	TBC

### Classroom Teachers

Kinder .....	Mrs Bernadette Purtell
1VG.....	Mrs Vicki Geraghty
1RZ .....	Miss Rebecca Zeait
2AA.....	Mrs Ashu Aggarwal
2JS.....	Mrs Jeanette Serrao
3BR.....	Mrs Bronwyn Rose
3LG .....	Miss Louise Grech
4CM .....	Mrs Cheryl McGannon
4CC .....	Mrs Celia Carroll
5CS .....	Mrs Christina Soliman
5XX.....	To be confirmed
6ET .....	Miss Eliza Treble

### Support Teachers

Mrs Danielle Mowbray (Literacy and Mathematics)  
Mrs Catriona Pennay (Reading Recovery & Literacy)  
Mrs Terrie Berg (EMU intervention & Reading Recovery)  
Ms Liz Nicholls (Literacy)  
Mr Tim Martin (Literacy)  
Miss Eliza Treble (EMU intervention)

### Teacher Assistant

Mrs Marie Brogan

### Creative Arts

K – Year 2.....	Mr Kristian Jackson (Music)
Yrs 3 & 4.....	Mr Andras Racz (String programme)
Yrs 5 & 6.....	Mr Kristian Jackson (Band programme)
K – 6 .....	Mr Tim Martin (Dance, Act, Sing)



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



READ TO LEARN...  
READ FOR FUN...  
READ TO WIN

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Read 10 or more books during the summer holidays to go into the draw to win one of

**FOUR IPAD MINIS.**

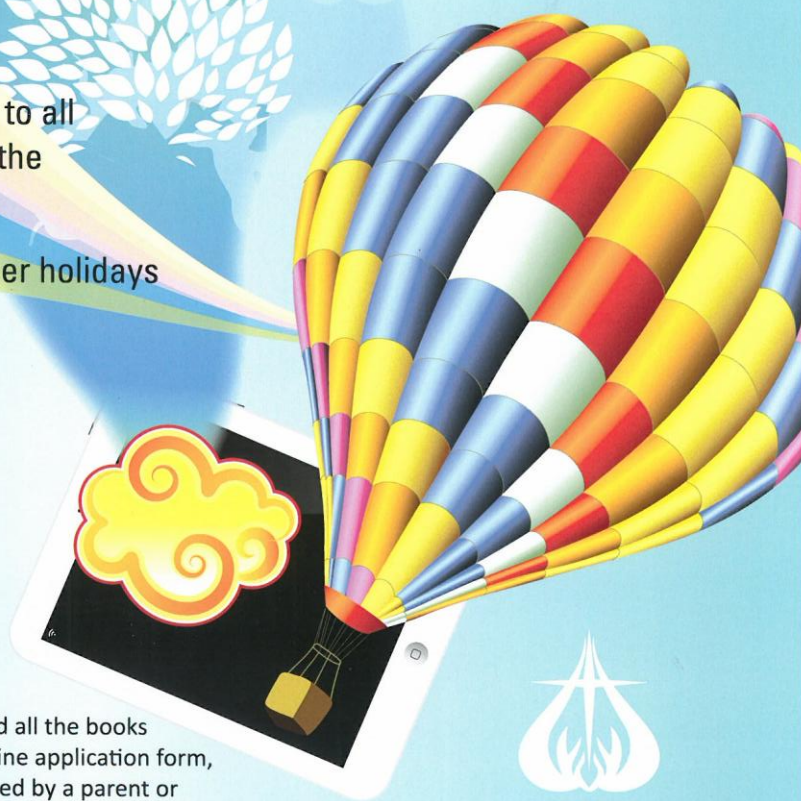
THE CATEGORIES ARE:

AGES 5-8 AGES 9+



Enter online via  
[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)

Students must record all the books they read on the online application form, and have them verified by a parent or guardian prior to submitting the form. See Terms & Conditions

Entries close Friday 7 February 2014



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