



Last weekend we opened the school to the community and escorted visitors around the school. We had a number of interested families considering enrolment for Kinder 2013 and also other classes. Some of our existing families also came as work commitments prevent them from visiting their school on school days.

It was most encouraging to hear the positive comments about the grounds and learning spaces. Visitors commented on the cleanliness of areas and the spaciousness of rooms. Thank you children for keeping our school tidy! Thank you staff for the preparation that went into presenting your rooms in a way that allowed visitors to see the learning activities that children engage with.

Thank you to Ms Nicholls, Mrs Serrao, Mr Keary, Mrs Carter, Mrs Geraghty, Mr Cowley, Ms Treble and Mr Faccin for welcoming visitors, leading the school tours and cooking the sausages! Thank you for supporting the promotion of our school.

We will hold another Open Day in May.

Fran Jackson, Principal

Application for Exemption from Attendance at School

It is now required by law that all students applying for leave from school to attend holidays, overseas trips etc. must apply for an exemption from attendance at school.

This entails the completion of the 3.1 form which can be found on our website and is also attached to our newsletter. It is important that parents do not take leave from the school without first applying for this exemption.

Disco

Please be advised that tickets will be given out tomorrow (Wednesday). For last minute ticket orders, please pick up a note from the office.

School Photos

School Photos will take place Tomorrow, Wednesday, 14th March.

All students are required to wear their full school uniform. Students in Years 3 and 4, who have sport on Wednesday, can bring their sports shoes in their school bag. Photo envelopes were sent home on the 1st March. If your child did not bring a photo envelope home, you can collect one from the school office. If paying by cash, exact money must be included. No change is given. For families who would like to have a "Sibling" photo taken, please pick up a "Sibling" envelope from the office as these will not be sent home unless requested.

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten 2013

Please contact the school office for enrolment forms and information.



KEY DATES

- Tues, 13 Mar Indigenous Family Gathering
- Wed, 14 Mar 9:30am Mass—Year 2
..... School Photo Day
- Fri, 16 Mar Cross Country
..... School Disco—St Patrick's Green Theme
- Mon, 19 Mar St Joseph's Day
..... 9:00am Assembly
..... Easter Raffle Tickets go Home
- Wed, 21 Mar 9:00am Mass—Year 1
- Fri, 23 Mar Hot Cross Bun Day
- Mon, 26 Mar 9:00am Assembly—Years 1 and 2
- Tues, 27 Mar Years 5 & 6 Girls Soccer Gala Day
..... Easter Egg Collection Day

NO STOPPING SIGN: Joseph Street Pedestrian Crossing Zone and "KISS AND RIDE"

The Police Highway Patrol are presently ensuring the road safety of St Joseph's students; in particular use of the pedestrian crossing. The school has met with Penrith Police who remain concerned that too many vehicles on any one afternoon may be breaking the traffic rules in regard to NO STOPPING signs. In the afternoon these signs are enforceable between 2:30 – 4:00pm. The sign is interpreted as absolutely NO STOPPING: meaning the driver is NOT PERMITTED TO STOP - even if the driver is at the wheel, with the engine on or considers themselves in the 'Kiss and Ride' line. The NO STOPPING signs support the safe visibility of pedestrians using the crossing. The FINE is at least \$265 with a loss of at least 3 points (as it is in a school zone).

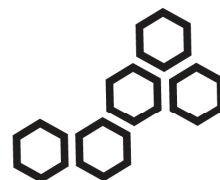
Firstly, please be reminded, when using 'Kiss and Ride', obey the NO STOPPING SIGN, i.e. keep back from the pedestrian crossing and before moving forward wait for the vehicle in front to move forward allowing your vehicle space in the NO STANDING zone. (In NO STANDING zones the driver is not permitted to alight from the vehicle).

Secondly, some vehicles have been observed doing U-turns across the double lines.

A third issue of concern is the dropping off of students on the other side of Joseph Street in the morning. Some students are not guided by the drivers of the cars they arrive in to use the pedestrian crossing.

To help quicken the 'Kiss and Ride' line please make visible your SURNAME on a sign placed on the dashboard. This supports teachers to help students be ready.

Please keep informed about the traffic rules, take care to teach the road rules to our students through explanation and example, and remind the drivers of your children to be conscious of the Police request to Be Safe - fines may be issued.



Religious Education News

Feast of St Joseph: Mass will be celebrated by all students K-6 on St Joseph's Feast Day, Monday, March 19th, in the church, commencing at 10:30am. All parents and visitors are welcome to join with us in celebrating the feast day of this special saint. Please note that there will be no assembly on Monday 19th. To continue celebrating the day, all families are invited to lunch with their children between 11:45am and 12:25pm. Please bring a picnic lunch and a rug to sit on and share the company of other families.

Project Compassion: Thank you to the families that have already donated to the Caritas Australia, Project Compassion Appeal. Please visit <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion> for more information on what your dollar can do for people in desperate need. A very big Thank You to those grades that have already donated in excess of \$100.00. Thank You to the students in Year 6 who are giving up their lunch time to organise a 'Colouring-in' competition to assist in the fundraising. Please continue to support our outreach initiative.

From Our Local Parishes

Corpus Christi Parish Confirmation: The first meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Corpus Christi Parish will take place on **March 28th at 7:30pm** in the church. This is a parent only meeting. If your child has celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2010/2011 and you wish them to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Cranebrook this year, please attend this meeting. Ph: 4730 1249 for further information.

I will be keeping you informed regarding what's happening in other parishes as further details come to hand.

Stations of the Cross: Each Friday evening during Lent, the parishes of St Nicholas of Myra Penrith and Corpus Christi Cranebrook are providing an opportunity for prayer and reflection through the Stations of the Cross. Please come and join in this prayerful preparation for Easter. 7:30 -8:30pm in either parish.

From our Catholic High Schools:

St Dominic's College: Year 7 (2013) Information Evening at St Dominic's College, Wednesday, 21st of March 2012 at 7:30pm and Open Day March 25th, 10am -2pm. Contact Fran Tyrrell on 4731 1933 for enrolment enquiries.

Xavier College: Open Night: For Year 7 students (2013) Monday, 2nd April, 2012, from 5.00pm -7.30pm
An Information Session will be held at 6.30pm on the evening. Parents and applicants are most welcome to attend. Enrolment enquiries 4777 0900.

Caroline Chisholm College: Although Caroline Chisholm has already had their information evening, they are currently enrolling students for Year 7 (2013). Ph 4737 5506 for further information.

*Moreno Faccin
Religious Education Co-ordinator*

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sam Pares who has been selected to represent Mackillop in AFL on 30 March and Basketball from 1 to 3 May. We wish Sam well in the coming competitions!

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2013

OPEN NIGHT: Monday, 2nd April, 2012, from 5.00pm -7.30pm

An Information Session will be held at 6.30pm on the evening. Parents and applicants are most welcome to attend!

If you have a child who is currently in Year 6 and you would like them to attend Xavier College in 2013, please obtain an Enrolment Prospectus from the College office. All applicants must complete an enrolment application, even if your Year 6 child has a sibling at the College.

All applications, along with relevant documentation, must be forwarded to the College by:

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, 27th April 2012

For enquiries, please contact Mrs Heterick on

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

Musical Concert for Seniors

Wednesday, 21 March 2012 from 9:00am until noon (doors open at 8:45am) at Harold Corr Community Hall, 13-19 Cottage Street, Werrington. St Dominics College Music Orchestra and Sing Australia will be performing.

The cost is free. Must RSVP by Wednesday, 16 March to 4733 5027. (Seniors ID required on the day).

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