

St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

8th October 2013

DIARY DATES

Friday 11 October

BUSHDANCE
5.00pm

Monday 14 October

9.00am Assembly

Tuesday 15 October

Diocesan Basketball
(Years 3-6)

Saturday 19 October

Captivate Strings

Basketball Challenge

(Saturday & Sunday)

Monday 21 October

9.00am Assembly

Tuesday 22 October

5.00pm Choir sings at
Primary Schools Sacred
Music Festival

Friday 25 October

GRANDPARENTS DAY
CELEBRATION
9.30am

Monday 28 October

9.00am Assembly

Tuesday 29 October

Kinder 2014 Meeting
7.00pm

Friday 1 November

9.30am All Saints Mass

Saturday 2 November

All Souls Day

Friday 8 November

Fit-a-Thon

Tuesday 10 December

School Reports sent
home

Monday 16 December

Swimming Carnival
Years K-5

Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 17 December

Advent Prayer Assembly
9.00am.

Term Award Assembly

9.30am

Christmas Pageant

6.00pm

Wednesday 18 December

Talent Quest, 9.00am

Last day of School
for students

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the final term of 2013.

At the end of last term, Mr Michael Cowley was appointed Principal at Our Lady of Nativity Primary School, Lawson, beginning today, so will not be returning to St Joseph's. We will have a farewell assembly for Mr Cowley in the next few weeks, once he has had a chance to organise his calendar. We have much to thank him for and know he brings significant gifts to his new school community. Congratulations Michael!

Ms Liz Nicholls will continue in the role of Acting Assistant Principal until the end of the year. A new appointment will be made for 2014.

Mrs Danielle Mowbray has been appointed Acting Religious Education Coordinator for this term. Mr Moreno Faccin is on leave till the end of the year, enjoying a well earned break from work.

Ms Eliza Treble will continue as Acting Coordinator 2 and Mrs Terrie Berg has been appointed as Acting Coordinator 1 for this term, supporting Ms Nicholls in the coordination of Kinder, Years 1 & 2. Welcome to the team Mrs Berg!

Next week our basketballers will participate in the Diocesan Basketball Challenge at Penrith Stadium on Tuesday, then our senior teams will represent us in the Catholic Schools State Challenge on Saturday and Sunday.

Our choir will participate in the Primary Schools Sacred Music Festival on Tuesday evening 22nd October. Grandparents Day will be celebrated at St Joseph's on Friday 25th October. So this term is off to a flying start.

This Friday is our Family Bush Dance. Hope to see many of you there! Tickets available from the school office. Join us for a night of food, fun and dancing! Thank you to the parents who have organised this event. A lot of work has gone into the preparation. Much appreciated!

Have a blessed week,

Fran Jackson

Principal



Have you bought your tickets yet?

Family Bushdance

Friday 11th October, 5.00pm to 9.00pm



Entry per family of 4 - \$20 (2 adults, 2 children). \$5 per additional adult, \$2 per additional child. Sausage sandwich \$2.50 each – pre orders available.

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General News...

Change to Buses

Busways will shortly become our service provider for all school and route bus trips in the areas currently served by Westbus and Hawkesbury Valley Buses. This is due to their successful tender for the Contract 1 network. As a result there will be some changes commencing on Tuesday 8th October 2013 as detailed below:

Route 4149 will now depart from Kingswood station at 8.22am (10 minutes later than the current trip). There are no changes to the route. There are no changes to the afternoon service.

For further information, please contact Busways on 9497 1870 or 9497 1871 or visit their website at www.busways.com.au or email infoline@busways.com.au.

Foreign Currency

More and more frequently the school office has been receiving foreign currency for payment of excursions and sports days etc. The only currency that we can accept at St Joseph's is Australian. Before sending money into school, could you please double check that it is Australian currency. Any foreign currency will be returned home with a request to replace it with the correct Australian dollar amount. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Communicating With the School Regarding Your Child

If you have a concern in relation to your child, please contact your child's teacher first. If you feel that the problem hasn't been sufficiently dealt with after contact with your child's teacher, please contact the Stage Co-ordinator. If you feel that the problem then needs to be taken further than this, contact the Assistant Principal or the Principal. If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. These documents can be accessed on the system website www.parra.catholic.edu.au

Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing Policy

Our policies and procedures for student wellbeing are based on the Positive Behaviour School framework putting the focus on student learning.

Expectations are articulated in our STaRS:

Safe
Thoughtful
actively
Responsible
Students



Expectations are explicitly taught to all students and individual plans are developed for students requiring more intensive support. All staff support students in living out the STaRS values.

