

UPDATE



Week 8, Term 1 2012

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of St Joseph, our patron saint, with Mass and fun activities. St Joseph is a great model for us all. He struggled with what God asked him to do: take Mary as his wife and care for her unborn child, the Son of God.

Joseph showed courage by putting his trust in God and being faithful to his mission. Joseph was with Mary at the birth of Jesus, he took Mary and the baby Jesus to Egypt for protection from King Herod, he was with Mary and Jesus travelling to Jerusalem for the census, but we know little else about him except that he was a carpenter, an ordinary worker, an ordinary man asked to be extraordinary. Joseph's humility and care for his family inspired St Mary MacKillop to take him as the patron for the Sisters of St Joseph. "Go to Joseph" was her answer whenever they encountered an obstacle in their work.....and he continues to give them all the inspiration they needed!

As we come to the end of the term, a few reminders about procedures at school.

School begins at 8:50am When students arrive late, their learning and that of the class is disrupted. It's not so much what teaching they have missed, but the opportunity to prepare for the day ahead with the introductory and greeting activities of the morning. Everyone needs time to settle in, so please have children here before 8:50am. Partial absences will be shown on Semester 1 reports for all students.

There are new regulations around student attendance. Exemption from Attendance information is on our website and was in the last Update. This is for other than sick leave or Leave for domestic purposes. Please note that doctor's certificates will also be required where students have a pattern of sick leave or a period exceeding 4 days. Attendance at school is in the interest of your child's future.

As the weather gets cooler, children can wear their school jumpers or jackets, but not hoodies or other clothing. Coloured Tshirts under their uniform are also not acceptable. Please assist us in developing and maintaining pride in our school and our students.

As we continue our journey in Lent, let us take time each day to reflect on the gifts of life that we enjoy and remember the source of all goodness, our Father in heaven. Our lives may not be perfect, but we have much to be grateful for and appreciate.

*Enjoy your week,
Fran Jackson
Principal*



KEY DATES

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| Wed, 21 Mar | 9:30am Mass—Year 1 |
| Mon, 26 Mar | 9:00am Assembly—Years 1 and 2 |
| Tues, 27 Mar | Years 5 & 6 Girls Soccer Gala Day |
| | Easter Egg Collection Day |
| Wed, 28 Mar | 9:30am Mass—Kinder and Yr 6 |
| Fri, 30 Mar | Return Easter Raffle Tickets |
| | Mackillop AFL Trials |
| | Hot Cross Bun Day |
| Mon, 2 Apr | 9:00am Assembly |
| | Parramatta Touch Trials |
| Wed, 4 Apr | 9:30am Mass |
| Thur, 5 Apr | Easter Raffle Drawn |
| | LAST DAY OF TERM 1 |
| Thur, 26 Apr | First Day of Term 2 |
| | ANZAC Day Ceremony |
| Sun, 29 Apr | Open Day from 11:00am—1:00pm |

Punctuality and Our Relentless Focus on Learning and Teaching

As part of our ongoing efforts to protect all learning time for all children, it is critical that all children arrive at school **prior to the bell.**

This gives them time to settle into the school day, have a play before school starts, connect with their classmates socially and engage in some physical activity to get the blood flowing before they begin their learning. Late children not only disrupt their own learning, but everyone else's too! **We cannot stress strongly enough the many positives that come with getting to school on time.** Don't aim for 8:50am, aim for 8:30am to give yourselves some breathing space!

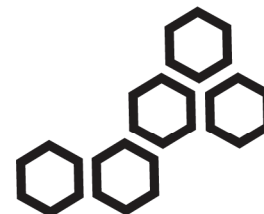
Term 1 Sporting Gala Days Postponed

sporting gala days that were set down for this term have been postponed due to wet weather. Parents will be advised as soon as a new date has been set.

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten 2013

Please contact the school office for enrolment forms and information.

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XAVIER 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 APPLI-
CATIONS: Friday, 27th April
2012**

**For enquiries, please contact
Mrs Heterick on 4777 0900.**

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

Become a Volunteer Literacy Tutor In 2012

Nepean TAFE - Kingswood Campus will be conducting a short course on how to become a Volunteer Tutor of Adult Reading and Writing.

The Tutor Training program will run for 8 sessions. It starts on Wednesday morning - 14 March 2012 from 10am – 1pm and runs for 8 Wednesday mornings (excluding the school holidays and Anzac Day).

This is a FREE course.

For more information about this course please contact Sue Farnham, Adult Literacy Officer at Nepean TAFE on (02) 9208 9347.

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Sunday 25 March 2.30pm

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