



Dear Parents / Carers,

This morning we said thank you to Fr Chris de Souza for his presence and ministry here at St Joseph's this year. In the reflection, students spoke of the way Fr Chris brought meaning for them in the celebration of the Eucharist, his ability to assist them in understanding the word of God, and his friendliness whenever he was with them.

Fr Chris will be here again tomorrow to celebrate 9.30am Mass for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and again next week for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary (mother of Jesus). Parents are welcome to join us and the parishioners for these Masses.

Clergy Appointments

As from the 27th August, St Joseph's parish will be administered by Fr Mathew Antony MS, who has been appointed Parish Priest of Penrith, and Fr Jose Manjaly MS, who will be the assistant priest at Penrith. We look forward to welcoming them to St Joseph's.

Faith in Our Future

On Wednesday 22nd August, there will be a Pastoral Planning meeting, 7pm – 9pm, in St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall, 326 High St, Penrith. This meeting is part of the diocesan consultation process in setting the direction for our Church in Western Sydney. All welcome!

Focus 160

St Joseph's is participating in this project to raise literacy and numeracy standards of students, with a particular focus on Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2. Teachers and leaders will be attending professional learning to ensure best practice and provide students with enriched learning opportunities. At St Joseph's, we have already begun developing the strategies embedded in the project and our teachers were selected for the training videos.

Lifelong learning is not only for our students, but for teachers, leaders and parents. Our world is changing rapidly and we need to be alert to responding to these changes, and also ensuring a solid foundation for learning that will carry our students into the future. A challenging and rewarding work!



KEY DATES

- Wed, 8 Aug 9:30am St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Liturgy
- Fri, 10 Aug Zone Athletics Carnival
- Mon, 13 Aug 9:00am Assembly—Yr 2. All Welcome!
- Tue, 14 Aug Year 1 Featherdale Farm Excursion
..... 7:00pm Parent Association Meeting—QCS Feedback and EMU Workshop
- Wed, 15 Aug 9:30am Assumption Mass
..... 2:00pm EMU Workshop
- Thur, 16 Aug Strings Eisteddfod
- Mon, 20 Aug 9:00am Assembly—Yr 4. All Welcome!
..... Book Week
- Tue, 21 Aug Netball Gala Day
- Wed, 22 Aug 9:30am Children's Mass—Kinder/Yr 6
- Thur, 23 Aug 9:30am Penrith Eisteddfod Choir—Yrs 5/6

PA Meeting

Every parent is part of our Parent Association. At our meeting 7pm, next Tuesday 14th August, we will present the results of the Quality Catholic Schools Survey as well as provide more learning about EMU (Extended Mathematical Understanding). We have videos to show and games to play. Come along and support YOUR association.

Creative Arts

The news has had a number of articles of late regarding the importance of creative opportunities in our schools. St Joseph's values the creative arts and will be participating in the Penrith Eisteddfod over the next two weeks. Our orchestra, choir and DAS group will be competing in the Strings, Verse Speaking and Choral sections. A great opportunity to showcase our students and their talents.

E-Newsletter

We are currently working towards paper-less newsletters. For more news, see our school website!

Regards

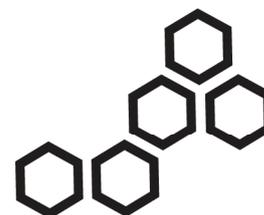
Fran Jackson, Principal

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten 2013

Please contact the school office for enrolment forms and information.

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Religious Education News

Feast of Mary MacKillop—Tomorrow, Wednesday August 8th, the whole school will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. As a school founded by the Order of St Joseph Sisters we have a special relationship with St Mary MacKillop. After Mary's death on August 8th 1909 in Sydney, the process of beatification was commenced leading to Mary's canonisation in October of 2010. All parents and family are invited to celebrate Mass with the students at 9:30am in the church. If you are unable to attend Mass with the children you may be able to attend Mass with Bishop Anthony at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7:30pm.

Sacramental Program—The 'mystery' and theology that surrounds Eucharist is a question that theologians have pondered, discussed and written about over the centuries and it is a question that we ask of ourselves, "What does Eucharist mean for me?". For the young people and their families, First Communion is a celebration central in their faith journey. First Communion is the time when they first encounter Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please keep in your prayers Tenae Chamberlain-Dowe, Riley Farrell, Monique Fisher, Katelyn Shepherd, Emily Stacey, Emily Wilson and Isabella Wilson along with other children from the parish who will be celebrating their First Communion at the 10am Mass on Sunday August 19th as they take this step in their faith journey. All members of the school community are welcome at Mass to share in this significant occasion.

Religious Literacy—This week Year Four students have commenced the trials of the On-line Religious Literacy Assessment. The Religious Literacy Assessment is a Diocesan wide assessment of students in Years Four and Eight. As better informed educators we are able to meet the students' needs in Religious Education. I am only too happy to answer any question you may have regarding the Religious Literacy Assessment. Please leave a message for me with the front office staff.

Outreach—As part of the on-going mission of the church, out-reach to the wider community has always been a priority. Over the past few weeks the school community has been raising funds to assist the St Vincent de Paul Society. I am pleased to announce that approximately \$500.00 was raised over this time. Mr George Keane, President of the St Vincent de Paul Society, will be coming to the school next Monday to accept the cheque on their behalf.

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Religious Education Co-ordinator

Live Life Well Programme

Apricot Drumsticks

Ingredients:

- 4 skinless chicken drumsticks
- ¼ cup apricot nectar
- 1 tablespoon low salt soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Method:

- Make a few slashes in each drumstick using a sharp knife.
- Put drumsticks in an ovenproof dish.
- Pour over the combined nectar, sauces and lemon juice.
- Marinate for 30 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 180 degrees and bake with marinade for 30 minutes turning once.
- Can be served hot or packed cold in a school lunchbox with a frozen water bottle.

St Joseph's Kingswood Youth Group (SKY)

Every Wednesday (except during school holidays). From 3:00 to 5:00pm for 12 to 17 year olds. Games, talks, social nights, Youth Ministry—UTURN. Enquiries to Maria Loveridge at the Parish Office

St Joseph's Catholic Church Kingswood—Mass Times

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

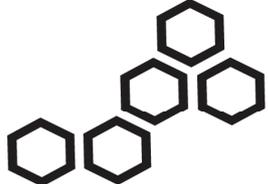
Sunday Masses:

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

Weekday Masses:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—8.00am,
- Wednesday (Children's Mass)—9.30am

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