

Dear Parents/Carers

The election of Pope Francis has captured the imagination of the world. His first words, to the throngs in St Peter's Square, were, "Pray for me." His words reflected his humility in choosing the name of St Francis of Assisi, known for spreading peace and serving the poor. Let us pray the Prayer of St Francis with our Pope:

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Today we celebrate the feast of our patron saint, St Joseph, Husband of Mary and Foster Father of Jesus. It is the first celebration of our Jubilee Year. We began with Mass at 9.30am, then launched KidsMatter at our special assembly! Students then worked in mixed K-6 groups on building cooperation and respect. The day finished with dodge ball games of Parent/teachers versing students. KidsMatter is the framework for all our activities that promote emotional and mental wellbeing in our students. Please read the booklet sent home today, because at St Joseph's Kids MATTER!

Thank you to Marianne Wilson and Tania Bunfield for your support on Sunday at our Open Day. Parishioners, parents from our school and prospective enrolment families, gathered following the 10am Mass, to enjoy a sausage sandwich and look at our school. Thank you to Mr Faccin for 'manning' the BBQ, to Mrs Serrao, Mrs Geraghty, Ms Nicholls, Ms Treble and Mr Cowley for making everyone welcome and leading school tours. We have much to be proud of at St Joseph's!

Next Monday, students, staff and parents have the opportunity to go to Reconciliation at the church between 8.45am and 12.00pm. A group of students preparing for their First Reconciliation this Saturday, will have the opportunity to again "go to confession" on Monday. Acknowledging our failings before God and being open to the grace given in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, gives us the courage to change our life and deepen our relationship with Christ.

Next week is Holy Week. The week begins with Palm Sunday and leads to the commemoration of the death of Jesus on Good Friday. We will remember the main events of Jesus' journey to Calvary, with prayer and reflection throughout the week. After the Easter break, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Easter is the most important event in the Christian story. It is the basis of our faith:

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

May the peace and blessings of the risen Christ be with you and your families this Easter.

Fran Jackson
Principal



KEY DATES

Tues, 19 Mar	St Joseph's Day
Fri, 22 Mar	Easter raffle drawn Fun Food Day—Easter Buns
Mon, 25 Mar	9:00am Assembly. All Welcome! 8:45—12:00 Reconciliation
Thurs, 28 Mar	Holy Thursday
Fri, 29 Mar	Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon, 1 Apr	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tues, 2 Apr	9:00am Assembly and Resurrection Liturgy. All Welcome!
Wed, 3 Apr	School Athletics Carnival
Mon, 8 Apr	9:00am Term 1 Awards Assembly. All Welcome! Feast of the Annunciation
Tues, 9 Apr	Cross Country at Steamroller Park 9:30 to 11:00am—ANZAC Penrith for Student Leaders
Fri, 12 Apr	ANZAC day ceremony Last Day of Term 1
Mon, 29 Apr	Staff Development Day
Tues, 30 Apr	Term 2 Commences—Students Return

Jubilee events for your diary – details in the next Update!

28 th June	Dinner Dance for present and past parents, Students over 18 years old and staff
11 th August	Family Day at St Joseph's
18 th October	Family Bush Dance

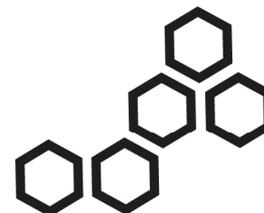
Staff Development Days – Pupil Free Days

29 th April – Monday, Week 1 Term 2	National curriculum preparation
17 th May – Friday week 3 Term 2	Faith Formation with Fr Andrew
15 th July – Monday Week 1 Term 3	National curriculum preparation
8 th October – Tuesday Week 1 Term 4	Strategic Intent planning 2014

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten 2014

Enrolments need to be in by May to ensure a place for your child. Enrolment forms are available at the school office.

