

# UPDATE



Week 6, Term 1 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. During this season of reflecting on our lives, repairing our relationships and returning to God, we are called to "See the face of Jesus" in those we encounter in our daily lives. The Gospel is the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32). The parable is well known and we are grateful for the Father's unconditional and abiding love for both his sons. Those sons are like us. Humbled by our circumstances and driven to ask for forgiveness, as was the younger; resentful of the unfairness of life when we have worked hard and seen others reap the benefits, like the older son. Jesus challenges us to let go of the judgement of "worthiness" and enter into the Father's love.

We do not "earn" God's love. God loves us freely. Our challenge is to accept that love, be humbled by the gift and share it with others. We are called to be in a relationship with God. Prayer is the beginning of this relationship. Prayer that interrupts our business and reminds us that we are loved beyond measure and we have been created for more than busyness.

*Return to God with all your heart,  
The source of grace and mercy;  
Come and seek the tender faithfulness of God*

*Now the time of grace has come,  
The day of salvation;  
Come and learn now the way of our God*

*Return to God with all your heart,  
The source of grace and mercy;  
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.*

*By Marty Haugen*

## Catholic Schools Week- Every child counts

At Monday's assembly, we will have a thanksgiving prayer celebration and learn about 'Feeling Buckets' as part of our Bounce Back programme. Come and join us for the assembly!

Parents and visitors are invited to visit classrooms on Tuesday from 9.00 – 10.30am when classes will be engaged in literacy or mathematics learning activities. On Thursday from 12pm – 1.30pm, students will be engaged in a variety of learning areas across the school, including Strings and DAS for Years 3 & 4. All welcome!

**On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we will open for school tours from 11.00am – 1.00pm. A sausage sizzle will be available for all visitors on this day.**

**Catholic Schools Week**

10 -16 MARCH 2013 | NSW & ACT



## KEY DATES

Mon, 11 Mar	9:00am Assembly. All Welcome!
	Start Catholic Schools Week
Tues, 12 Mar	2:00pm Year 5 Grafitti Education
Wed, 13 Mar	School Photo Day
Fri, 15 Mar	Wear Green and bring an Easter egg for the raffle
Mon, 18 Mar	9:00am Assembly. All Welcome!
Tues, 19 Mar	St Joseph's Day
Wed, 20 Mar	Easter raffle tickets due back to school
Fri, 22 Mar	Easter raffle drawn
Mon, 25 Mar	9:00am Assembly. All Welcome!
Tues, 26 Mar	Zone Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook
	Stage 3 girls soccer

## School Photos-Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

All students wear summer uniform. Every child will have their group and individual photo taken on the day. Envelopes with money are to be brought in no later than this day. If you have ordered online you should still send your envelopes in to school.

## Parent Association News

### Easter Egg Collection Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Students may wear a green item of clothing with their school sports uniform as a reward for bringing in Easter eggs or Easter chocolate treats for our raffle. Please support this initiative as it is a major fund raising activity for the Parent association.

### Parent Association AGM

Thank you to all who were able to attend this meeting and for those who made themselves available for committee positions. Our Fundraising Goal for 2013 is to buy a stage for the MPA. Your support is vital!

Congratulations to:

President:	Marianne Wilson
Vice-President:	Tania Bunfield
Secretary:	Emily Morgan
Treasurer:	Lonni McLean
Fundraising Team:	Elisha Mitchell, Michelle McAuley and Rebecca Brett

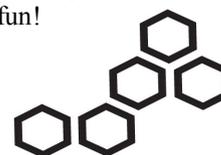
### Dates for Social Events 2013

Term 2	Date TBA	Jubilee Dinner Dance
Term 3	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Family "Back to Joey's" Festival
Term 4	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Bush Dance

## St Joseph's Day

We're looking forward to celebrating this event with you in our Jubilee year. There will be whole school Mass in the MPA at 9.30am followed by morning tea. Parents are then invited to join us for our KidsMatter Launch and our Students V Staff/Parents dodge ball competition after lunch. Book in the day! It will be fun!

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**Xavier College Llandilo Open Night**

11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 5:00pm -7:30pm

Information Session 6.30pm

[www.xavierllandilo.catholic.edu.au](http://www.xavierllandilo.catholic.edu.au)

## St. Dominic's College

### Year 7 2014 Information Evening:

Wednesday March 20: 7.30pm

### Open Day:

Sunday March 24: 10.00am - 3.00pm



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## ICE BLOCK DAY

Until further notice, every Friday is ICE BLOCK DAY!

Ice blocks are 50c and will be available during Lunch 2.

In the case of extremely bad weather, ice blocks may not be available.



## Quality Catholic Schools (QCS) Survey

Please read the information below. Survey forms will be going home to nominated parents next week.

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be participating in Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) in 2013, which will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community and will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date.

As this is the second year of the survey, it will enable us to track our progress on those areas identified from last year's findings and included in our school planning.

From 11-22 March all staff, approximately 50 students from Years 5 and 6, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

A survey consultant (Insight SRC) has been engaged to manage the data collection. The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Catholic Education Office. Each school will receive an information report in June to inform their planning.

If you are nominated to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

Mamre House will be having a **Mega Plant Sale** this weekend, 9-10 March, 9am to 3pm We have 25- 50% off all plants. The plants are grown by our Garden Services team.

Your purchase will help to support our disability service and the wonderful work our employees do to maintain the property and produce healthy plants.

## McCarthy Catholic College

Incorporating the Trade Training Centre  
75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

**ENROLLING FOR YEARS 7 - 12, 2014**

**Open Day:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Time:** 10.00am to 1.00pm.

**Enquiries:** Mrs Sharon Clarke - 4735 3211

## St Joseph's Catholic Church

### Kingswood—Mass Times

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

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Fornal OP

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday—Polish Mass, 4.00pm; Vigil, 6.00pm

Sunday—8.30am & 10.00am

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday— Friday—8.00am

Saturday—8.30am

For further details please go to: <http://www.stjosephskingswood.org>

**Joey's Before & After  
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