

UPDATE



Week 6, Term 2 2012

Dear Parents,

Next Sunday, all parents and students are invited to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi at the 10am Mass at St Joseph's Church. All the children attending our local schools have been especially invited to this All Schools Mass. There will be a cuppa following Mass and a drink for the children.

We have about 20 students preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, which they will receive on Saturday 16th June at St Joseph's Church. The sacramental journey is an important one for our children, and indeed our parents. If you wish to enrol your child for this programme, or have any questions, please contact Mr Faccin at school and he will point you in the right direction. We look forward to working with you, the parish team and your children.

Congratulations to Luke Riik, Sundance Fuller, Peter Lumtin, Zac Mitchell and Catalina Lecaros who received the sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday night at Corpus Christi, Cranebrook. May the Spirit work through to create a better world for all.

Traditionally we have presented you with your child's progress report at the end of Term 2. This year, we would like to trial sending Semester 1 reports out the second week of Term 3 and holding the reporting sessions (30th July – 3rd August) with an option for daytime interviews. More details coming.

Another change to Semester 1 reports this year will be the inclusion of Partial Absences, that is, late arrivals and early departures. We are obligated to record these in class rolls, no matter how little time is involved or serious the reason. Student attendance at school is important to ensure learning progress. Late arrivals miss the orientation of the day, the meet and greet that sets the tone for the day and the opportunity of social engagement with other students before formal lessons begin. Learning is part of every activity at school, not just the formal curriculum.

Captivate 2012 Showcase is on soon at Nagle College, 58A Orwell St, Blacktown South. Our choir will be participating in the showcase on Wednesday 20th June and our orchestra on Tuesday 26th June. Information re tickets available from the school office.

Fran Jackson, Principal

Parent Help Required

If you are able to assist with making Maths Resources on Friday, 8 June, please contact the school office, or turn up on Friday to the Multipurpose Area (MPA). Everyone welcome!



KEY DATES

- Wed, 30 May School Athletics Carnival
- Fri, 1 Jun 5:30pm—Bush Dance
- Mon, 4 Jun 9:00am Assembly. All Welcome!
- Wed, 6 Jun 9:30am Children's Mass
..... Kids' Olympics
- Fri, 8 Jun Fun Food Day
- Mon, 11 Jun Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- Wed, 13 Jun 9:30am Children's Mass
- Mon, 18 Jun 9:00am Assembly. All Welcome!
- Wed, 20 Jun 9:30am Children's Mass
..... Captivate Showcase Evening
- Mon, 25 Jun 9:00am Assembly. All Welcome!
- Tue, 26 Jun Captivate Orchestra Presentation
- Wed, 27 Jun 9:30am Children's Mass
- Thur, 28 Jun World Maths Day
- Fri, 29 Jun Last Day of Term 2

Bush Dance— This Friday, 1 June

Don't forget this Friday's bush dance. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, it's not too late. Pick up a form from the office to order your tickets.

It will be a night filled with family fun!

Athletics Carnival Tomorrow, Wednesday, 30 May

A reminder that tomorrow is the school's athletics carnival. All children are required to be at school no later than 8:50am. However, if it is raining tomorrow, the carnival may be postponed.

Please check St Joseph's Facebook account at 7:30am tomorrow to see if the carnival is going ahead.

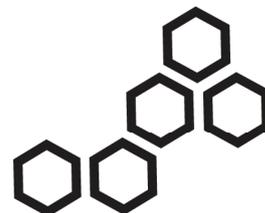
(You can connect to St Joseph's Facebook via the school's web page on <http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au>)

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten 2013

Please contact the school office for enrolment forms and information.

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Religious Education News

Each Pentecost Sunday is a milestone in the church calendar. Firstly, it celebrates the day on which the disciples experienced the coming of the Holy Spirit into their lives, forever altering their perspective of their and our mission in spreading the word about Christ.

Secondly, it marked the end of the Easter season and we now move into 'Ordinary Time'. The term "Ordinary Time" may be misleading. The term "ordinary" does not mean "usual or average." Ordinary here means "not seasonal." Ordinary Time is that part of the Liturgical Year that lies outside the seasons of Lent/ Easter and Advent/Christmas.

Thirdly, this Pentecost begins the "Year of Grace", a time that the Australian bishops have declared to be a time of renewal. The year runs from now until Pentecost 2013. The theme for the 'Year of Grace' is **"Starting Afresh from Christ"**. The following is a short excerpt adapted from the website mentioned below. *A Year of Grace is the Australian bishops' gift to the Church to celebrate and renew our faith and life as Catholics. The Year of Grace has been like a seed, being watered gently and growing with tender care. It comes from the bishops' reflection over a number of years on an Apostolic letter. This letter recalls the events in Rome during the Jubilee year of 2000 and the Pope's challenge to the whole Church to "contemplate the face of Christ."* Please visit [http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/](http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au) to find out in greater detail about the Year of Grace.