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PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Easter raffle tickets are due back tomorrow, Wednesday, 20 March. If you haven't already done so, please bring in a chocolate egg for the raffle!

THIS FRIDAY

Easter Buns will be on sale for \$1.00 each at Lunch 2!

The Easter raffle will be drawn after Lunch 2 in the MPA.



Enrolling for Year 7 2014

Caroline Chisholm College

Now enrolling for Year 7 2014. Students from St Joseph's Primary are guaranteed a place at Caroline Chisholm College. For further information contact the College on 4737 5506.

St Dominic's College

Information Night Wednesday, 20 March at 7:30pm
Open Day Sunday, 24 March from 10-3pm.

McCarthy Catholic College (Incorporating the Trade Training Centre), 75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

ENROLLING FOR YEARS 7 - 12, 2014

Open Day on Sunday, 24th March 2013 from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Tours of the College facilities, Meet the students and staff, Trade Training Centre information
Enrolment packages available
Enquiries: Mrs Sharon Clarke - 4735 3211

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)

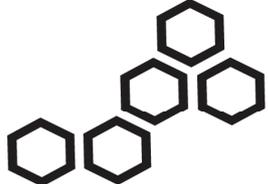
Sunday Masses:

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

**Joey's Before & After
School Care tel 4732 5771**

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Xavier College Trivia Night

Xavier P & F are pleased to welcome the family and friends of Xavier College to our annual Trivia night. The trivia night is a regular event held by the P & F, providing a relaxed social evening for the Xavier community to test their trivia skills and have some fun!!

When: Saturday 23rd March, 2013
7pm for a 7-30pm start

Where: PAS, Xavier College Llandilo

Cost: Tickets \$10 each. Maximum 10 per table
For planning purposes bookings are essential, with payment taken on the night. Please phone/leave message on 4729 2527 or 0414 739 147 (Karen) to book a table, tickets or to obtain more information.

Solo Parent Ministry for Single Parents

The Solo Parent Ministry runs special programmes and events for solo parents. With more than 30 years experience, the Solo Parent Ministry offers support and insight appropriate to the additional difficulties experienced by single parents. This service is very informative and is a highly recommended source of knowledge for solo parents. For advice, or information on upcoming events, go to: www.ccsp.org.au

2013 Catholic Schools Parent Conference 25-26 May

Join parents, educators and guest speakers for the 10th Catholic Schools Parent Conference on 25-26 May 2013 at the Novotel Hotel, Parramatta. The 2013 conference, *iConnect with learning, in partnership, and in faith* will look at the impact of 21st century technologies on learning and teaching; the future of Catholic education in a modern world and how to build closer connections between families, schools and parishes.

Conference program:

- Panel discussion: The future of Catholic education – opened by Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Schools
- Getting real: being on mission with Christ - Fr Richard Leonard SJ
- 21st century classroom – Paul Meldrum, Catholic Education
- Connecting families and schools – Danielle Cronin and Linda McNeill (CCSP)
- How to motivate your child – Educational psychologist, Andrew Martin
- Shaping your child's genius – Clinical psychologist, Andrew Fuller
- Warrior dads – Youth commentator, Brett Murray
- Special dinner speaker: Paralympian Curtis Palmer

Full program cost \$225. To register visit

<http://www.ccsp.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.

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

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FOR KIDS WHOSE FAMILIES ARE CHANGING

Group activities for children age 6-11 who are experiencing & struggling with
Family separation | Parents' divorce | Family changes

Six Tuesdays: 21st May to the 18th of June 2013

Time: 4.00pm – 5.15 pm. After school

Venue: Anne D Clarke Building 2A Villiers St Parramatta

Bookings: Phone 99330222 to reserve a place

Cost: \$10 per child per session (includes snack)

Topics Covered:

Week 1: Everything is different
Week 2: Is it my fault?
Week 3: I wish everything was back to normal
Week 4: I am so mad!
Week 5: How can I manage?
Week 6: What I have learned?

