

UPDATE



Week 1, Term 1 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2013! We are looking forward to a rewarding year of learning.



We welcome Fr Andrew OP, parish priest of St Joseph's Parish. Fr Andrew is a Carmelite priest from Poland. He has spent time as parish priest in New York, so brings a wealth of experience and deep faith to his ministry with us at St Joseph's.

Fr Andrew will be installed by Bishop Anthony Fisher as parish priest at the 10am Mass this Sunday, 3rd February, at St Joseph's Church, Kingswood. All welcome! Check out the new parish Facebook site. Go to parish website <http://www.stjosephskingswood.org/> and click on Facebook link, or go directly to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Josephs-Catholic-Church/1774224246051632?ref=hl>

Fr Andrew will be welcomed by our school community on Monday 4th February at our 8:50am assembly and will also join us for our Meet the Teacher Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, 12 February.

On October 11th 2012, the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict XVI, declared the Year of Faith. This complements the Year of Grace planned by the Australian Bishops Conference which began Pentecost 2012, as a call to renewal of our faith in Jesus Christ. The Year of Faith will be the theme for our celebrations this year.

*We are called to live with justice,
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
And to walk, humbly with God.*

David Haas XX



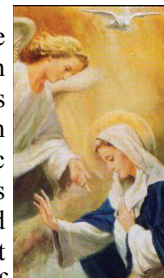
2013 is also our Jubilee Year. St Joseph's School was founded in 1963, by the Sisters of St Joseph as part of Penrith parish until the parish of Kingswood was established in 1970. We will launch our Jubilee celebrations on St Joseph's Day, 19th March. Stay tuned for more details.

We welcome Louise Grech (3LG), Bronwyn Rose (3BR), Rebecca Zeait (1RZ) and Anna Kregting (5AK) to our staff at St Joseph's. We welcome all the new families, from Kindergarten to Yr 6 who are joining us in 2013. We welcome back all the 'old' families and look forward to continuing our shared learning

journey.

Our focus in 2013 is on implementing the Focus160 strategy for Literacy and Numeracy. This is a diocesan initiative that ensures all students have a minimum of 100minutes of literacy and 60minutes of mathematics each day. Teachers have collaboratively developed programs to meet the learning needs of each student in their class. Teachers have done much preparation and planning to implement Focus160 effectively.

This year, all schools in Parramatta diocese will be praying the Angelus at noon each day. We will be preparing the students over the next few weeks and will begin praying as a whole school in Catholic Schools Week, early March. The Angelus is a traditional Catholic prayer and resources will be sent home to assist families to also take up this opportunity of praying with the universal Church. More information coming!



We have many important events coming up. Please check the Term calendar and join us when possible. Your support and participation are valued and appreciated by the students and the staff.

May blessings and kindness fill your day,
Fran Jackson
Principal

Money Sent to School With Your Child

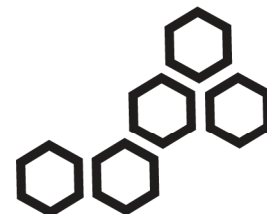
In order for money to be safely/correctly forwarded to the school office, please send money in an envelope or plastic bag with your child's name, class, amount enclosed, and what the money is for, marked clearly on the envelope.



KEY DATES

- Thurs, 2 Feb Kinder 2013 begin BIG school!
- Fri, 1 Feb Year 6 Student Leaders elected
- Sun, 3 Feb 10am Installation of Fr Andrew OP
- Mon, 4 Feb 9:00am Welcome assembly! All Welcome!
- Fri, 8 Feb 9.30am Opening School Mass
- Mon, 11 Feb 9:00am Assembly. All Welcome!
- Tues, 12 Feb 7:00am Parent Information Night
- Wed, 13 Feb 9.30am Ash Wednesday liturgy

Please refer to Calendar for more dates



2013 Staffing List

ADMINISTRATION

Principal	Fran Jackson
Assistant Principal	Michael Cowley
REC	Moreno Faccin
Secretaries – Front Office	Gayle Boyd Samantha Brown
Student Services Office	Jenny Pendleton
Student Counsellor	Annabelle Howse

SUPPORT STAFF

Information Technology	Luke Brooks
Library Technician	Jeniffer Peto
Teacher Assistant	Marie Brogan
Maintenance	Stephen Crye Col Meredith

TEACHING STAFF

Reading Recovery / Learning Support	Catriona Pennay Liz Nicholls
Music	Glenn Green Tim Dickinson
Music 5 & 6, Band	Kristian Jackson
Dance Act Sing	Tim Martin
KKC	Kerryn Carter
KTB	Terrie Berg
1RZ	Rebecca Zeait
1VG	Vicki Geraghty
2AA	Ashu Aggarwal
2JS	Jeanette Serrao
3BR	Bronwyn Rose
3LG	Louise Grech
4AH	Amy Hoppitt
4CS	Cheryl Sherry
5/6ET	Eliza Treble
5AK	Anna Kregting
6MF	Moreno Faccin

School Representative Draft Policy

Please read the enclosed policy on the last page and return to school with comments by the due date.

Sports Days

Children are to wear school uniform on the following days:

Monday	Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2
Tuesday	Yrs 5 & 6
Wednesday	Yrs 3 & 4
Friday	All children K-6

Mobile Phones

Students are not encouraged to bring mobile phones to school. Where parents require a student to bring a mobile phone to school, they do so at their own risk. While at school, mobiles must be turned off and remain in the student's bag. Staff cannot take responsibility for safe storage of mobile phones, iPods, or other electronic devices.



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 to Friday —8.00am,

**Joey's Before & After
School Care Ph: 4732 5771**

Learning without limits 

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St Joseph's Primary School Kingswood

January 2013

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION DRAFT POLICY

Rationale

- Representing the school at sporting, cultural or civic events is a privilege, not a right. Students representing the school as an individual, team or class group, are expected to display appropriate behaviour and attitude both at the event and at school.
- Selection for representation will be based on merit and the event criteria.
- The school will determine which representative opportunities will be offered, based on staffing requirements, other school activities and the availability of students.
- Students representing the school are expected to comply with the required dress code.
- Transport to the event will usually be by bus. A contribution of \$10, towards cost of the bus, is payable by each student. Where this causes financial difficulty, the parents are urged to contact the school.

<http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/>

Agreed Practice

- Students can nominate for school representative teams and events. In cases where there are certain qualifying standards or where more people nominate than can be accommodated, students 'try out' for a place.
- Team selections, where necessary, will be made using at least two people as selectors.
- Students are expected to attend training/rehearsal and to be able to attend all events in the competition/performance.
- Parents are responsible for returning permission notes by the due date so teams can be finalized. Students not returning the required notes may miss out on selection.
- If out of school hours training / rehearsal is required, parents must ensure students attend and make any necessary transport arrangements.
- Students who do not display appropriate behaviour may have the privilege of representing the school withdrawn. Where a student's selection is withdrawn, parents will be notified.
- Students and supporters will comply with the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Schools Sports Council Codes of Conduct as published on: <http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/>
- The school community will respect the decisions made by coaches and selectors as being in the best interests of the school team.

Dear Parents,

Please read the above draft policy. You are invited to comment on the form below and return to school by Thursday 7th February 2013.

With thanks,

*Fran Jackson
Principal*

Comment:

(Optional: Name: _____)