In the school:

Over these two weeks, as part of the prayer life of the school, the children have experienced prayer centred around the celebrations of Christ's Ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is through prayer that we become 'familiar' with Christ's love for us. I would like to thank the teachers and students involved in preparing and presenting the liturgies. Their efforts have enabled the school community to worship Christ with thoughtfulness and reverence.

In the parish:

Sacrament of Penance:

Last Sunday I had the privilege of meeting with the parents and carers of the young people enrolled in the sacramental program. This was a great opportunity to reflect upon the sacrament and how it impacts on our lives in our current busy lives. The prayers of the school community are with these children as they take the steps towards this sacrament.

All Schools Mass: This coming Sunday, June 3rd, the parish is celebrating the "All Schools Mass" at 10am. The "All Schools Mass" recognises that the Kingswood Parish draws young people from both catholic and state primary and high schools. Some of these young people meet regularly as part of the youth group. All students from St Joseph's and the local schools are invited to celebrate Mass with the parish.

Kids' Olympics

Wednesday, 6 June. Please send your permission note and \$4.00 in ASAP.

Please note that registration for reconciliation/communion for 2012 is now closed.

Parramatta Diocesan Representative Teams

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Parramatta Diocesan Representative teams or the MacKillop teams: Sam Pares (AFL and Basketball), Mollie Penney and Rosa Pronesti (Basketball), Catalina Lecaros and Amy Schoenherr (Hockey), Jack Ellston and Ryan Collis (League) These students have undertaken the challenge before them in their chosen sport and have trialled against students from across the diocese to gain a position in their respective teams. We wish them luck on their future endeavours in the sporting arena.

Family Portrait Fundraising

St Joseph's Parent Association are holding a Family Portrait Fundraiser. The \$20 paid by families taking part in this fundraiser, goes directly to our school which is a great boost to our fundraising for the year. If you would like to take part in the Family Portrait Fundraiser please send in the return slip along with the \$20 payment to the school. Once the slip and payment have been returned, you will be contacted by Melanie Skoreyko to arrange a time for your family to have their portraits taken. If you require another flyer please contact the school on 4732 3999.

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

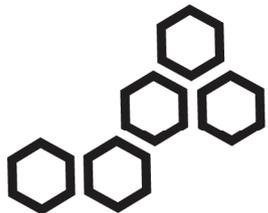
Cnr Joseph Street & Richmond Road, Kingswood
(Phone 4721 4080)

Sunday Masses:

Saturday—Polish Mass, 4.00pm; Vigil, 6.00pm
Sunday—8.30am & 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—8.00am,
Wednesday (Children's Mass)—9.30am

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Important Information About Accident Protection for Students

Every day there are accidents involving children. To assist parents with costs associated with those accidents, we have SchoolCare Accident insurance provided by Catholic Church Insurances Limited. The SchoolCare Accident policy provides protection to all students attending our school.

The School Activities only cover includes accidental injury cover for school camps, school sports (including sports out of school hours as long as they are organised by the school), work experience and travelling to and from school or school activities. It also includes activities organised or authorised by the school. This includes before and after school care if organised by the school. Cover is worldwide.

Our policy covers three important areas of care and any one accident may be claimable under one or more of these areas.

Cover includes:

1) Up to \$7,500 inclusive per accident for medical costs (excluding any Medicare expenses or the Medicare Gap) from the following registered medical practitioners:

- ⇒ Dentist
- ⇒ Chiropractor
- ⇒ Osteopath
- ⇒ Physiotherapist
- ⇒ Remedial massage
- ⇒ Podiatry
- ⇒ Acupuncture, and also costs from a
- ⇒ Chemist, and
- ⇒ Hospital accommodation and facility fees.

Please note:

Federal legislation in Australia prohibits Catholic Church Insurances from covering:

- ⇒ The cost of any medical service for which a Medicare benefit is payable

- ⇒ The Medicare Gap, or
- ⇒ The cost of any hospital treatment or other benefit unless the cost arises from an injury while taking part in certain activities, such as:
 - attending school
 - engaging in a sporting activity
 - a secondary student undertaking a work experience program
 - voluntary services to a religious, charitable, educational or benevolent organisation
 - youth activities organised by a voluntary association such as Guides or Scouts, or
 - travelling to or from the above activities.

2) Fixed amounts for defined events. For example, when a student accidentally receives a fracture of the hand, the policy will pay a fixed amount of \$250. The full table of benefits lists all the defined events covered under the policy and the fixed amount payable. The full table of benefits is shown in the information sheet available at www.ccinsurances.com.au

3) Other benefits related to the injury sustained including:

- ⇒ Emergency transport resulting from an accidental injury
- ⇒ Home tuition
- ⇒ Hospital inconvenience allowance
- ⇒ Nursing allowance
- ⇒ Professional counselling fees, and
- ⇒ Assistance with payment of school fees in the event of the accidental death of a parent or guardian.

These are all limited to specific amounts per accident. These amounts are detailed in the table of benefits contained in the policy, and are subject to the policy wording, terms, conditions, and exclusions.

If your child has an accident whilst undertaking a school activity, please contact the school.

