



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Wednesday we began Lent with the receiving of the ashes. Lent is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. In this Year of Grace, we are invited to listen to the spirit and 'start afresh from Christ', remembering that the period of Lent does not finish on Good Friday, but comes to completion in the resurrection of Christ at Easter. Lent is a journey towards sharing in the resurrection of Christ, towards knowing the joy of the Risen Christ. How do we prepare for Easter in our lives?



There is a story about a father, a young child and a marshmallow. The child wanted the marshmallow. The father placed the marshmallow on the table where the child could see it and gave the child two options. Take the marshmallow now or leave it for tomorrow when another marshmallow would be added. The child left the marshmallow to wait for the greater prize of two marshmallows, however the next day, the father gave the same option. Take the two marshmallows or wait til tomorrow when there will be three. This went on for many days. Waiting became easier and the prize more worth having. What a wise parent. What a great lesson learnt by the child. A lesson for life. A lesson for living. Waiting doesn't come naturally. It must be learnt. Lent is about waiting and waiting and waiting for the resurrection of Christ in our lives.

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

*I will take your heart of stone
And place a heart within you,
A heart of compassion and love.*

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

Marty Haugen

A big thank you to all parents who attended our Meet the Teacher Night last Tuesday evening. Thank you for the positive comments posted on Facebook! Fr Andrew enjoyed meeting parents and looks forward to meeting every parent through school functions, sacramental programmes and Sunday Mass.

*Fran Jackson
Principal*

Parent Association Annual General Meeting

Parent Association AGM 7pm Monday,
4 March 2013. Please come and support
our Parent Association. All Welcome!



KEY DATES

Mon, 25 Feb	9:00am Assembly. All Welcome!
Tues, 26 Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook
Fri, 1 Mar	Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt
	Clean Up Australia Day for Schools
Mon, 4 Mar	9:00am Assembly. All Welcome!
Mon, 11 Mar	9:00am Assembly. All Welcome!
	Start Catholic Schools Week
Tues, 12 Mar	2:00pm Year 5 Graffiti 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

Guitar Club for Years 3-6

Mr Glenn Green has offered to run a guitar club beginning next Monday (25th February) during L2 (1.30-2.00pm). This club is for beginners to advanced guitar players. Bring your guitar and a folder for music sheets. Guitars need to be in a case and preferably labelled with the name of the student. No cost involved, just bring a great attitude and love of music.

Zone swimming squad

Good luck to our Zone Swimmers next Tuesday as they compete at Glenbrook Pool! St Joseph's will be represented by Luke Berg, Kelsie Bunfield, Joshua Giacco, Lilianna Harris, Ty Hickson, Zaid Lehn, Lwandile Ndlovu, Jonah Pares, Mollie Pennay, Rosa Pronesti, Braith Sakal, Jacinta Yardin.

We know you will represent us well!

Year 6 Student Leaders

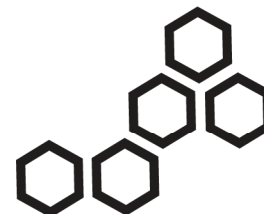
Our Year 6 Student Leaders will be attending a Young Leaders Conference at Olympic Park, Homebush Bay, next Wednesday. This is a great opportunity for our leaders, Jacinta Yardin, Luke Riik, Amy Williamson, Sundance Fuller, Bernadette Vergara, Swapnil Chand, William Yau and Zac Mitchell.

St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood Sacramental Programme

Begins Sunday 10th February after 10am Mass. If your child wishes to make their first Reconciliation (Confession), please contact us for an enrolment form.

Learning without limits

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Ice Block Day

Ice Block Day this Friday. Ice blocks on sale from - Volunteers are needed. Please contact Marianne Wilson on 0439 690 760.

Catholic Schools Week

During Catholic Schools Week 11 – 17th March, there will be opportunities to visit classrooms. Both current and prospective families welcome!

Tues, 12 Mar9:00-10.30
Thurs 14 Mar12:00-1.30
Sunday 17 Mar11:00-1:00

Parent Association News

Easter Raffle tickets go out Monday, 4 March and are due back no later than Wednesday, 20 March.
Easter eggs will be collected Friday, 15 March – Green Day. Children get to wear green “mufti” and are asked to bring in an easter egg which will be put into the various prize baskets for raffle.

Don't forget the Parent Association AGM 7pm Monday, 4 March 2013. All Welcome!

School Fee Statements – Delayed

The Catholic Education Office have advised us that the school fee statements for Term 1 were only sent out on Friday 15th February due to a printing glitch.
Please note that the date on the statement is 6 February, so any payments made after this date will not show up on the statement. Apologies for any confusion or concern this situation may have caused. If you have queries or difficulty regarding school fees, please contact Jenny Pendleton on 4732 3999.

Partial Absences

When students arrive to school after 8.50am or leave before 3.00pm, a partial absence is recorded for them in the class roll. Like all absences, teachers are required to record this as:

- L - Leave (explanation provided by parent / carer),
 - S - Sick (medical appointment or ill health) or
 - A - Absent (no explanation provided by parent / carer)
- When children arrive late to school unaccompanied by a parent, their partial absence will be recorded as A.
When children are accompanied by a parent / carer who completes and signs the Early / Late Pass at the office, the partial absence will be recorded as S or L. Your cooperation in getting children to school on time is encouraged and appreciated.

Caroline Chisholm College

Enrolling now for 2014
An Open Night is being held on Monday, 4 March from 6:00pm to 8:30pm which includes information sessions, displays, performances and tours.
All considering enrolment in 2014 are invited to attend. Students from St Joseph's Primary are guaranteed a place at Caroline Chisholm College.
For further information contact the College on 4737 5506.

Australian Girls Choir (AGC) – Free Open Classes

All girls are invited to attend a free class of fun singing, dancing and drama activities with the AGC in Term 1.
The AGC is the perfect place to build confidence and develop music and presentation skills.
For more information and to come along to a free class: Ph 08 8271 1622 or visit www.aspagroup.com.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

On the last Tuesday of each month CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry invites those who have been separated or divorced to an evening for sharing and support. The emphasis is on personal development, growth and goals for a hope-filled future. Shared personal experiences are prompted by the questions: “How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?”
Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205.

St Joseph's Netball Club

6, 7, 9, and 10 year olds needed for teams. Contact Ray Geraghty on 0412 061 335.

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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