



Thank you to the Parent Association for organising our Fun Food Day last Friday. Students enjoyed their sausage sandwiches, drinks and ice-blocks. Thank you helpers!

The artificial grass has been laid near the new building and the top area will also be completed soon. Bench seating is being installed as soon as the grass has 'settled' and the new gardens are almost finished. The school environment is 'looking good'.

Our fit-a-thon on Friday, 3 June is to raise funds for this work and further improvements to playgrounds. We are aiming high, \$10,000, and Mr Linsley, learning support teacher, has offered to have his head shaved, if we reach the goal. Any sponsorship from local business would be appreciated, so if you have any contacts, please alert them to our fundraising event. We will advertise participating businesses in our newsletter for a term.

Cybersafety is constantly in the media. Parents are urged to be alert and supervise their children's access to social media, such as FaceBook, MSN, etc. Photos, in particular, need to be supervised as primary age students do not have the maturity to discern the appropriateness of personal images for public display. We urge parents to be vigilant to ensure their child's safety.

Grooming is important in developing a positive self-image. Acrylic nails, however, are not appropriate for school, especially in sporting activities. We appreciate parent support in this matter.

Kinder 2012 enrolments are currently underway. Parents are invited to contact the school office for an appointment.

Next week's coloured newsletter will feature EMU (Enhanced Mathematical Understanding).

We are in the process of uploading all notes and newsletters to our website. Check it out on <http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au>

*Fran Jackson
Principal*



KEY DATES

- 23 May 7:00pm - Year 6 Planning Meeting for Canberra Excursion and Farewell
- 26 May Captivate Choir Rehearsal
- 30 May 8:50am - Assembly - Years 1 and 2
- 3 June Fit-a-thon
- 6 June 8:50am - Assembly - Ascension/ Pentecost Liturgy
- 8 June Kindergarten Excursion to Golden Ridge Farm
- 13 June Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- 20 June 8:50am - Assembly - Years 5 and 6
- 23 June Athletics Carnival
- 24 June Captivate Showcase
- 28 June Parent Teacher Interviews
- 30 June Grandparents' Day

School Fees Term 2

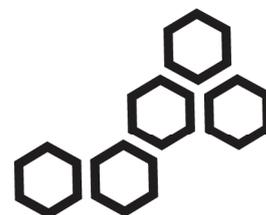
School Fees Statements and reminders have been sent out for term 2. If you have not received a statement or if you are experiencing any difficulties in making school fees payments please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

Uniforms

A general reminder to parents to ensure that school jackets have children's names on them.

Reminder

A reminder to Kindergarten parents that notes and monies for the excursion to Golden Ridge Farm are due back no later than Monday, 23 May.



Religious Education News

Children's Choir Mass

On Sunday I was pleased to be able to attend Mass at which our children's choir lead us in song. I'd like to thank all the children and the families that were able to support our Children's Mass Choir. The children's choir was excellent, their singing elevating our celebration of the Eucharist. As Fr Shane said in the homily, our children learn habits and practices from us; they watch us even when we don't know

it. Our support and participation in the faith life of the Church will assist the children in determining their own faith life. If we make time for God, they will make space for Christ in their lives as well.

I'd like to thank the teachers, Ms Aggarwal, Ms Serrao and Mrs Wilkes for the time and effort they have devoted each Monday afternoon rehearsing the choir, as well as the time spent preparing for Sunday's Mass. I'd also like to thank Mrs Coulter for the music, Mr Cowley and Mrs Jackson for joining us and Fr Shane for celebrating Mass with us.

Classroom Visits

As I visit the different learning spaces I am fortunate to witness the many different and interesting ways that Religious Education is being taught.

Recently, some of our infants classes have engaged with scripture through drawing graphs and play-dough. Year One children have used play-dough to retell bible stories on the life of Jesus. Meanwhile, Kinder have drawn graphs of the people in their families. Other classes throughout the school have embraced technology to engage the children in their learning. By engaging the children through these means, the children may develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of Jesus as told in the scriptures.

World Youth Day 2011

Last Friday, Years 3-6 had the opportunity of listening to two Year 11 Students from St Dominic's College. Alex and Hugh, spoke about the upcoming World Youth Day (WYD) Pilgrimage to Madrid and the Holy Lands of Jordan and Israel. They spoke of the interesting and historically significant places that they would be journeying through. Their pilgrimage leads them through those places relevant to the life of Jesus including the towns of Bethlehem and Jerusalem, as well as the Sea of Gallilee and the Mount of Olives. WYD culminates in the Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in Madrid, at which there will be an estimated 2 million pilgrims from around the world. Taking part in such a celebration of Youth and faith will surely be an "experience of a lifetime" for these students.



First Holy Communion

Some parents have approached me regarding the Sacraments. Specifically First Holy Communion. The first session for parents and children will be after the 10:00am Mass on June 12th, with the celebration of this Sacrament on September 29th. Please contact Hala Jabrail, the parish sacramental co-ordinator for further details on 4736 6100.



*Moreno Faccin
Religious Education Co-ordinator*



Big Thank You

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers on the Mother's Day Stall. We raised \$393.22 which will go toward purchasing items for our students.



St Joseph's Catholic Church Kingswood—Mass Times

Cnr Joseph Street & Richmond Road, Kingswood
(Phone 4721 4080)

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Hopper C.S.Sp

Sunday Masses:

Saturday—Polish Mass, 4.00pm; Vigil, 6.00pm
Sunday—8.30am & 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—8.00am,
Wednesday (Children's Mass)—9.00am

Eucharist Adoration Before all Masses

Communion Services Friday—8.25am

Sacrament of Penance Saturday after morning Mass

Anointing of the Sick every 1st Saturday—8.25am
Mass

Baptism by appointment. Contact the Presbytery

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