In line with the Student Wellbeing Policy, discrimination, harassment or bullying are not permitted. Incidents arising pertaining to these matters need to be conveyed to the class teacher and will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

For further details, visit the school website: www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Discipline Policy

St Joseph's discipline policy ensures procedural fairness, the hearing rule, and the right to an unbiased decision. St Joseph's staff neither use, nor sanction, corporal punishment. When an incident occurs which requires the individual to be disciplined, staff ensure that it is dealt with in an appropriate manner taking into consideration the above requirements.

Photos at School

Due to privacy issues, photos taken at school should be taken of own children only.



Supervision at School

A reminder to parents that morning supervision at school commences at 8:20am. At afternoon dismissal, children remaining at walkers at 3:15pm will be taken to Kiss 'n Ride. Children remaining at Kiss 'n Ride after 3:30pm will be taken to the Office, at which time parents will be contacted. Afternoon supervision concludes at 3:30pm. Children should not be at school before or after these times.

Reminder to Parents

Parents are reminded that, if entering the school grounds to attend assembly, classroom activities, etc, they are required to sign in at the office on arrival, and sign out on departure.

Child Protection Training

If parents are planning on assisting in the classroom, or on an excursion, they are required to first complete a "Prohibited Employment Form", and Child Protection Training. The form can be collected from the school office. The training is undertaken over the internet at <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/childprotection>. Simply click the training link under "Volunteer" to undertake the training. Once training is undertaken, complete the questionnaire, submit your details, and contact the school to advise that the training has been completed.

Change of Home or Emergency Contact Details

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren).

Complaints and Grievances Procedures

From time to time concerns may arise in regard to the school between different stakeholders. The following procedures have been developed to effectively address any such concerns.

Parents

Complaints or grievances pertaining to classroom issues, or that relate to other children are to be dealt with by school personnel. It is not appropriate for parents to approach other parents, or their children, with the intention of resolving the issues.

The recommended procedure to be followed by parents is:

1. The first point of contact is the student's class teacher. Please contact the school office to make an appointment with the teacher concerned.
2. If parents are not satisfied with the solutions offered, or believe that they have not been given a fair hearing, they are encouraged to make an appointment with the Stage Co-ordinator or the Assistant Principal.
3. Should the issue remain unresolved after this time, an appointment is made with the Principal to further discuss the issues.

Please remember there usually are at least two sides to every story and whilst it is important to listen to the children, it is also important not to draw conclusions or make accusations until all the facts are known.

Students

The recommended procedure for students is:

1. If issues arise in the classroom, students are encouraged to speak to their class teacher in order to seek support in finding a resolution.
2. Students encountering problems on the playground are asked to talk to the staff member on duty at the time of the incident. If they believe that their concern has not been adequately addressed they are encouraged to speak to their class teacher.
All students at St. Joseph's are taught to adopt the school's Three Step Plan to find a resolution. This plan is displayed in each learning area, is discussed regularly in class and forms part of the Student Wellbeing Policy.
3. Students can also speak to the Coordinator, Assistant Principal or Principal, as well as any other staff member about issues they may have.

Kiss 'n Ride

Kiss 'n Ride is a drop off zone only. Parents do not get out of their car. Simply pull up at the Kiss 'n Ride Zone, give your child/ren a kiss and then they depart the car and walk through the gate. If you wish to walk your child into the gate, you need to park in a parking zone (NOT Kiss 'n Ride or a No Stopping Zone), and then walk your child into school. Please remember that this is not simply a legal matter, but a protocol that needs to be followed to keep our children safe.

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.

Milo in2Cricket

There's no better way to spend a day than with new friends learning how to play cricket! With the MILO in2CRICKET program, both girls and boys not only get to learn awesome skills for an awesome game, they also get to have some awesome fun. And Mum and Dad will be pleased to know that you can do all this fun stuff at the cricket club, school or community centre closest to you. So what are you waiting for? Sign up today at www.in2CRICKET.com.au.

MLC Tennis Hot Shots

Tennis is the best first sport for your child to learn all year round, teaching throwing, catching, striking, movement & team building. Tennis Australia's official kids' starter program for children aged 5-12 years. Designed to develop your child's skills by using a learn through play philosophy, smaller courts, racquets and low compression balls and a progressive pathway using levels to monitor your child's advancement towards competitive tennis.

Tuesday or Friday afternoons at the Kingswood Tennis Club, Norseman Ave. Westbourne Park Cost only \$80.00 per term

To organise a Trial Lesson contact John Gericke, Club Professional Coach 0419 829 624 or email: jgericke@senet.com.au