

UPDATE



Week 7 Term 2 2012

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic time we had last Friday evening at our Bush Dance. Thank you Maryanne, Mel and Co! The kids had a ball! Thank you musicians, teachers and families!

The Parent Association has also bought new fridges and an oven for the MPA. Now we can do some cooking with the children! Thank you ladies!

Last Sunday, a number of families joined students from other local schools for the All Schools' Mass at St Joseph's. Some of our students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation / Confession) on Saturday 16th June.

Please keep Georgia Park, Oliver Park, Emily Wilson, Bella Wilson, Ethan Harris, Lili Harris, Ethan Secombe, Jordan Colville, Katelyn Shepherd, Thomas Ng, Monique Fisher, Tenae Chamberlain and Mary-Jayne Adams in your prayers as they take this important step on their faith journey.

Parents are reminded that student attendance at school is a legislative requirement and schools need to keep accurate records of this for each student. Parents are asked to contact the school on the child's first day of absence with an explanation and the anticipated duration of absence. Medical certificates or other proof of absence may be required. For anticipated leave, e.g. holidays, please contact the office for the appropriate forms which must be completed prior to taking leave.

A reminder that we will be sending home Semester 1 reports early Term 3, followed by parent teacher interviews.

*Yours sincerely,
Fran Jackson
Principal*



KEY DATES

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Wed, 6 Jun **No Children's Mass this week**
..... Kids' Olympics

Fri, 8 Jun **Fun Food Day**

Mon, 11 Jun Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wed, 13 Jun 9:30am Children's Mass

..... 3.15—4.15 Netball Trials

Fri 15 Jun Beanie & Scarf Fundraiser

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

Sun 22 July BBQ at Bunnings

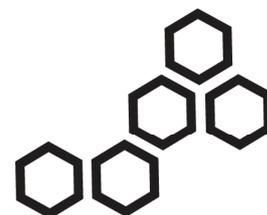
Urgent Reminder

Kids' Olympics

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

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten 2013

Please contact the school office for enrolment forms and information.



Canberra 2012

The day started when year six met at school at 7.30am. The roles were called, bags packed onto the bus and we were off! On the bus we were all more than excited. Our first stop was at a Sutton Forest service station. We got to have our morning tea and stretch our legs. The rest of the bus trip to Canberra flew by because we were having so much fun, talking to our friends, singing songs and chatting to our teachers.

Once we arrived at our first stop, the Electoral Education office. We got to watch a spectacular multi-media presentation on the history of democracy and elections in Australia in a purpose-built theatre. We then moved into the Discovery Zone where we were able to enhance our knowledge of the electoral process through hands-on activities. We then got to vote in an election and experience first-hand the electoral process and allocation of preferences.

The next place we visited was QUESTACON!!! At Questacon, we were able to extend our understanding and awareness of science and technology within the community. The experience was fun, interactive, and relevant. The best part was the 'Free Fall' slide. It was so scary but MOST of year six students built up the courage to have a go, even some of the teachers went on it!

At around 6pm we arrived back at our hotel and got to check out our rooms. Mr Carr had the nicest room. He thought it was because he was the most important, but it was because we had planned on keeping him up the latest!!

The tour of the AIS was next on our agenda. We had a ball playing all the games and experiencing what it would be like to be an athlete at the Australian Institute of Sport.

The next day we went to Parliament House and Old Parliament House. We learnt about and got to sit in The House Of Representatives and The Senate. We also got to role-play different aspects of government, which was a great learning experience.

We were also lucky enough to visit the Australian War Memorial. Most of the students enjoyed this the most. We visited the discovery zone and were able to try on clothes, sit in a helicopter and discover what it was like to be involved in a war. We paid our respects to our fallen heroes and learnt so much about Australia's past.

Year Six Students and Staff

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

Religious Education News

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal/ Feast of the Sacred Heart

On Friday June 15th, the students of St Joseph's will have the opportunity to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's **Winter Appeal by wearing a beanie and/or scarf at school.** All students are asked to donate a gold coin to help in the fundraising. Last winter, in the Parramatta diocese alone, 'Vinnies' gave over \$400,000 in assistance to families in need and the predicted need this year rises to over \$500,000. Last year more than \$100,000 was issued in energy vouchers to assist with gas and electricity and with the cost of these ever on the increase, more families will need assistance. We warmly welcome Mr George Keanne from the Kingswood Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society who will be speaking to the students on Tuesday, June 12th, and ask that each family give generously to the appeal on the following Friday.

In the Parish:

All schools Mass

On behalf of the parish I extend their thanks for your support of the *All Schools Mass* on Sunday. The *All Schools Mass* is one, yet important, way in which we can continue to nourish the St Joseph's community. Through the *All Schools Mass* the students of St Joseph's are able to see that belonging to a faith community extends beyond the school, to other catholic and state schools



Sacramental Programs: Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

This coming weekend is the final session for children in the Reconciliation Sacramental Program. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will

celebrate at 8:30am on June 16th.

First Holy Communion: The first information session for parents and children is on July 15th after the 10am Mass. If you wish to enrol your child in this Sacrament please contact the parish office on 472104080 (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8:30am -1:30pm).

Congratulations to Natalie Berg on receiving the sacrament of confirmation recently at Padre Pio at Glenmore Park.

In the Diocese:

Please read the Catholic Outlook for more information about our diocese. An item to note is the **Schoenstatt Girls' Camp:** Girls aged 9-13 years old are invited to a three-day camp at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa, with a program that includes prayer, singing and discussion, craft and outdoor fun activities. Time from 4pm Sunday 8th July to 4pm Wednesday July 11th. Cost \$120 includes accommodation and meals. Booking close June 28th. Please contact Sr Luka sr.m.luka@bigpond.com

The Feast of Corpus Christi (June 10th)

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood is an important feast day in the church year. Its recognition goes back to the 13th century, it celebrates the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. Although Holy Thursday celebrates this, the focus during Holy Week is on the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Christ.



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