



Thank you to all our parents and visitors who joined us during Catholic Schools Week. The response was overwhelmingly positive! Of particular mention was the enthusiasm of our students in Music and DAS activities. Thank you to Mr Faccin and staff for Monday's liturgy and open classrooms. Thank you to our specialist teachers, Mr Billiards, Mr Tim (Martin) and Mr Rooke for opening up their lessons to visitors. Our performing arts initiatives have certainly enriched our curriculum and provided joyful, exciting learning opportunities for our students. There'll be mini performances on Grandparents' Day 30th June. Put the date in your diary!

All our Yr 3 and Yr 5 students are sitting for NAPLAN this week. NAPLAN complements teacher assessments and classroom observations in providing valuable information about student learning. Students are encouraged to do their best and participate in it as part of normal school activity. It should not create anxiety for students or parents.

The landscaping is almost complete! We have decided to 'go the extra mile' and complete the work on the primary playground, namely laying artificial grass on the area behind the netball/basketball courts, as well as where students wait for Kiss 'n' Ride. Retaining walls near the path and bottom of the hill will complete the works and create another safe and functional play area for students. The grass area will be used for soccer, football and volleyball.

This is a major project and needs to be funded by the school. We will be holding a Fit-a-thon on Friday, 3 June to raise money to supplement the Parent Association contribution, thereby keeping costs to school at a manageable level. More details will be coming out in the next week.

Your support and participation is valued.

*Regards,
Fran Jackson
Principal*

Catholic Schools Week

Firstly, I would like to thank the parents, grandparents and visitors who participated in the liturgy of the Word and assembly on Monday morning. I would also like to thank the staff and students who assisted in the preparation and presentation of the liturgy. The Gospel for last Sunday (the reading at our liturgy) recalled the disciples' journey to Emmaus after the death of Jesus, wandering the roads rather unsure of what lay ahead and which direction their lives were going to take. On encountering Jesus at the table, their mission became clear and they strode out into the world with a clearer vision. At St Joseph's, Catholic Schools Week clearly demonstrated that an education in a faith-filled environment is an essential element in the formation of our young people as they also "journey along their road". The Gospel also asks of us adults, parents and teachers alike, that we assess our own lives in respect to the Resurrection of Jesus and where are our lives leading. Has our encounter with Jesus in this Easter Season changed our lives and the lives of our children?

Wednesday Morning Mass

All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to attend the Parish Mass. Mass is celebrated at 9am each and every Wednesday morning with the children from our school. To help show, guide and teach our younger students about the Mass, each of the infant classes has been teamed with an older class. Our next three Masses are...

KEY DATES

- 10 May NAPLAN - Spelling, Writing, Grammar for Years 3 and 5
- 11 May NAPLAN - Reading for Years 3 and 5
- 12 May NAPLAN - Numeracy for Years 3 and 5
- 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
- 23 June Athletics Carnival

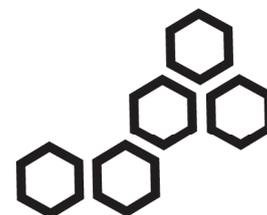
- 11 May 5MF/2DN 15th Children's Choir Mass
- 18 May KJS/ 6ET
- 25 May KTB/6LC 24th Mary Help of Christians

Children's Mass Choir

Twenty-six of the children from our school have put in hours of hard work on successive Monday afternoons after school in rehearsal for the Children's Mass Choir, lead by Mrs Serrao, Mrs Aggarwal and Mrs Wilkes (Miss Woolcock). I would like to thank all staff and students very much for the wonderful work that they do, giving of their time and talent to make Mass truly a celebration of the coming of Jesus into our lives. Please support the children by attending Mass this **Sunday, May 15th, at 10:00am**. This choir is not a closed group, more students are always welcome to join this dedicated group. Everyone has talent that they can contribute.

2012 Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2012. If you wish to enrol your child, please obtain an enrolment package from the school office as soon as possible.



Athletics Carnival

Please note that the correct date for the Athletics carnival is **Thursday, 23 June (Week 9)**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

World Youth Day 2011

This coming Friday, May 13th, two students from St Dominic's College will be coming to speak to the children in Years 3-6 about the upcoming World Youth Day in Madrid. Over 120 students and 70 staff from parishes and schools in the Parramatta Diocese will be joining with over 300 other pilgrims in a 21 day pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan and Israel and then onto Madrid, Spain to celebrate faith in Jesus with an estimated over 2million other young people.

*Moreno Faccin
Religious Education Co-ordinator*

Parent Line

We all know that parenting is challenging. Every parent struggles from time to time with every day issues or more complex ones. We know that because we have spoken to close to 10,000 parents in the last 12 months.

The State Government funded helpline, Parent Line NSW (managed by Catholic Care) provides a unique free support service to parents across NSW. Highly skilled professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to take calls from parents and carers about any parenting issue, from tips on how to manage the morning routine, concerns about distant adolescents, to complex challenges of living in blended families. It is the only free counselling service available to parents during any part of their parenting journey, at any time of the day or night, anywhere in NSW. It's convenient because parents can call when it suits them, they don't have to arrange child care to talk to a professional counsellor and they can call as many times as they need.



Our website can be found at www.parentline.org.au and contains a range of tip sheets for parents about contemporary issues facing families today, some parenting stories written by our counselling team that normalise parenting challenges and some links to other NSW wide services.

Holy Land and Rome Pilgrimage (September school holidays, 2011)

Father Ted Tyler, priest at St. Thomas Aquinas, Springwood, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome from September 23 to October 10, 2011.

The Pilgrimage will include such places in the Holy Land as Mt. Tabor, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Holy Sepulchre, Calvary, Mt. of Olives, Bethlehem, Samaria, Jericho, and then in Rome, a General Audience with the Pope,



St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museum and St. Mary of the Cross Pilgrims' Walk, and other places.

For brochures or information please e-mail Father Ted at frejtyler@yahoo.com

St Joseph's Catholic Church Kingswood—Mass Times

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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

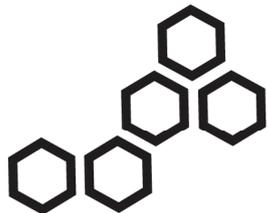
Communion Services Friday—8.25am

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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